



CITY OF WALTHAM
Massachusetts

Council on Aging
Marybeth Duffy, LICSW - Director

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Zoning Board of Appeals
119 School Street
Waltham, MA 02451

RE: Leland House - 21 Newton Street
M.G.L. c. 40B Comprehensive Permit Application

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to express my support for 2Life Communities' request for a 40 B Comprehensive Permit and overall redevelopment of the former Leland Home site in Waltham. The new Leland House will add 68 affordable apartments for seniors 62 and better to the Waltham community. I am especially enthusiastic about this project being right next to the William F. Stanley Senior Center.

As you are keenly aware, seniors in Waltham are in urgent need of affordable housing. As the director of the Waltham Council on Aging, I can attest to the need for this housing. Our seniors should not have to move far from our Waltham community to find affordable housing. Or worse yet, remain in unsafe or unaffordable situations. Waitlists at our senior housing sites are years long.

Hopefully we will come together as a community to support this application. We have a responsibility to take care of Waltham's older adults.

Sincerely,

Marybeth Duffy

Director of the Waltham Council on Aging
Board Member of the Leland Home