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My auto correct for "pandemic" incorrectly changed it to "epidemic". Please use this version. I also was under the impression that the meeting was the 17th but understand now it is on the 16th. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks, Marge

My name is Marge Mlodzinski and I am a member of the Senior Center Building Committee (SCBC). I do not profess to have the knowledge of an architect, a builder or the ability to read blueprints and I probably don't ever recall hammering a nail in my lifetime.

I am, however, in addition to being a member of the Building Committee, also the Chair of the Commission on Aging and I have a deep passion for our senior residents and their future. A recent survey from the Long-Term Recovery Committee, of which I also am a member of, resulted in 65% of our seniors responding indicating that social isolation is a major issue during this COVID-19 Pandemic. This reinforces to me more than ever a need for a new Senior Center, a communal building and location for our aged community to meet for activities, exercise, nutrition, socialization and mental and physical health well-being.

I say all of this, as in the midst of this pandemic, we, as SCBC members do not have the ability to knock on peoples' doors, provide extensive outreach and awareness, provide open forums or workshops, distribute flyers, or publicize openly the desperate need for a new Center to support and provide for our aging residents.

Your approval of funds to contract with Construction Solutions Group, LLC (CSG) as Project Manager/Owner's Representative assures us the expertise to provide, outreach, education, knowledge and resources to get us to Referendum. In addition, their hands-on approach working with a third-party estimator, would identify any challenges with design and make recommendations to alternative approaches as well as assist in engineering in the scope of the work. Without their expertise, I personally don't have the confidence in us as a Committee having the full opportunity to achieve resident approval at Referendum.

I encourage you to approve the funds needed to contract with CSG to better move forward with our efforts to build a new Senior Center.

Thank you.