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124 Jefferson Street Project

From : Tracy Solarek <[REDACTED]> Tue, Nov 15, 2016 03:48 PM
Subject : 124 Jefferson Street Project
To : Susan Barden <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>

Hello Susan.

As a member of the Adult and Senior Center of Saratoga Board, I am writing to show my full support of lifting the age variance requested by the owners of 124 Jefferson Street.

If the age restrictions on sales of the residences are lifted, they would donate 10% of the sale price of each of the six residences, with a minimum of \$20,000 per residence, to the Adult and Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga.

The Adult and Senior Center of Saratoga is a non-profit, non-residential community center located in the heart of downtown Saratoga Springs. Adults age 50 and over can join for only \$25 a year and participate in programs, trips and social activities tailored to adults and seniors. Those striving to maintain an independent lifestyle can make new friends, share in a meal, play a game, exercise, take a class or learn a new skill. The social interaction provided at the Center is essential to physical and mental health. The moneys donated from the property sales will support our programming.

As a board member and resident of Saratoga county, I am in favor of this use variance.

Tracy Solarek
[REDACTED] Lake Avenue

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Letter of Support for the Jefferson Street Project

From : Annamaria Bellantoni

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 11:30 AM

<[REDACTED]>

Subject : Letter of Support for the Jefferson Street Project**To :** susan barden <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>**Cc :** mtoohey@sktccLaw.com, Lois Celeste

<[REDACTED]>, Mike Billok

<[REDACTED]>

Dear Susan:

As a board member of the Adult and Senior Center of Saratoga and a community resident I am writing to you in support of the variance in regards to 124 Jefferson Street. Not only will this project help to fill the vacant residences and enhance the neighborhood but it will greatly impact the lives of Saratoga Springs seniors.

The Adult and Senior Center offers so many incredible programs and support services that help our senior population age in place while also offering them the opportunity to socialize, continue to learn and grow and stay healthy in a caring and supportive environment. The funding dedicated to the Adult and Senior Center from this project is crucial to our community's growing senior population and the sustainability of the Center.

Sincerely,

Annamaria Bellantoni
Board Member
Adult and Senior Center of Saratoga

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124 Jefferson St.

From : Raymond Bryan <[REDACTED]> Thu, Nov 17, 2016 08:20 AM
Subject : 124 Jefferson St.
To : susan barden <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>

Dear Susan,

My name is Raymond Bryan and I live at [REDACTED] Dak Ridge Blvd. in Saratoga Springs. I am writing to the Zoning Board both in my personal capacity as a Saratoga resident, as well as the Vice President of the Board of the Senior Center. I urge the Zoning Board to approve the variance and am in favor of the request by the owners of 124 Jefferson Street. It is my understanding that they have not been able to sell the residences to senior citizens for many years despite all efforts to do so, and that they have turned away many other people willing to buy the residences because they did not meet the age requirements. The owners are seeking a very unique solution to this problem, so that the residences do not sit empty for another seven years or so, while still aiming to meet the intent of the project by benefiting the community's seniors. To that end, if the age restrictions on sales of the residences are lifted, they would donate 10% of the sale price of each of the six residences, with a minimum of \$20,000 per residence, to the Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs. Our Board is in favor of this use variance. The moneys donated from the property sales will go towards our programming that helps seniors age in place.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Raymond Bryan

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Re: 124 Jefferson Street project

From : Angie O Sultan <[REDACTED]>
Subject : Re: 124 Jefferson Street project
To : susan barden <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>

Thu, Nov 17, 2016 12:17 AM

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Dear Susan,

My name is Angie Sultan, I am the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Adult and Senior Center of Saratoga Springs as well as a resident of this city. I am writing to the Zoning Board in favor of the variance being requested by the owners of 124 Jefferson Street. The owners are seeking a solution that would meet the intent of the project by benefiting the community's seniors. Ultimately, the money donated from the property sales will go towards our programming that helps seniors age in place.

Regards,

Angie Sultan

On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:55 AM, George Koshuta

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Susan,

I am the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Senior Center as well as a member of the Center. I strongly support the variance requested by the owners of 124 Jefferson Street. Approval of this variance will benefit the seniors of the community as well as the Jefferson Street neighborhood.

Respectfully,
George Koshuta

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Billok, Michael" <[REDACTED]>
To: "susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org" <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 3:21 PM
Subject: 124 Jefferson Street project

Dear Susan,

My name is Michael Billok, and I live at [REDACTED] Nelson Avenue in Saratoga Springs. I am writing to the Zoning Board both in my personal capacity as a Saratoga resident, as well as the President of the Board of the Senior Center, in favor of the variance being requested by the owners of 124 Jefferson Street. It is my understanding that they have not been able to sell the residences to senior citizens for many years despite all efforts to do so, and that they have turned away many other people willing to buy the residences because they did not meet the age requirements. The owners are seeking a very unique solution to this problem, so that the residences to not sit empty for another seven years or so, while still aiming to meet the intent of the project by benefiting the community's seniors. To that end, if the age restrictions on sales of the residences are lifted, they would donate 10% of the sale price of each of the six residences, with a minimum of \$20,000 per residence, to the Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs. Our Board is in favor of this use variance. The moneys donated from the property sales will go towards our programming that helps seniors age in place. And speaking as someone that lives a few blocks away (and also lived at [REDACTED] Jefferson Street from 2000-2002), it benefits the neighborhood to have residences filled instead of vacant. In short, I am in full support of this proposed use variance.

Regards,
Mike Billok

Michael Billok, CIPP/US

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Attention: Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

From : Diane Boylan <[REDACTED]>
Subject : Attention: Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals
To : Susan Barden <Susan.Barden@saratoga-springs.org>, susan barden <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 02:56 PM

Dear Susan,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the services offered by Community Connections at the Saratoga Senior Center. The personalized services I have received have made it possible for me to attend aqua therapy sessions, doctor's appointments, as well as, hair salon appointments. The volunteers who have transported me are not only accommodating, but also understand my particular needs and anticipate them; they are upbeat and kind. I am also grateful to the staff who take the care in both filling my appointments and assigning volunteers to fit.

Because of my physical limitations, I no longer drive and rely on others to assist me in getting to those appointments. Without the assistance and company of the volunteers I believe I would be doomed to a life of isolation. I cannot tell you how much Community Connections help me maintain my quality of life.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Diane Boylan
[REDACTED]

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From : Matthew Pappis

Wed, Nov 16, 2016 01:53 PM

<[REDACTED]>

Subject : 124 Jefferson Street Project**To :** susan barden <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>

Hello Susan,

My name is Matthew Pappis and I am a member of the Saratoga Senior Center Board. I am writing to the Zoning Board in favor of the variance being requested by the owners of 124 Jefferson Street. Approving this variance will benefit the Community Connections program which will allow seniors to remain in their homes for an extended period of time. Through these vital programs, seniors can live at home longer, maintain an independent lifestyle, and receive much-needed social interaction and companionship. Seniors receiving assistance from this program are much less likely to suffer from isolation and depression, and they lead happier, healthier, longer lives.

Best Regards,
MatthewMatthew Pappis
[REDACTED]

From: "Nicole Buck" [REDACTED]
To: "Susan Barden" <susan.barden@saratoga-springs.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:39:13 AM
Subject: 124 Jefferson Street Proposal

Dear Susan,

My name is Nicole Buck, and I live at [REDACTED] Tyler Drive in Saratoga Springs. I am writing to the Zoning Board both as a Saratoga resident and as an employee of the Adult & Senior Center of Saratoga to convey my favor of the variance being requested by the owners of 124 Jefferson Street. The owners proposed donation to the center based on the sale of each unit will directly support our Community Connections program. This program trains volunteers to provide assistance to seniors in Saratoga County. Its mission is to help seniors age in place and maintain an independent lifestyle by providing assistance when needed. Working at the center, I see firsthand the difference this program has made to its many participants. The population it serves deserves our continued support. Thank you.

Regards,

Nicole Buck