

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** V. Aleks Haecky <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2019 9:15 AM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** Senior Citizen Residence on Manet Drive

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Good Morning Shila,

this is Aleks Haecky,  
we met last night at the meeting. I was the person who asked many questions.  
You asked me to put some of my thoughts in writing, so here they are.

I have lived on 1204 Manet Dr, Sunnyvale, Ca 94087, for 14 years. I am a writer, trainer, and software developer. I am 59 years old, and at an age where I am still growing my career, but also thinking of what might come next, in particular, since my parents are now at an age where they need assistance.

Overall, I think a facility for seniors is a great use of this property for many reasons. We need more living space suited for seniors that need assistance. Putting such buildings into residential neighborhoods does increase some inconvenience, but is also good for residents and their families. We are close to the community center, senior center, stores, restaurants, doctors, and El Camino Hospital, emergency services, and the last few bits of nature Sunnyvale has preserved. There is potential for community creating relationships with the residents. Any other use of the property seems to have similar drawbacks, but far fewer benefits.

I would like to raise the following concerns:

- **3 stories is too tall.** The current zoning, as I understand, is for 2, and the surrounding buildings have a maximum of two stories. Please, do not make an exemption for this project. Community gardens are nice, but they seem to have been mostly abandoned in recent years.
- **Construction noise.** It will take 2-3 years for this project to be built. Consider enforcing no-noise on weekends, and enforcing existing regulations without exceptions. Construction will also result in painful road closures (see the daycare on Remington/Sunnyvale-Saratoga) , which need to be minimized.
- **Affordable housing.** This is a for-profit business, if I understand correctly, that will create increased revenue for the city. That is good. This is also a high-end facility. Like with other buildings, consider requiring some **low-cost/affordable units** to increase affordable senior housing of good quality. We need that very badly. (It turns as most of us at the meeting could not afford to live at the facility!)
- **Late night traffic and emergency vehicles.** The area has a LOT of traffic already, but it is mostly during working/school hours. Please make sure staff and emergency vehicles do NOT use Manet drive as an access at night. It may be a good idea to restrict traffic to residents between 8 pm and 8 am.

Than you,  
Aleks

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Shirley Chen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2019 11:06 AM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** new Sunrise senior living

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Shila:

It is good that the city arranged the community meeting yesterday for this proposed project.

Being a senior living in Sunnyvale, I fully support this kind of project.

One suggestion: consider a roof community vegetable garden and save the ground space for inner courtyard garden, , you might even able to reduce the building to two-story.

Looking forward to having the public hearing on the official design proposal in the near future.

Thank you.

Shirley Chen

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Bob McGowan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 7, 2019 10:55 PM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** Sunrise Senior Living Project at Manet and Fremont, Sunnyvale

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Hello,

I'm writing in support of this project. I particularly like the fact that the 3/2 story combination will allow the developer to provide more open, green space, including preserving some of the existing community gardens. This is a big positive, given the loss of open space that is happening in the Bay Area, in general.

Thank you,

Bob McGowan

763 Bamboo Dr.

[REDACTED]

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Lea McGowan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 7, 2019 10:47 PM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** Sunrise Senior Living Project

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Shila,

I have been watching the development plans for the Sunrise Senior Living Project at 581-583 East Fremont Avenue and am writing in support of this beautiful project. As a 50-year resident of Sunnyvale, this project is without a doubt one of the better projects in recent memory. The plans to maintain space for gardens and major green space is very important to the design. I particularly appreciate the 3-story/2-story approach that keeps the 2-story portion along the side and back of the property, thus reducing the visual footprint for the majority of neighboring residents. Since I have a conflict for the meeting on Monday, I will not be able to attend the planning session and trust you will convey my full support for this project to the team. Thank you for your assistance.

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Lea McGowan  
[REDACTED]  
Cell [REDACTED]

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To: Planning AP <[planning@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:planning@sunnyvale.ca.gov)>

Subject: Proposal for Sunrise Senior Living at Fremont & Manet

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Hello Mr. Mino,

Recently the Sunrise Senior Living company has held two community meetings over the last six months to introduce their construction project of an assisted and living care building. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the last 6/13 meeting. The project is not listed on the Sunnyvale website to find out if it had been approved and which plan; the single level or two story. A separate notice came regarding the public hearing for the True Life Company Village Center Precise Plan. Researching the definition and finding that it could possibly be six stories high was quite depressing because it will block the small view that I have of the mountains. But, that aside, another link provided the General Plan Chapter 3 LUTE for Sunnyvale (2017) which provided a map that defined areas and developments. What I found interesting and seeking more clarification of is the definition of "Preserve". It states that it's an area that is expected to experience minimal infill and upgrades. Fundamental purpose, form and character stay the same. The Sunrise proposal is in that area.

What I'm trying to rectify is how an assisted living center 2 stories high is minimal infill and upgrades and the purpose, form and character stay the same? Currently the properties have a single level church facility. Was anyone tracking the definitions when the Sunrise development was proposed? The fire trucks don't roll to a church facility very often but to an assisted living center? It's a bit of a shock to learn that the two developments will greatly impact the pleasure of the views and seasonal lighting changes to the sky that exist from my home. Not to mention the increase in noise, loss of trees. My future resale value, who knows. I'm not against developing the areas but the heights are just surprising for the location; minimal business, more residential. Can one file for monetary compensation based on level of impact? A response would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time,  
Alison Maxwell

Hello Alison,

Thank you for your email. I am responding on behalf on Andrew Miner, Assistant Director of the Community Development Department, who is out of the office today.

Your email address has been added to the interested parties list for the two projects you mentioned in your email, Sunrise Senior Living and the Fremont Corners Village Center, to ensure that you also receive electronic copies of future public hearing notices. Our IT staff is also updating the online mapping tool to make sure these two projects are displayed.

Senior Living Project:

The application filed by Senior Living to redevelop the properties located at 581 and 583 E. Fremont Avenue is pending and a public hearing date has not yet been set. The Planning Commission will preview the project at a Study Session next Monday, July 8th at 6:30pm in the City Hall West Conference Room (456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94088). Planning staff will provide information about the project and accept comments from the Planning Commission. A formal decision will not be made at this meeting - a future public hearing will be scheduled. Members of the community are invited to attend and provide comments. Expected neighborhood impacts, such as noise, aesthetics, traffic and privacy, will be analyzed by staff. Staff's analysis and recommendation for the project will be included in the staff report for the public hearing. If you have questions about the project or additional comments you would like staff to consider, please contact the project planner: Shila Behzadiaria, Associate Planner, [sbehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:sbehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov), (408) 730-1456.

Fremont Corners/True Life:

The application filed by True Life Company for "Fremont Corners" is for a Public Engagement Program (PEP). The only purpose of the PEP is to determine how to involve the public in the planning process for creation of a Village Center. The PEP is the initial first step in the planning process for the Village Center. The PEP describes the goals, objectives and engagement tools used to obtain public participation and input. The main purpose of PEP is to inform, educate and engage citizens to help develop concepts for creation of the Village Center Plan. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the PEP during the public hearing next Monday, July 8th at 7pm in the Council Chambers (next to the West Conference Room), with the City Council final decision scheduled for July 30, 2019. Once a PEP is approved by City Council, the applicant can move forward and conduct public outreach. For questions or comments about the PEP and future Village Center Plan for Fremont Corners, please contact the project planner: Cindy Hom, Associate Planner, [chom@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:chom@sunnyvale.ca.gov), (408) 730-7411.

Please let me or the assigned project planners know if you have any further questions.



**Noren Caliva-Lepe**  
**Principal Planner**  
Community Development Department

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**From:** Alison Maxwell [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 29, 2019 6:55 PM

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2019 2:47 PM  
**To:** Alison Maxwell; Noren Caliva-Lepe  
**Cc:** Cindy Hom; Andrew Miner  
**Subject:** RE: Proposal for Sunrise Senior Living at Fremont & Manet

Hi Alison,

I am very glad that you could attend the Study Session for the Sunrise Senior Living project on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see my answers in red. Let me know if you have any further questions.

Is the report that was reviewed now a public document and if yes, how does one obtain a copy?

- Study Session does not have a staff report. I was just giving a verbal presentation. The project is not scheduled for public hearing yet, but when it is scheduled, I will inform you about the date and time and will share a link to the staff report.

Will minutes of the meeting be posted, they were not on the website as of this writing.

- We do not take formal minutes for the study session. The summary minutes will be posted online, after the next Planning Commission meeting on 7/22. Here is the link: <https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>  
Please let me know if you would like me to email you the summary notes when they are published.

The properties are in the process of selling, has Sunrise or the current owner applied for a change in zoning?

- Change in zoning is not required for this application.

When was the Class 32 In-fill development Exemption filed, by whom and when was it approved?

- The applicant has done studies to show that they are meeting the criteria that is set in Class 32 In-fill Exemption. The staff report will provide the details for this exemption and how the project meets those criteria.

Currently the property is zoned as PF (Public Facility), what is the City of Sunnyvale's definition?

- SMC 19.24.020. Office and public facilities zoning districts. The P-F public facilities zoning district is reserved for the construction, use and occupancy of governmental, public utility and educational buildings and facilities, and other uses compatible with the public character of the district.

If changed when was this done and was there public notice?

- No change in zoning.

Public Facilities do not include assisted living which are considered Institutional Group I-2, is that correct?

Public Facility is the zoning district associated with this site and the proposed use is an assisted living facility. PF zone is for the construction, use and occupancy of governmental, public utility and educational buildings and facilities, and other uses compatible with the public character of the district. Although the proposed use as a senior care facility is not specifically classified in the use table for the public facility, staff has interpreted the code to consider the assisted living facility because it is similar in use as rest homes and convalescent hospitals, which are allowed with a Use Permit.

What you are referring to as Institutional Group I-2 is the building occupancy group that will be determined during the Building permit application process. So far, Building division has identified with the residential group occupancy, based on the proposed details of the project.

In the Sunnyvale Adopted LUTE 2017 the adjacency of commercial/institutional and mixed use to schools requires increased consideration traffic and public transit.

- Staff will consider the surrounding uses and neighborhood impacts as part of our staff analysis.

When will these considerations be taken into account and studies performed that include the combined impact of both the assisted living center and the future Village Center proposals?

- The Department of Public Works staff has reviewed the proposed assisted living facility and found that the trips associated with the facility is less than the threshold for a traffic study. Currently, there is no proposal for the Village Center. After the City Council approves the Public Engagement Plan, extensive outreach with neighbors

will be conducted that will eventually lead to a proposed project. Staff will analyze the impacts associated with that project once the project has been defined.

**SHILA BEHZADIARIA, AICP**

**Associate Planner**

Community Development Department

City of Sunnyvale

Phone: 408-730-7456

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**From:** Alison Maxwell [mailto: [REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 14, 2019 12:19 PM

**To:** Noren Caliva-Lepe <Ncaliva-lepe@sunnyvale.ca.gov>; Shila Behzadiaria <SBehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

**Cc:** Cindy Hom <CHom@sunnyvale.ca.gov>; Andrew Miner <AMiner@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Proposal for Sunrise Senior Living at Fremont & Manet

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Hello Noren & Shila,

Thank you for all the information and I was able to attend the Study Session for the Sunrise Senior Living project on May 8th. Can you help with the following questions;

Is the report that was reviewed now a public document and if yes, how does one obtain a copy?

Will minutes of the meeting be posted, they were not on the website as of this writing.

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When will these considerations be taken into account and studies performed that include the combined impact of both the assisted living center and the future Village Center proposals?

Your help is appreciated,

Thank you,

Alison Maxwell

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**From:** Noren Caliva-Lepe <Ncaliva-lepe@sunnyvale.ca.gov>


**Date:** Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 12:13 PM

**To:** Alison Maxwell < [REDACTED] >

**Cc:** Shila Behzadiaria <SBehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov>, Cindy Hom <CHom@sunnyvale.ca.gov>, Andrew Miner <AMiner@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Proposal for Sunrise Senior Living at Fremont & Manet



Amy McKee  
1420 Pointe Claire Ct.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087  


August 5, 2019

Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
Attn: Shila Behzadiaria  
456 W. Olive Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
Via email: [sbehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:sbehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

**Re: Sunrise memory support center proposal  
581-583 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale, CA**

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

I am a Sunnyvale resident writing to express my support of the proposed Sunrise memory support center to be built at the above-referenced addresses.

I worked as a paralegal in an elder law practice for fourteen years. During that time I assisted numerous local families in need of quality memory support care for their loved ones suffering from various forms of dementia. Often these families had to prolong impractical and less-safe care because no memory care spaces were available when they were needed. This resulted in increased stress for families caring for people who require a safe and supportive place to live.

Additionally, I have known a few residents of Sunrise of Sunnyvale located on Knickerbocker. In all cases the residents and families were pleased with this facility. Having a second facility of such good quality in our city would be of great benefit to the community.

Thank you for your work in assuring that new construction projects in Sunnyvale are appropriate and will benefit our community. I wish the planning commission success in helping this sound proposal to proceed.

Sincerely,

*Amy McKee*

Amy McKee

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August 6, 2019

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
436 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, Ca 94086

Dear Mr. Behzadiaria,

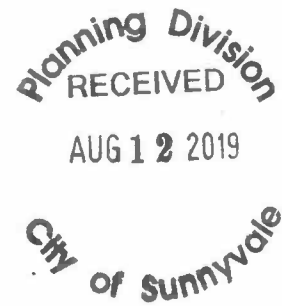
We are writing to express our support for the Sunrise facility that would provide necessary memory care services.

The area for this facility is located on Fremont and Manet Aves and is easily accessible to the public.

It will also be usable by the community - which means many people in our area will be included in this project.

Sincerely -  
Marvin Bertelson  
Lore Bertelson

114 Cirrus Ave.  
Sunnyvale, Ca  
94087



August 6, 2019

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 W. Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

We are writing to express our support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale, California. Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this Project.

We, as constituents of the elderly population that is growing because of better health care, recognize the need and would welcome a project such as this. The location for such a project is very convenient and provides a friendly atmosphere for residents, visiting family members, and the community. Also, the community garden that is being considered won't disrupt the many previous years of service to the neighborhood and add a homelike atmosphere to the project. The project is attractive and well-designed and we would be proud to welcome another Sunrise facility to Sunnyvale.



Charles B. Wilkening



Alexandra D. Wilkening

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** CAROL WILSER <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 9:24 PM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, California.

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Date: 12 August 2019

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

My husband and I are contacting you in reference to the Sunrise Senior Living facility proposed for the corner of Fremont and Manet in Sunnyvale - 581-583 E. Fremont Ave. We understand that this facility will have memory care rooms in addition to Assisted Living spaces. As my mother is currently in memory care elsewhere I am sensitive to the increasing need for such facilities. Our elders are living longer so the need is growing.

We have heard from those who attended the last Planning Commission meeting that there is some objection to the 3 story height of part of the building. If the design has to be changed the opportunity for a community garden in the plan may have to be reduced or abandoned. My husband has for many years had a garden space behind the current church buildings. The community of gardeners that use the garden space grows an amazing variety of fruits and vegetables. In our eyes the gardens are beautiful and productive.

We are hoping that the Planning Commission will approve the design as Sunrise has proposed. Although we are not Sunnyvale residents we live close by and hope that this project can go forward to the benefit of aging residents of our area.

Sincerely,  
Carol L Wilser (email: [REDACTED])  
Walter T Wilser

10136 Carol Lee Drive  
Cupertino, Ca

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 W Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Via email: [sbehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:sbehzadiaria@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

I am writing to express my support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale, California. Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this Project. As our population grows, it's important to provide attractive, local options for our seniors so that families can stay together and in our community. The Project site is a great location for Sunrise, not far from El Camino Real but also amidst residential development. Sunrise opens its spaces to the community and this would be excellent use of property that is zoned for Public Facilities.

The Project is attractive and well-designed, and I would be proud to welcome another Sunrise facility to Sunnyvale.

I also support the Project as it is currently proposed, that is partially 2 stories and partially 3 stories which preserves the community garden. At the July 8 Planning Commission study session for the Project, we heard that the Project could instead be entirely 2 stories and more spread out, but that this would affect Sunrise's ability to provide the community garden which is currently proposed as part of the Project. Please don't let that happen. The community garden is a valuable asset in the neighborhood and should be allowed to continue, since the future of the Charles Street garden is unclear. Further, the 2-story portion of the building is closest to the adjacent single-story duplexes and homes and two-story condos, while the 3-story portion of the building appropriately faces Manet Drive and Fremont Avenue. This is a thoughtful approach to the design and is compatible with the surroundings.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on this Project.

Sincerely,

Linna Harnack  
Heritage District Homeowner  
[REDACTED]



Sally Hedman, MSN, RN, GNP, CCM  
Eldercare Resource Consultant

2518 Fernwood Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95117

August 7, 2019

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 W Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

SUBJECT: Sunrise Senior Living Project

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria:

I am writing to express my support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Ave. in Sunnyvale, CA. Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this Project. As our population grows, it becomes more and more important to provide attractive local options for our seniors so that families can stay together in our community. This Project Site is a great location for Sunrise, not far from El Camino Real but also amidst existing residential development. This would be an excellent use of the property that is zoned for Public Facilities. The Project is attractive and well designed, and I would be proud to refer clients to another Sunrise facility in Sunnyvale.

As a Geriatric Care Manager/Nurse Practitioner in this valley with over 30 years experience, I can tell you that there is a crucial need for this type of facility in the community. You can compare this Project with the Sunrise facility also in Sunnyvale, located on South Knickerbocker Drive as to the acceptance by the community and use. It has been a godsend to so many families whose older members require assisted living care and enables families to visit more easily due to closer proximity. So many Assisted Living facilities in the area with Memory Care units continue to have waiting lists. Sunrise facilities appear to be well designed with well maintained surroundings and are meeting the community's needs. Our elderly population is multiplying rapidly and there is an increased need for assisted living facility care in our communities. I hope that that Planning Commission takes this Project seriously regarding need.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Project.

Sincerely,

Sally Hedman, MSN, RN, GNP, CCM  
Certified Geriatric Care Manager  
Aging Life Care Advanced Professional

PS [ I lived in Sunnyvale on two occasions totaling 18 years. It is a city that is responsive to the needs of it's residents.]

561 Duvall Ct  
Sunnyvale,  
CA 94087  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 W. Olive Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

I am writing to express my support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this Project. As our population grows, it's important to provide attractive, local options for our seniors so that families can stay together and in our community. The Project site is an ideal location for Sunrise, not far from El Camino but also within a residential development. Sunrise opens its spaces to the community and would be excellent use of property that is zoned for Public Facilities. The Project is attractive and well-designed, and I would be proud to welcome another Sunrise facility to Sunnyvale.

I also support the Project as it is currently proposed, partially 2 and partially 3 stories thereby preserving the community garden. At the July 8<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission study session for the Project, we heard that it could be limited to 2 stories, but this would affect Sunrise's ability to retain the community garden. Please don't let that happen, as the community garden would be a valuable asset in the neighborhood. The 2-story portion of the building is closest to the adjacent homes, while the 3-story portion appropriately faces Manet Drive and Fremont Avenue. This is a thoughtful design and is compatible with its surroundings.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the project.

*Kathryn Moore*  
*David Moore*

Kathryn and David Moore

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Mary Jane Boettcher <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** Project on E. Fremont

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August 12, 2019

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 W. Olive Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,  
I am writing to express my support for the Sunrise Senior building proposed on East Fremont. I believe it would be a positive addition to our local community. It is a very attractive building plan and would add much needed services to this area. As our population ages, we are in need of more quality care places of this type. I would hope that the Planning and Zoning Commission would seriously consider the value this would bring to this neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Mary Boettcher  
1350 A Roadrunner Terrace  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087



Emma Mitchell  
1032 Pepper Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
August 10, 2019

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Ms. Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 West Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

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On a personal note, my father, who passed away due to complications from Alzheimer's Disease, required memory care soon after his diagnosis. We were fortunate to find a clean and safe facility with a caring staff nearby, but it is my understanding that many care facilities currently have long wait lists, creating a hardship for many families. Because of our positive experience, we appreciate and would be very thankful to have a Sunrise facility so conveniently located in our neighborhood, making more rooms available for those in need.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on this Project.

Sincerely,



Emma Mitchell, and family - husband Paul and daughter Olivia

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 West Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

I would like to express my support for the Sunrise Senior Living and Memory Support Facility proposed for 581-583 East Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale.

Please include this letter in the correspondence file given to the Planning Commission when it considers the future of this project.

The Sunrise Facility will be available to all who need memory care services. Other Memory Care Units in Santa Clara County have waiting lists. New units will relieve some of the pressure on other memory care units in the County and also help relieve the anxiety of families whose loved ones need such care. Prospective patients are on waiting lists instead of receiving professional care in a memory care facility.

The proposed design will preserve a community garden that has brought so much enjoyment to our neighbors for so many years. If the design is altered the garden will have to be eliminated.

Sunrise will have two dining facilities which can be used by local groups and election officials.

Several years ago I visited a friend who was staying at a Sunrise Facility. I was impressed by the well-maintained building and grounds.

Again I want to emphasize my support for proposed use of the property.

  
Marsha Brashear  
400 East Remington Drive  
Apt E-249  
Sunnyvale CA 94087



**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Loretta Merry <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 11:14 AM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** Fw: Sunrise Senior Living Project Proposal

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*Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning*

*Dear Shila,*

*I am writing to express my support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale, California. Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this project. As our population continues to grow at its current and alarming rate, it is more important than ever to provide attractive local options for our seniors so that families can stay together and in our community. The proposed site is a great location for Sunrise and is close to El Camino Real and also amidst residential development. Sunrise opens its spaces to the community and this would be excellent use of property that is zoned for Public Facilities. The project is attractive and well designed, and I would be proud to see Sunnyvale welcome another Sunrise facility to its growing city.*

*I am a resident of Mountain View and your next-door neighbor, I have for many years admired the other Sunrise Facility in Sunnyvale. It has been kept in pristine condition and is very attractive both inside and out. I have visited friends who have spent their last years there, and appeared to be well taken care of and happy. At 81 years I have thought that if ever I had a choice to be taken care of in my old age, Sunrise is the facility I would check first, especially after visiting the one in Sunnyvale, and the one in Danville.*

*I am in support of the project as it is currently proposed, partially 2 stories and partially 3 stories and preserving the community garden. The 2 story portion would be no higher than many 2 story homes in the area and closest to the adjacent single story homes. The 3 story portion of the building appropriately faces Manet Drive and Fremont Avenue, a very thoughtful approach to the design and is compatible with surroundings.*

*It is extremely possible that a current member of our family will require memory care in the near future and this would be a wonderful option close to all family living in Mountain View, Santa Clara, and Danville to have them close by.*

*Thank you for your consideration of this request and for the opportunity to comment on this important project.*

*Loretta K. Merry  
1742 Begen Avenue  
Mountain View, CA 94040*

August 19, 2019

Shila Behzadiaria  
Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
456 W. Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Re: Sunrise Senior Living Project Proposal

Ms. Behzadiaria,

We have been residents of Sunnyvale for about 50 years.

We are writing to express support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this project. As our population grows it is important to provide attractive, local options for seniors in our community. The project site is a good location for Sunrise, not far from El Camino Real but also surrounded by residential development. Sunrise opens its spaces to the community and this would be excellent use of property that is zoned for public facilities. The project is attractive and well-designed and we would be happy to welcome the Sunrise facility to Sunnyvale.

Marguerite's father lived in a Sunrise facility before his death some years ago. We have personal experience with the high quality of personal care and facility maintenance that Sunrise provides.

We support the project as it is currently proposed, partially 2 stories, partially 3 stories and preserving the community garden. At the July 8 Planning Commission study session for the project, we heard that the project could instead be entirely 2 stories, but this would limit continuing the community garden in the current proposal. The community garden is a valuable asset to the neighborhood and should be continued. The proposal of the 2-story section closest to adjacent homes and the 3-story section facing Manet Drive and Fremont Avenue is a design that is compatible with the neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. We look forward to well-planned growth in Sunnyvale that meets the needs of our diverse population.

Regards,



Marguerite Cogdill  
1542 South Bernardo Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087



Mark Cogdill



August 20, 2019

Sunnyvale Planning and Zoning  
Attn: Shila Behzadiaria  
456 W. Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

I would like to express my support of the Sunrise Senior Living and Memory Support Facility proposed for 581-583 East Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. Please include this letter in the correspondence forwarded to the Planning Commission as it considers this Project.

As an officer of one of the churches, I have carefully considered the stewardship of the property and the community. The aging of our congregation pointed to a need within the community to house and care for seniors, especially those needing memory care. The proximity of the property to the El Camino corridor and Sunnyvale Senior Center provides opportunities to families to continue rich lives together. The proximity of Fremont High School could open community service opportunities to students and encourage multi-generational activities for residents. The history of Sunrise opening its spaces to the community makes this project an ideal use for property zoned as Public Facilities. Sunrise's commitment to continuing the community garden as well as the attractive design of the facility show Sunrise's intent to continue stewardship of the property and community.

As a near neighbor to the property, I share strong support for the design as proposed by Sunrise. When I attended the July 8th Planning Commission study session for the Project, I heard discussion of making the building two-stories instead of the proposed three-stories facing East Fremont Avenue and tapering to two-stories in the back. The discussion overlooked the placement of the three-story portion of the building next to the current two-story residences tapering to a two-story structure next to the single-story existing housing, a thoughtful approach and respectful of the surroundings. Changing the design to two-stories would eliminate the space designated for the community garden and would reduce the pervious ground on the property, a cost too high for the neighborhood. We need to encourage the rainwater, songbirds, and pollinators to stay in the community by maximizing green space in new developments.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to express my support for this Project.

Sincerely,



Sharon Bricker  
1335 Egret Drive  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Cal Cornwell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:29 AM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** Public Facilities - Sunrise Senior Living

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Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

I am writing to express my support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale, California. Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this Project.

It is important to provide attractive, local options for our seniors so that families can stay together and in our community. The Project site is a great location near where I live. I currently have a wife in assisted living in Santa Clara so this project would be a great convenience for us.

I also support the Project as it is currently proposed, that is partially 2 stories and partially 3 stories and preserving the community garden.

Sincerely,

Calvin B. Cornwell  
666 Ashbourne Dr.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

**Shila Behzadiaria**

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**From:** Caroline Wolf <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 2, 2019 6:32 PM  
**To:** Shila Behzadiaria  
**Subject:** Sunrise Senior Living Project

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Dear Ms. Behzadiaria,

I am writing to express my support for the Sunrise Senior Living Project proposed at 581-583 E. Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale, California. As many seniors in the area would like to remain close to family, friends and their medical doctor's I am in support of a Senior Living Project at 581-583 E Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. This would provide a local alternative and enable seniors to sell or rent their homes to allow younger families to move in while giving those who call the City of Sunnyvale their home, a new home to move to.

The Project site is a great location for Sunrise, not far from El Camino Real but also amidst residential development and close to local hospitals like PAMF in Sunnyvale, Kaiser off Homestead etc. While at the same time, it would not be another day care with screaming children or increasing traffic with parents dropping off children every morning and evening. Sunrise also arranges it's employees work hours to be off commute time so as not to add additional congestion to the area!

Sunrise also opens its spaces to the community and this would be excellent use of property that is zoned for Public Facilities with the public gardens and green area. I attended two of the community meetings found the Project to be attractive and well-designed and found Sunrise Management to be sensitive and attentive to the needs of local residents.

I also support the Project as it is currently proposed, that is partially 2 stories and partially 3 stories so as to preserve the community garden. At the July 8 Planning Commission study session for the Project, we heard that the Project could instead be entirely 2 stories and more spread out, but that this would affect Sunrise's ability to provide the community garden which is currently proposed as part of the Project. Please don't let that happen. The community garden is a valuable asset. Further, the 2-story portion of the building is closest to the adjacent single-story homes, while the 3-story portion of the building appropriately faces Manet Drive and Fremont Avenue where there are no homes, but a busy street. I find this to be a thoughtful approach to the design and is compatible with the surroundings.

Please include this letter in the correspondence given to the Planning Commission as it considers this Project.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on this Project.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Wolf  
Resident of Sunnyvale since 1965