



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION < >**

Date: July 18, 2017

Subject:

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Recommendation:

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission supports the project concept proposed by the Asian American Cultural Center (AACC) for a multi-generational facility at their property at 11713 Jollyville Road which helps in improving the living condition of the members of our community.

Description of Recommendation to Council:

The Commission supports the AACC proposal to build a senior living center adjacent to the school and cultural center to provide a multi-generational experience for the seniors and children, including appropriate zoning and permits. The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission also encourages the development of affordable and mixed-income senior rental housing. Ensuring reasonable opportunities for a variety of housing throughout the City of Austin maintains the social, economic and political fabric of the community. The establishment of senior housing is essential to providing a better quality of life to our seniors and to nurture both their physical and mental health.

Rationale:

With the growth of the Asian American community in Austin, important needs of our Asian American seniors have been included in the report of Asian American Quality of Life study. One of the urgent needs is to bring seniors out of living in isolation and to ameliorate their alienation because of the language and cultural barriers the seniors face in their new home country.

We are certain that seniors will find better quality of life in the comfort of being among people who share their language and cultural background. In a culturally-sensitive environment, seniors can share their rich heritage including stories, games like mahjong or chess, tea, and familiar home-cooked foods that nurture both their body and spirit. Co-locating intergenerational services will bring joy to both the older adults and the young children. Studies have also shown that parents and young adults would benefit most from helping to bridge the generational gap.

The Asian American Cultural Center has expressed a willingness to be a community partner to address such needs by building our seniors a community that provides residential services for them. The proposed project at Jollyville Road will allow an intergenerational environment where there is an early childhood development center such that the seniors have an opportunity to interact with young children as they would their own grandchildren.

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