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**Subject:** FW: Support for Newsome Redevelopment Project

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**From:** Vicki Hill  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 4:41 PM  
**To:** Contact-Development Svcs  
**Cc:** Roslyn Miller; Shirletta Best  
**Subject:** Support for Newsome Redevelopment Project

Dear Mr. Bush,

As a representative of nonPareil Institute, and as the parent of a young adult with an autism spectrum disorder, I would like to give my support to the vision of the McKinney Housing Authority in redeveloping the Newsome housing.

nonPareil Institute, located in Plano, works with about 135 adults with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder. We provide technical training, with a goal of helping these disabled adults achieve either part-time or full-time employment as well as fulfilled lives.

The CDC reports that 1 in 88 children are now diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. The rate has increased dramatically; in 1985, the rate was 1 in 2,500. Based on these figures and the population of McKinney, between 600 and 1,000 people with autism spectrum disorders currently live in McKinney. Between 3,200 and 5,500 people with autism spectrum disorders live in Collin County. The vast majority of these are still living with their families, but eventually will be wanting a place to live independent of Mom and Dad. You can see that the need for housing for people with disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder, will be increasing.

In 2013 the state of Texas encouraged teams to work together to create affordable housing for adults with disabilities. I represented nonPareil Institute in partnering with the City of McKinney (Shirletta Best), the McKinney Housing Authority (Roslyn Miller) and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services - DADS (Vu Huang) in this effort. We were excited to learn of the McKinney Housing Authority plans, as we believe that some of the adults with autism at nonPareil would be a great fit for this planned housing.

Autism is a disorder of social communication. Those on the higher-end of the autism spectrum, such as those serviced by nonPareil, can talk, but they generally are socially awkward. They may not know how to take turns in a conversation. They may talk on and on about a pet interest, without recognizing that the listener would really like to change the subject. They may repeat stock phrases. They may misunderstand a figure of speech or not catch the punchline of a joke.

Many of the adults who attend nonPareil during the day could live on their own...with a little help. For example, my son can cook for himself and handle his personal needs, but he cannot manage housekeeping on his own. DADS has a program which can provide housekeeping services for an adult with my son's needs. These are the kinds of matches the team is looking for. We are seeking ways to create the much-needed housing as well as provide the necessary services so that adults with disabilities can live in our communities.

Most of the adults with autism at nonPareil are in their 20s and 30s. All are single. Only 1 has children. None of them have drug issues. Eighty percent of them do not drive. I understand that the Newsome redevelopment will not have as many parking spaces as most apartments, but that is irrelevant if many tenants do not drive. These adults with autism would make fine neighbors for the seniors in this proposed housing complex, as well as for the neighborhood. (At a meeting in 2013 at Newsome, I spoke with a woman whose property backs up to Newsome. When I explained our goals to include adults with autism in the redevelopment, her response to me was, "God bless you in your efforts!")

For more information about the adults with autism at nonPareil Institute, I would encourage you to visit our website, [www.npitx.org](http://www.npitx.org) . I would also encourage you to watch the movie trailer link below my signature. This comes from an independent documentary to be released in spring , 2014 about the adults at nonPareil. (You will see and hear my 26 year old son at the 42-second mark of the trailer.)

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

*Vicki Hill*, CFO  
nonPareil Institute



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# McKinney Housing Authority

## Request for Community Support

To:

Newsome Residents, Carrington Neighborhood, and Community Partners:

This is a sincere appeal to all of you to join McKinney Housing Authority in support of the Newsome Community Redevelopment. The purpose of the redevelopment is to provide quality, affordable housing for the residents of McKinney in the southeast sector of town. The plans are in the final stages and public hearings are scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with Planning & Zoning Commission and February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with City Council. Both hearings will be held at City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee St.

As responsible members of the community I hope that you would join MHA in this cause. Together we can set an example for others to emulate by taking up such activities.

I have included the contact information of the mayor and council so that you may send letters of support:

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I look forward to your cooperation. You can contact me at the email or number given below.

Thank you!  
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## McKinney Housing Authority

January 28, 2014

Name: **CARL WESLEY TURNER**  
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Contact Information:

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission:

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- 1) increase the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing in its communities;
- 2) ensure equal opportunity in housing;
- 3) enhance self-sufficiency;
- 4) promote community quality of life and
- 5) economic viability.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of MHA as they seek to provide McKinney residents with excellent, affordable housing.

Sincerely,

**Carl W. Turner**

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Sincerely, *Kim Shaw*

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