



Rockland Housing Authority

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To whom it may concern:

The Rockland Housing Authority has been in the process of supporting the Lydia Square Project in the Town of Rockland for many years. As a local housing authority, we are certain that this project will benefit the Town of Rockland and its senior citizens, by providing much needed affordable housing in a central location with access to community services.

Presently we have a total of 91 Rockland Veteran applicants, 70 Rockland applicants on the (Studley Court) State Elderly/Handicap Wait List and 130 Rockland applicants on the (Garden Terrace) Federal Elderly/Handicap Wait List.

In providing in-home supports and services to residents, which is a significant element needed in the development of affordable housing for seniors, we are confident this project will allow senior citizens to age in place in the community rather than move to nursing facilities. This is a cost-effective approach since in-home care is much less expensive than institutional care.

The development has been very well thought out, with the needs of the elderly aging in place, being met. With Old Colony Elderly Services (OCES) aid in implementing programs to support the elderly, their caregivers and families to help ensure a higher standard of living. We believe their experience will fulfill a significant component of this proposal. The services OCES has provided are immeasurable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Reilly

Executive Director, Rockland Housing Authority

Secretary/Clerk, Rockland Housing Foundation

Board of Directors, Old Colony Elder Services