

To the Division of Health Care and Policy:

It is my honor to support Betty's Village, the proposed Opportunity Village development as a community-based residential setting for people with disabilities. The residents of Betty's Village will have the opportunity to be part of a group of people that will engage in an active lifestyle and will be as independent as possible.

I provide my support not only as a director of the Board of Opportunity Village but as a community leader who sees this as another chance to improve the lives of those whom we support. Its central location and access to public transportation are both important to the success of Betty's Village. Betty's Village is planned to be integrated in and support full access of individuals receiving Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.

I wholeheartedly support Betty's Village and encourage you to do so as well.

Very truly yours,

Michael W. Yackira
Former CEO NV Energy
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