

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Eric Fonstein  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:47 PM  
**To:** NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** FW: Letter in Favor of APC Project on McKay Avenue

FYI . . .

**From:** Caitlin Grey [mailto:caitlin\_grey@berkeley.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** Eric Fonstein <efonstein@alamedaca.gov>; abagtas@alamedaaca.gov  
**Subject:** Letter in Favor of APC Project on McKay Avenue

Good Afternoon,

My name is Caitlin Grey and I am an Alameda resident and neighbor to McKay Avenue. I live on Fifth and Central only a few blocks down from McKay Avenue, the proposed site of the new APC project for homeless seniors. I understand APC is presenting on this issue tonight.

I also grew up in Alameda on Gibbons near Edison School and went to Edison, Lincoln, and Alameda High. I am currently a Master's in Public Policy student at UC Berkeley with a focus on homelessness and I spent the prior 4 years working as a case manager with former foster youth, many of whom were homeless.

I am writing in sincere support of the McKay Avenue project. Not only will this project provide much needed housing and services to our city and region, but it will be a positive addition to our community and reduce blight in the area.

This is a concrete way for our community to contribute to the regional homelessness issue and address homelessness, which is at the top of the City Council's priority list.

I understand that many individuals have expressed concern about loitering or traffic in the area and as a young woman and a neighbor who frequently walks in this area, I want to express that I do not share these concerns at all. I also think that these concerns come from a place of fear and misunderstanding.

Homeless seniors face dying alone on the street and to attempt to squash a project to provide a space place for them to access services indoors in the name of not having to see people who are 'different' is not what Alameda should be about.

This is a great project with lots of support that will help many people.

Thank you for your time.

Caitlin

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**From:** Eric Fonstein  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 7:37 AM  
**To:** NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** FW: SSHRB: Alameda Center

**From:** John Knox White [mailto:jknoxwhite@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:46 PM  
**To:** Ana Bagtas <ABagtas@alamedaca.gov>; Eric Fonstein <efonstein@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** SSHRB: Alameda Center

Could you please pass along this email to the members of the SSHRB.

SSHRB Members,

As a former Planning Board member, I am familiar with the stories of families, including seniors, who have found themselves unable to find a place to live. Both the City Council and your Board have worked hard to understand the size and scope of the current housing crisis and its resulting homelessness. I applaud the work that you have done on the issue, including the recent report and recommendations on addressing some parts of the homeless issue.

With that in mind, I write to express support for the Alameda Center Project, a much-needed project located in a walkable area rich with outdoor space, local amenities and transportation access. If we are judged on how we treat those who are most in need, then working to fulfill the vision of the Alameda Center will ensure that our community is found to be kind, compassionate and caring.

Thank you for the time and passion that you all bring to this work.

Best,

John Knox White

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**From:** Eric Fonstein  
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**Subject:** FW: support letter for APC respite center on McKay Avenue

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**From:** Laura Thomas [mailto:[ciaolauretta@comcast.net](mailto:ciaolauretta@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:05 PM  
**To:** Eric Fonstein <[efonstein@alamedaca.gov](mailto:efonstein@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Doug Biggs <[DBiggs@apcollaborative.org](mailto:DBiggs@apcollaborative.org)>  
**Subject:** support letter for APC respite center on McKay Avenue

Eric,

I am excited to hear that a facility to treat and house poor, sick and possibly homeless elderly will be housed at the former federal facility on McKay Avenue. I can imagine no better use for this site.

The increasing numbers of people facing homelessness in Alameda and the region need just such a program to help them in their struggle to live with dignity. I hope the Social Services Human Relations Board will support the Alameda Point Collaborative's effort to provide the vital services this facility is slated to offer.

Alameda, as a community, can do no less.

Regards,

Laura Thomas

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**From:** Eric Fonstein  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** FW: Support for McKay Ave senior & medical respite housing and related services

**From:** Kathryn Duke [mailto:kathryn.saenz.duke@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Eric Fonstein <efonstein@alamedaca.gov>; Ana Bagtas <ABagtas@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for McKay Ave senior & medical respite housing and related services

Hello, I am writing in strong support of plans for using the former federal property on McKay Ave. Now the City of Alameda has a chance to work closely with Alameda County, Lifelong Medical Care, and other respected public and nonprofit organizations to use surplus federal land to help medically vulnerable seniors with housing, medical respite care, and primary health care.

For the past seven years, I have regularly volunteered at the Alameda Point Collaborative's children's education center, helping formerly homeless children with school work while also interacting with the adults (parents and often grandparents) who are their family. I have brought my daughter, my grandson, and church friends of all ages to participate in various APC events, meeting the people who make APC their home. These people are part of the community that is our "island city" with a long history of community spirit.

Having recently served as President of the City of Alameda Hospital and Health Care District's Board of Directors, I was pleased to work with Jim Franz before he retired, and am in full support of our community moving forward to provide housing and medical respite services for vulnerable seniors. Thank you for the heart and thoughtfulness you bring to the Social Service Human Relations Board.

Kathryn Sáenz Duke  
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