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TO: Planning Board  
FROM: Acton Housing Authority  
SUBJECT: Quail Ridge Senior Residence Special Permit  
DATE: September 20, 2007  
Cc Jay Peabody

The AHA has reviewed the application for "The Residences at Quail Ridge" and the comments of the Acton Community Housing Corporation. We support the comments and suggestions of the ACHC.

The AHA has found that in our senior units people are living longer lives and aging in place. As they age our seniors find it increasingly difficult to use stairs and get into bath tubs. It is important that a developer of 55 plus housing keep this in mind and develop as many units as possible that are handicapped accessible, and have bedrooms and bathrooms on the first floor. The units should also have handicapped accessible entrances.

There are many senior and disabled individuals who do not have the income to pay for a mortgage, even at affordable home ownership prices. The AHA is able to support housing for low-income seniors and disabled who are unable to avail themselves of affordable home ownership. We would like the developer to consider setting aside one or two handicapped accessible units for sale to the AHA at an affordable price. We would provide a subsidy so that seniors who are unable to qualify for affordable home ownership would still have access to this proposed development.

Thank you for your consideration.