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To:

- **Distrib- City Clerk;**
- Steve Stafford

Good morning to you both. I am writing in support of the Design Review Board approving the Aegis Living project. I reviewed the previous designs approved by the DRB, and compared them to the modified 2021 elevations which show a consistency in the architectural elements such as the dome, stained glass, archways, etc that the DRB liked. The additional floor in the middle of the building looks like it was added with design integrity in mind.

This is an excellent location at the edge of downtown that provides significant, much needed housing for seniors. There are numerous nearby multi-story structures that will accommodate the size of this development. I've read concerns from neighbors on Nextdoor about the building height. My understanding is that the height bonus requested is built into the Code based on this location /parcel size. With the various levels, insets, and landscaping, it is a beautiful building and will be enjoyable to walk by.

The San Rafael 2040 Plan encourages density in the downtown area (and this is at the edge) and near transit to increase the vibrancy of our central San Rafael business district. Residents will likely have minimal car ownership, but when their family comes to visit, it is an easy distance for a meal or entertainment in our business district. This is a great fit and opportunity for the City.

I encourage you to approve and move the project forward. This lot has been empty for too long.

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