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Dear Ms. Selkoe,

I am writing in strong support of 370-384 Harvard Street, the affordable elderly housing development proposed by Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly (JCHE). I understand that there is a Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing scheduled on Wednesday, December 14th and I am unable to attend so I would like to offer my support for this project in writing.

There are many reasons to support this project. Brookline needs more affordable housing and this project offers an all-affordable plan in a perfect location.

This project also offers an opportunity to revitalize an important community institution and make it a welcoming center for senior living in Coolidge Corner. I am an active member of Congregation Kehillath Israel and can tell you firsthand the excitement we feel about this partnership of community-minded organizations. We at KI rejected working with private developers interested primarily in making money and instead chose JCHE because they operate with great commitment to building community. We intend to share spaces and activities—and find ways to invite neighbors into our buildings to join us in creating a high quality of life for our community's seniors.

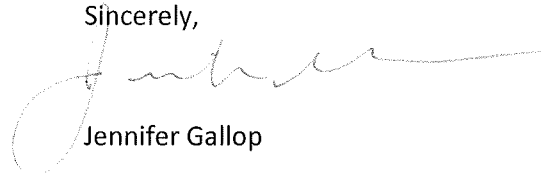
This developer has behaved admirably. I attended several meetings where they came to neighbors at the very beginning of the design process and asked about their goals for the building and the neighborhood, then responded. I hope the ZBA will approve this design that has gone through so many helpful iterations and reflects accurately neighborhood and congregational priorities.

JCHE has a long history of success and excellence in providing safe and affordable independent housing where older adults of all background can *age in community*. Their track record of being an excellent property manager and a good neighbor will make them a welcome partner.

Throughout my interactions with JCHE staff, I can attest to the commitment, professionalism and dedication to quality, keen listening and caring that has gone into the planning and oversight of this project. As noted above, JCHE has made extraordinary efforts to address the concerns of neighbors and other stakeholders. As the project moves forward, I look forward to JCHE's continued commitment to

work cooperatively with the synagogue, neighbors and the Town to develop this terrific resource for Brookline's seniors and neighborhood residents. I urge the Zoning Board of Appeals to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Gallop", written in black ink.

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