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REF: Z-70-23-5 Helen Drake Senior Village Letter of Support

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Sam –

Please find attached our letter of support for this zoning case which is scheduled for next week at the Alhambra Village Planning Committee.

I won't be able to attend in person, but we want you to know that we have been working closely with staff and the zoning attorneys representing the City on this case and we strongly support this case.

Thank you,

Jeff Spellman
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“The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

Robert Peel

Violence Impact Project Coalition

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ALHAMBRA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
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The Violence Impact Project Coalition submits this letter of support for the proposed PUD for the Helen Drake Village to allow a senior housing development.

27th Avenue "To Do List" The "To Do List" was developed by the community with assistance by the Planning and Development Department. The guide applies to the area from 23rd Avenue to 29th Avenue and from Indian School Road to Dunlap Avenue. The neighborhood-led effort focuses on achieving "an active, safe, and welcoming community with vibrant retail and sustainable housing." The guide articulates goals and strategies focused on pedestrian-friendly design and connectivity, pedestrian safety on roadways, branding, advocacy, and placemaking initiatives. To promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals to enhance neighborhood safety, a security guidelines section has been provided within the PUD narrative that includes standards for natural surveillance, secured access, lighting, landscaping, and activation of space.

The VIP Coalition supports this project as it is consistent with our goals and vision for *An active, safe, and welcoming community with vibrant retail and sustainable housing*. This project also leverages one of our key community assets, The Helen Drake Senior Center, with the need for affordable housing, especially for seniors.

We look forward to seeing this project move forward through the zoning process so that we can get this project built and serving vulnerable seniors in our community.

Sincerely,




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REF: -70-23-5 Helen Drake Senior Village letter of Support**North Glen Square Neighborhood Association <northglensquare@gmail.com>**

Mon 11/27/2023 9:11 AM

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Sam,

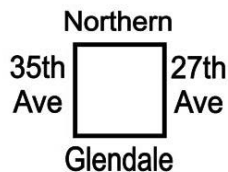
I have attached the letter of support from North Glen Square Neighborhood Association for the zoning case for the Helen Drake Senior Village.

I will attend in person. We have been working closely with the staff and zoning attorneys representing the project and they have made a number of changes based on feedback from the community.

Thank you,

Debra LaPlante, NGSNA President

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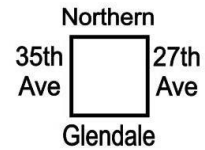




Neighborhood Association

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November 27, 2023

Alhambra Village Planning Committee

ATTN: Sam Rogers

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The North Glen Square Neighborhood Association submits this letter of support for the proposed PUD for the Helen Drake Village to allow a senior housing development.

The developer Richmond Group, along with attorneys and staff from Snell & Wilmer and City of Phoenix Housing Department have met several times with the community to discuss the project and listen to the concerns of the neighborhood in which it will be built.

There have been several changes to the plans based on feedback and concerns from the neighborhood. The changes are a positive direction to a project which focuses on the goals of a "welcoming, active, safe community". The guidelines for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and high standards for a building which will be as attractive as the Helen Drake Center are being met. The communication has been open and questions have been answered.

This project makes great use of an already beautiful and important asset to the senior community in Phoenix and will tie in activities along with the need for affordable housing in Phoenix.

We look forward to seeing this project move quickly through the zoning process to a completed housing opportunity serving seniors in our community.

Sincerely,

Debra LaPlante, NGSNA President

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