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Haide Bautista
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RE: Licensed Care for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness in Hayward

Dear Ms. Bautista:

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) wholeheartedly supports your efforts to expand licensed adult residential care capacity for individuals with serious mental illness in Hayward. Our partnership with your existing home in Oakland, Rose Garden Vista, has been incredibly valuable for our clients and our provider network. Many individuals with serious mental illness in Alameda County benefit from the type of care and supervision you and your staff currently provide. As you know, within Alameda County there has been a steady decline in the number of licensed adult residential and residential care facilities for the elderly willing to accept individuals with serious mental illness living on very limited incomes. Declines in accessible licensed care is one factor likely contributing to rising number of individuals experiencing homelessness throughout Alameda County.

Our department remains committed to working to support your current home in Oakland and hopes to extend our partnership with you to a second facility in Hayward. Our department can offer licensed care housing subsidies for clients we refer to your future facility in Hayward through our Housing Support Program (HSP). HSP staff will also continue to link our supportive services with your home to ensure residents receive the best care possible. As you work with the City of Hayward on your proposed facility, please do not hesitate to contact me or to have City staff contact me directly with any questions or concerns about your proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Ratner", written in a cursive style.

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