

Angela Birchett

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Angie,

I also forgot that one speaker spoke at the regular public input but it was on the public hearing topic. I have inserted her comments below.

Marla Benton, submitted the following comments:

I live in the Governor's Club area. I am also a nurse and I have worked for a retirement magazine recently. I am very familiar with the senior related issues we are having in Chatham County and they are only going to be getting worse within the next few years. We have over 15% of our county residents that are 65 and up. That is growing. We've also been named a retirement destination so people are coming in. I think we need to be very careful about imposing any restrictions or limitations on adult care homes. Imposing a half mile restriction would be a mistake. I think we need these homes in our community. There is a great need. I saw it as a nurse, I saw it working for a magazine going into different communities. I really think we need to look at that. Adult care homes keep our loved ones closer to us and also provides important intergenerational communities instead of isolating our seniors as we have been doing in the past. We keep them in our communities. I think another issue that you have to consider is that both the state and federal courts previously overturned and challenged when they were imposed with these half mile restrictions. It would waste our time and our tax money to impose such a restriction that would only eventually be overturned. I lost my father in November to Cancer, my mother is 67 and she lives in Maryland and I would like to know that at some point in the future I can bring to Chapel Hill. I'm in the Governor's Club, Governor's Lake area and I would like to know there is something there where I can keep her close to me without having to send her to Fuquay or Wake County where all the big places are popping up everywhere. I would prefer for her to be in a home cared for by people in my neighborhood where I can go by and see her. I think there is a big need and we need to be part of the solution and really consider these homes for our seniors and not impose restrictions that they have to be a half mile from our homes or townhomes. These are good people; good citizens and I think they need to be a part of the communities and not isolated. Thank you.

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