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Dear City Council,

I really want to support the new affordable housing at 1259 La Pintesca Dr. We desperately need more affordable housing because we are in an affordable housing crisis, but I'm concerned about the current tenants who will be displaced. By law they are due some relocation assistance and the right to return to the property once it is completed, but at least one tenant is elderly, and there may be others. These tenants may need help locating housing since affordable housing is so hard to find. They may need help moving. When you are in your 80s, it's very hard to do these things on your own, and a few thousand dollars of relocation assistance won't do it.

Since the builder wants concessions, please look into the situations of the tenants to make sure that they will be taken care of in the interim while the housing is being built.

This is how affordable housing sometimes gets a bad name. There has been a long history of affordable housing displacing tenants and placing them in very difficult situations. Let's not let this become one of those situations. Let's take care of the current tenants and build the much-needed affordable housing.

Thank you for your attentiveness to this situation.

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Rev. Bert Newton

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