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Ms. Denise Michaud, Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee, SHCC
c/o North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2714

Dear Ms. Michaud:

I am writing to express my support for the special need petition requesting the allocation of 80 additional adult care home beds in Orange County. As I understand it, the requested special need determination would have a focus on development of an affordable assisted living facility in Chapel Hill, including memory care beds. As a current member of the Town Council, I am proud of Chapel Hill's model continuing-care retirement communities. However, these serve only the wealthier segment of our population and are simply out of reach for most of our seniors.

As a minister and a public servant, I am personally (and painfully) aware that Chapel Hill has very limited choice in assisted living facilities that do not require hefty entrance and/or monthly fees. In addition, there is little to no access in the county to affordable adult care home memory care. With the rapid growth in our county's senior population and the associated increased risk of Alzheimer's disease, it is critical that we have adequate access to memory care services.

Chapel Hill provides a wealth of services for seniors of modest means, from free transportation to an amazing public library and Senior Center. However, when our seniors can no longer live independently, they face having to leave the community that they have served during their working life and where they have roots and support systems. I believe the best location for a lower cost option is in the Town of Chapel Hill. I believe that all members of our community should have access to high quality assisted living services, including memory care – not just those who can afford a CCRC or other high end, costly alternatives.

For the reasons outlined above, I fully support the petition that will create an opportunity for a provider to seek Certificate of Need approval to develop additional adult care home beds, including memory care beds, that are accessible to people of modest and middle-income means. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. I can be contacted by email at mpalmer@townofchapelhill.org, or by phone at (919) 260-4361.

Sincerely,

Maria Palmer

Chapel Hill Town Council

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Dear Ms. Michaud:

I am writing to express my support for a special need petition requesting the allocation of 80 additional adult care home beds in Orange County. As described in the petition, the requested special need determination would have a focus on development of an assisted living facility in Chapel Hill, including memory care beds, that is affordable to individuals of modest and middle-income means. As a current Orange County Commissioner, I am aware of the need for adequate senior housing options for our county's growing senior population. I also understand that there is currently a lack of access to senior housing such as assisted living for the segment of our population that is of modest and middle-income means.

While we have a high concentration of continuing care retirement communities and other high end, costly alternatives for senior housing, residents of Orange County – and Chapel Hill in particular – have very limited choice in affordable assisted living facilities that do not require hefty entrance and/or monthly fees. While we appreciate these high quality and necessary facilities, they are simply out of reach for most seniors in our community. There is also little to no access in the county to affordable memory care beds in assisted living facilities. The elderly population of Orange County is growing rapidly – faster than the state overall. Given that the incidence of Alzheimer's disease increases with age, having adequate access to memory care services is critical for our county.

I believe that all members of our community should have access to high quality assisted living and memory care services, including those of modest and middle-income means. Given the saturation of continuing care retirement communities and other high-cost facilities in Chapel Hill and the lack of affordable options in the town, I believe the best location for a lower cost option is in the Town of Chapel Hill. For these reasons, I fully support the petition that will create an opportunity for a provider to seek Certificate of Need approval to develop additional adult care home beds, including memory care beds, that are accessible by even people of modest and middle-income means.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Rich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Penny Rich
Orange County Board of Commissioners



Orange County Department on Aging

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Dear Ms. Michaud:

As Chair, and on behalf of the Orange County Advisory Board on Aging, I am writing to express our support for a special need petition requesting the allocation of 80 additional adult care home beds in Orange County. We are keenly aware of the aging of our county's population and continued need for more access to senior services, including an identified need for high quality senior housing options for individuals of modest and middle-income means.

As part of the 2017-2022 Master Aging Plan, Orange County aims to ensure an array of housing options that reflects the diverse preferences and abilities our older adult population portrays. To accomplish this aim, the Department on Aging has 1) conducted an inventory of current and future senior-designated housing, 2) engaged in research to understand the types, prevalence, costs, and availability of housing currently available in the County and 3) surveyed Orange County seniors to understand their housing preferences. Through this effort, we have found that while Orange County has a wide variety of continuing care retirement community and other high-cost models for senior housing, there is a marked lack of high quality housing options for people of modest and middle-income means.

While this need exists for Orange County overall, we have found that the need seems to be greatest in Chapel Hill given the size of the population and the lack of affordable senior housing options in the town. As you may be aware, the Town of Chapel Hill has a high quality continuing care retirement community and other high end, costly alternatives for senior housing, but very limited choice in affordable private pay adult care home facilities. While we appreciate the presence of these facilities and recognize their importance to the community, continuing care retirement communities and other high-cost alternatives are out of reach for all but a small minority of seniors.

In addition, there is little to no access to quality, affordable adult care home memory care beds in the county. Our county's senior population is growing rapidly. The incidence of Alzheimer's


dementia increases steadily with age; in fact, 32 percent of people age 85 and older have Alzheimer's dementia in the United States. With the continued aging of our population, having adequate access to memory care services is critical for our county.

We recognize that important consideration must be made to the financial feasibility of any new assisted living facility, and that a facility with a particular focus on meeting the needs of modest and middle-income individuals must be of sufficient size to be financially viable. We believe an allocation of 80 additional beds would allow for the development of one or more facilities to meet this need in a fiscally responsible manner.

In summary, we believe that members of our community of modest and middle-income means should have access to high quality adult care home services, including memory care – not just those who can afford a CCRC or other high end, costly alternative. Given the saturation of those types of facilities in Chapel Hill and the lack of affordable options in the town, I believe the best location for a more reasonable cost option is in the Town of Chapel Hill. For these reasons, we fully support the petition that will create an opportunity for a provider to seek Certificate of Need approval to develop additional adult care home beds, including memory care beds, that are accessible by even people of modest means.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in your efforts.

Sincerely,



Margaret D. Cohn, RN, PhD, Chair
Orange County Advisory Board on Aging

Mark Kleinschmidt
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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Dear Ms. Michaud:

I am writing to express my support for a special need petition requesting the allocation of 80 additional adult care home beds in Orange County. As described in the petition, the requested special need determination would have a focus on development of an assisted living facility in Chapel Hill, including memory care beds, that is affordable to individuals of modest and middle-income means. I served as Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill from 2009 through 2015. In this capacity, and as a resident of the community, I am aware of the need for adequate senior housing options for our growing senior population. I also understand that there is currently a lack of access to senior housing such as assisted living for the segment of our population that is of modest and middle-income means.

While we have a high concentration of continuing care retirement communities and other high end, costly alternatives for senior housing, the residents of Orange County – and Chapel Hill in particular – have very limited choice in affordable assisted living facilities that do not require hefty entrance and/or monthly fees. While I recognize the important role these facilities play in our community, they are simply out of reach for most seniors in our community. There is also little to no access in the county to affordable memory care beds in assisted living facilities. The elderly population of Orange County is growing rapidly – faster than the state overall. Given that the incidence of Alzheimer's disease increases with age, having adequate access to memory care services is critical for our county.

I believe that all members of our community should have access to high quality assisted living and memory care services, including those of modest and middle-income means. Given the saturation of continuing care retirement communities and other high-cost facilities in Chapel Hill and the lack of affordable options in the town, I believe the best location for a lower cost option is in the Town of Chapel Hill. For these reasons, I fully support the petition that will create an opportunity for a provider to seek Certificate of Need approval to develop additional adult care home beds, including memory care beds, that are accessible by even people of modest and middle-income means.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in your efforts.

Sincerely,



Mark Kleinschmidt

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July 21, 2017

Ms. Denise Michaud, Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee, SHCC
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Dear Ms. Michaud:

I am writing to express my support for a Special Need Petition, requesting the allocation of 80 additional Adult Care Home beds in Orange County. I am writing to you as a resident of Orange County, and from my perspective of having served for over 20 years as Chapel Hill's Planning Director.

This requested allocation would help address a critical need in this community: the need for development of an affordable assisted living facility that includes memory care services. I know that there are multiple opportunities in and around Chapel Hill that offer continuing care retirement community options, including high end, costly alternatives for senior housing. I also know that there is currently a shortage of access to senior housing such as assisted living for the segment of our population that is of modest and middle-income means.

Chapel Hill in particular has very limited options when it comes to affordable assisted living facilities that do not require hefty entrance and/or monthly fees which are out of reach for most seniors in our community. In addition, there is little access in Orange County to affordable Memory Care beds. With the rapid growth in Orange County's senior population and the associated increased incidence of individuals suffering with Alzheimer's disease, it is becoming increasingly important to provide adequate access to memory care services in the county. All members of our community should have access to high quality assisted living services, including memory care.

Chapel Hill is a unique center of culture and diversity in NC, and a vibrant destination for senior living. Given the shortage of affordable housing options in this community, I believe that Chapel Hill is a prime location for developing lower cost senior living choices. I fully support the petition that will create an opportunity for a provider to seek Certificate of Need approval to develop additional affordable Adult Care Home beds, including Memory Care beds.

I hope that this allocation for additional Adult Home Care beds in Orange County can be made. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in your efforts.

Sincerely,



Roger Waldon

Cheryle Jernigan Wicker
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Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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July 21, 2017

Dear Ms. Michaud,

As a 69-year-old Chapel Hill native I'd like to lend my support for more affordable senior care beds in Orange County, particularly for memory care services which is a very big issue for the elderly.

My 94-year-old mother is one of the fortunate who was able to enter Carolina Meadows because of the help she was able to receive from her four children. If we had been unable to assist her, she would have been in a terrible situation.

Both my grandmothers had dementia and died in less than ideal state facilities due to lack of resources. I have very bad memories of those places, thus my concern for the many who will be facing their options in the near future.

Chapel Hill has a very limited choice in affordable assisted living facilities that do not require very big entrance and/or monthly fees such as Carol Woods and the Cedars. These places are wonderful but they are simply out of reach for most seniors in our community.

There is little access to affordable adult care home memory care beds in the county as well. Orange County's senior population has an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease so we really need to do everything in our power to address this problem.

I fully support the petition to develop additional adult care home beds, including memory care beds, that are accessible by even people of modest and middle-income means in the town of Chapel Hill.

Sincerely,



Cheryle Jernigan Wicker

July 23, 2017

Ms. Denise Michaud
Long Term & Behavioral Health Committee, SHCC
c/o NC Division of Health Services Regulation
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2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

Dear Ms. Michaud,

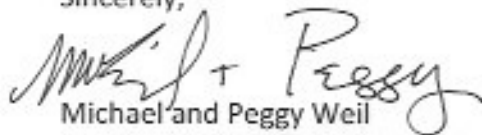
As the baby boomers age in our community (and there are plenty of us), attention needs to be paid to continuing care retirement communities, as part of the next step for all of us in growing old. Orange County, in particular, has a population (65 and older) that is increasing faster than the state. This is concerning to me, as I am part of this population.

Additionally, the risk of Alzheimer's increases as we age. My 70-year old brother has just been diagnosed with dementia, so I am experiencing this dilemma first hand. Orange County does not have adequate memory care beds to accommodate the upcoming need.

While Chapel Hill does have continuing care retirement communities, most of them are unaffordable. We need to insure that everyone in our community is taken care of as they age and make sure this is affordable to everyone.

All of that being said, I would like to offer my support for a special need petition that will allow a Certificate of need request to be put through, seeking approval of 80 additional adult care beds in Chapel Hill.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael and Peggy Weil in cursive script.

Michael and Peggy Weil
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