

To Whom It May Concern:

After reviewing the proposed Opportunity Village development, I wholeheartedly support Betty's Village as a community based residential setting for people with disabilities.

As a parent of a disabled adult child, it heartens me to know that a place like Betty's Village might be there to encourage residents to be integrated in society.

There are so many reasons to support Betty's Village. Following are a few:

The village is centrally located with easy access to public transportation, freeways and major cross streets.

A community center will provide individuals with daily opportunities to socialize, make new friends and participate with others through playing video games, classes (exercise, dance etc.), and just "hang out."

Meals will be prepared in each home and served family style.

Every resident will have a private bedroom with in-suite bath that can be decorated according to their own style.

Encouraging interaction, independence and self-determination is the key to a full and fulfilling life. Betty's Village includes the many components needed to encourage greater independence and self-direction while ensuring the appropriate supports are available. I am in support of the project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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