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October 13, 2017

Brian A. Hudson, Sr.
Executive Director & CEO
Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
211 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17201

RE: Valley Community Housing Corporation (VCHC) – Parkview Corner

Dear Mr. Hudson:

It has come to my attention that the Valley Community Housing Corporation is seeking Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to construct affordable senior housing units in my Legislative District in Franklin County. Please accept my full support for this valuable redevelopment project.

Parkview Corner would reuse a former Chambersburg Area School District property and fit perfectly into the revitalization of downtown Chambersburg Borough. It would be part of the Elm Street District and be a short walk to our Memorial Square, County Courthouse, and shopping district. The facility would rent one and two bedroom apartments and be a welcome addition for our most vulnerable senior citizen population.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can provide any further assistance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob".

Rob Kauffman
State Representative
89th Legislative District



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October 11, 2017

Bonita A. Zehler
Valley Community Housing Corporation
P.O. Box 519
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Re: Parkview Corner

Dear Ms. Zehler:

This letter is written in support of the effort by the Valley Community Housing Corporation to procure funding for the construction of a senior rental housing development for individuals 62 years and older.

This project, known as Parkview Corner, will be located at the corner of South Main Street and South Street in Chambersburg, PA. It will include 40 units of one and two bedroom apartments of which four are handicapped accessible and one is hearing/vision impaired accessible.

It is essential to the Borough of Chambersburg and Franklin County to preserve and maintain affordable housing options, and the construction of these units will do just that. They will be affordable to persons at 60% of median income or below.

The Franklin County Commissioners fully support your initiative and your application for funding this very worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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David S. Keller, Chairman

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Robert L. Thomas

Handwritten signature of Robert G. Ziobrowski in cursive.

Robert G. Ziobrowski



Borough of Chambersburg

*A full service municipality in Franklin County
celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service
over 100 years of community electric and a
regional wastewater, water, and municipal solid waste utility*

September 19, 2017

Ms. Bonita A. Zehler, Executive Director
Valley Community Housing Corporation
346 West Washington Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Re: Parkview Corner, Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Zehler:

As the Land Use and Development Director for the Borough of Chambersburg I am writing to confirm that Valley Community Housing Corporation's proposed Parkview Corner senior apartment building is consistent with the goals of our most recent Comprehensive Plan, as adopted by Town Council on November 17, 2008.

The Comprehensive Plan's housing goal states, "Create a plan that meets the needs of present and those individuals and families anticipated to reside in the Borough by providing opportunities for decent, safe and sanitary housing for all income levels and all ages."

Also, Parkview Corner would be located in the Elm Street Neighborhood, which is a community redevelopment area adjacent to the downtown. The Elm Street Neighborhood Plan, as adopted by Town Council on April 23, 2007, includes the following objectives espoused by the Parkview Corner project; to "Provide quality, affordable housing, increase private public investment in the neighborhood and attract outside funding and resources to invest in highly visible neighborhood projects and programs."

Parkview Corner will create 40 units of affordable housing for seniors located in the heart of the Elm Street Neighborhood and on the edge of downtown. By redeveloping this underutilized site, the project will facilitate community revitalization while preserving the neighborhood's character.

Sincerely,

Phil Wolgemuth
Assistant to the Borough Manager/Land Use and Development Director



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September 25, 2017

Bonita A. Zehler
Valley Community Housing Corporation
436 W. Washington Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Dear Ms. Zehler:

The *Elm Street Program* is pleased to support the proposed Parkview Corner senior development in Chambersburg, PA. The development plans to add 40 units of affordable rental housing for seniors in an excellent location. The area is within two blocks of the downtown, shopping, and recreational areas to include the Rails to Trails walking path and the Mike Waters Park. This Project is also located in the heart of the *Elm Street Community* that has been funded with a five (5) year grant from DCED.

The Elm Street Program was developed in 2007-2008 to prevent further neighborhood decline by addressing aged and deteriorated housing stock, high rental to owner ratios, deferred maintenance on curbs & sidewalks, insufficient affordable housing, renovations to owner occupied residences, improve linkages to the downtown business district and create/maintain a clean, safe & green community. We have completed approximately thirty-seven (37) housing rehab & infrastructure projects each year over a five (5) year period. These projects included new roofing, windows, doors, siding, electrical work, replacement of curbs & sidewalks.

Please feel free to contact us if you have need additional information regarding this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jack V. Jones,
Elm Street Manager

