



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20231206-002**

**Date:** December 6, 2023

**Subject:** HCA Behavior Health Hospital, SP-2022-0516C

**Motion by:** Jennifer Bristol

**Second by:** David Sullivan

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is requesting variances from LDC 25-8-342 to allow fill to 14 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Walnut Creek Watershed, Suburban Classification, Desired Development Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes that staff recommend this variance with conditions, having determined that the findings of fact have been met.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends the requested variance with the following:

**Staff Conditions**

1. Contain the fill with a combination of engineered walls and terraces to reduce grading and increase water infiltration.
2. Seed and plant the terraces with native trees (where feasible based on structural constraints), perennials, grasses, and forbs per 609S to increase infiltration, provide habitat, and increase plant diversity. Providing NO MOW signage for the terraces.

**Vote: 6-1**

For: Perry Bedford, Jennifer Bristol, Mariana Krueger, Haris Qureshi, Melinda Schiera, and David Sullivan

Against: Richard Brimer

Abstain: None

Absent: Hanna Cofer, Peter Einhorn, Colin Nickells, and Kevin Ramberg

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kaela Champlin in cursive script.

Kaela Champlin

Environmental Commission Liaison