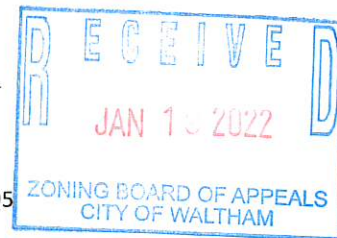


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Waltham Zoning Board of Appeals  
c/o Waltham Law Department  
119 School Street  
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Re: Case # 2021-43 Petition of 2Life Development, Inc. For Comprehensive Permit at 21 Newton Street, Waltham, MA.

To the Waltham Zoning Board of Appeals:


Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Waltham Housing Authority I would like to go on record in support of the Comprehensive Permit request of 2Life Development, Inc. to create sixty-eight rental units at the site of the former Leland Home on Newton Street.

It has always been our mission to provide safe, affordable, and clean housing to families, seniors and disabled persons of low income from the Waltham community. Unfortunately, applicants for our housing are on our waiting lists for years. Currently our various programs have delays of one to three years with our Section 8 Voucher Program having a waitlist extending back more than eight years. In light of such a demand, new affordable housing stock in Waltham will clearly be an asset to our community.

The fact that almost all of these units will be rented to people with incomes of no more than sixty per cent of the AMI addresses a critical problem that we have in Waltham. Those residents who exceed 40% of the AMI usually are not eligible for our housing programs yet housing difficulties still exist for those whose incomes are above forty per cent but under sixty per cent AMI. When considering the ever increasing costs of housing, supporting this project makes good sense for our city.

Very truly yours,

  
John F. Gollinger  
Executive Director