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Hello County Supervisors,

We are the Ferreira's, Mel and Beverly. We are writing because our home is directly affected by the development of St. John's House on the property of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist located at 125 Canterbury Dr., Aptos. The church, with the help of People's Housing, is planning to build a transitional housing 2-story apartment building. We recognize that there is a great need for this type of housing in the community and do not object to the development.

Our issue is that they plan to remove 4 mature redwood trees and place the 2-story, 10-unit building at the fence line (5' setback) of the Seabreeze townhome community. We would like the opportunity to suggest that the trees be left in place and the building have a larger setback which would create more with a visual and sound buffer. The church also has other space on their site that would not impact any residences. We understand that the SB 4, Affordable Housing on Faith Lands Act gives the church easier access to permits and fast tracks the process leaving us homeowners with fewer rights.

We are writing to make the Board aware of this situation and would appreciate any suggestions or guidance you can give us.

Regards,

Mel and Beverly Ferreira

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