

## Town of Stow BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Stow Elderly Housing Corporation 22 Johnston Way Stow, MA 01775

To Whom It May Concern:

The Stow Selectmen are pleased to express their enthusiastic support for Stow Elderly Housing Corporation (SEHC) in its plan to develop housing for very low-income elderly in the proposed Plantation Apartments II in Stow, Massachusetts, consisting of 37 units of supportive housing. We are in favor of affordable housing for Stow. We specifically endorse supportive housing because we are aware that Stow used to have 2 rest homes providing just that kind of care and that there is a dire need for affordable elderly housing and elder services in this area. Furthermore we endorse your project because the SEHC has such a long and successful record of providing good, affordable housing to our elderly population. Everybody in town knows people who have utilized Plantation Apartments in their sunset years, and they have all had a positive experience.

The Stow Selectmen have enjoyed a long-standing collaborative relationship with SEHC. We are pleased that SEHC has coordinated their HUD funding application with discussions involving the Stow Selectmen. Doing so will enable a complementary and effective partnership to continue between our organizations and allow us to achieve our mutual goal of providing supportive services to the residents of Plantation Apartments II on a consistent, long-term basis.

The Stow Selectmen look forward to the periodic meetings during the development phase to keep us informed of the project's progress and to receive feedback from us. We are pleased to work in coordination with SEHC in developing a comprehensive and holistic approach to providing affordable housing and supportive services to the community's elders, and we heartily endorse SEHC in its efforts.

We hope you will be able to obtain funding soon, as the need is immediate.

Sincerely,

Steve Dungan, Chairman Stow Board of Selectmen