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To: [Planning](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT for the meeting this evening regarding the North Village Plan
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:12:52 AM

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

My wife, Marianne Benforado, and I are pending residents of Enso Village. We heard only this weekend that the developers who are building the North Village have asked to change the three buildings near the entrance from middle income housing to be an affordable housing complex built and managed by Burbank. We have been involved with the development of Enso for at least 6 years now and this was not how that area has been described to us. It was to be an area of small shops, cafes, and restaurants for us and the residents of the larger North Village, including guests of the hotel. This does not seem like a good fit between an affordable housing complex and such an area.

We hope that as those entrusted with planning, you'll reflect on what has been discussed and committed to over the years to create a warm and welcoming entrance area for the North Village. This really matters to us on so many levels.

Please allow more time for the proposed changes to be discussed thoroughly, so as to see whether there may be better alternatives than turning the entrance area into an affordable housing project.

We want our lives and those of all who live in the North Village to be energized by living there together. Having a very low, low, and moderate income project adjacent to a boutique hotel and a zen-influencing senior living community doesn't seem like the integrated planning I thought was going into this new northern portion of Healdsburg.

Thank you,

David Lawrence