

## Committee on Finance on 2023-01-26 9:00 AM - VIRTUAL MEETING

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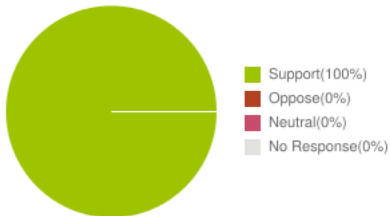
### eComments Report

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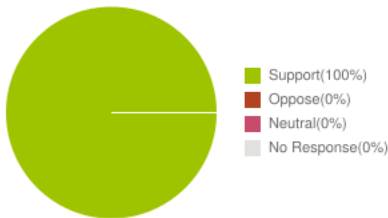
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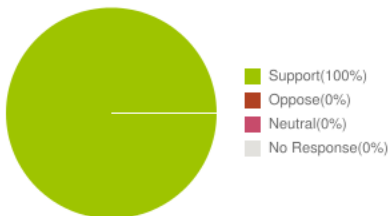
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### Nancy Heltemes

Location:

Submitted At: 4:44pm 01-25-23

I am a mother and guardian of a young adult named Savanna with Down syndrome. I am disappointed to not be at this meeting in person as it is so very important to our community.

Savanna and I have been supporting and advocating for affordable, safe, inclusive, and accessible housing for over 4 years. The AbleLight Cornerstone Village development on North and 76th Street is a well thought out and

NECESSARY housing option for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live. The ARPA funds will make this happen. Please help us meet this great need. the AbleLight Cornerstone Village will begin to meet this great need for the Greater Milwaukee area. Please help my daughter and thousands like her to be able to increase their independence and contribute to the great community of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa. Please approve the ARPA funds and get these homes built!

With great hope,

Savanna Heltemes  
Nancy Heltemes  
3430 N 97 St  
Milwaukee WI 53222

**Anne Kearney**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:13pm 01-25-23

Please accept this comment in support of the proposed appropriation for affordable housing as requested, particularly the affordable housing units to be constructed by the Luther Group for disabled individuals. At present, there are minimal housing units available in Milwaukee County for individuals with disabilities with the support needed for the living needs of disabled individuals and, by extension, their employment needs. With this investment, we add units and provide an incentive for other contractors and groups to pursue additional housing units for individuals with disabilities. This proposal is consistent with the County's mandate to support the health and well-being of a diverse community, which necessarily includes individuals with disabilities. As a parent of two young adults with disabilities in Milwaukee County, I strongly support these opportunities being made available. Thank you. Anne Berleman Kearney

**Greg Walz-Chojnacki**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:33am 01-25-23

We are writing to support the inclusion of the Luther AbleLight development in the affordable housing contracts under consideration in this agenda item. We are opposed to any amendments removing Luther AbleLight from the recipients of this funding.

The AbleLight Cornerstone Village project is a unique mixed rate development which includes market rate units and 16-20 set aside units for person with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The ARPA funds which were granted by the County Community Development Alliance team will be used to create deeply discounted, affordable units for this vulnerable, underserved group who have been severely hit during the pandemic. Due to rising construction costs and interest rates, the ARPA funding is essential to complete this project. This is an opportunity for the county to show national leadership as we address a critical need for a group that has been historically sidelined or ignored with regard to affordable housing options.

Respectfully,

Greg, Mary and Sofia Walz-Chojnacki