



April 23rd, 2017

RE: Support for appeal:  
New Courtland Senior Services  
3232 Henry Avenue,  
Philadelphia PA 19129  
AP# 768794

Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment  
18th Floor, 1515 Arch Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Dear Zoning Board of Adjustment members:

The members of the Zoning and Land Use Committee of the East Falls Community Council (EFCC), acting for the EFCC as a Registered Community Organization for East Falls, support New Courtland in their efforts to redevelop the former Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute (EPPI) site into affordable senior housing with related uses. Following their presentation and discussions at our April 17th, 2017 zoning meeting, we support the variances they are requesting.

In addition to the redevelopment of the site New Courtland has committed to implementing a community garden and dog park that will be available for public use. These are positive outcomes for all the neighborhoods that abut the site and we appreciate the formal inclusion of the dog park and community garden in their proposal as well as the commitment to continue to work with the community on design and the details regarding operations and maintenance.

During the discussion following their presentation New Courtland offered to attempt to secure agreement from Gaudenzia (the adjacent property tenant) for use of their lower parking lot by dog park visitors. We ask that they pursue use of the lower parking area for this purpose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Michelle L. Kleschick" in a cursive, flowing script.

Michelle Kleschick  
Secretary,  
East Falls Community Council, Zoning Committee  
(Registered Community Organization)

cc: Bob Theil and Max Kent for New Courtland, Josh Cohen for Councilman Curtis Jones, Tanya Sunkett for ZBA, Matt Wysong for the Philadelphia Planning Commission, Bill Epstein EFCC president, EFCC Zoning Committee members.