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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:

Honorable Sunset Committee Members:

:My interest in saving ASSLC is personal as I have a daughter who is a resident of ASSLC. She has been there since 1971 and has flourished there.

We kept her home as long as there were facilities that would accept her.

I am adamant in my belief that ASSLC is the least restrictive environment available to her. She is able to walk around the campus, walk to workshop if she chooses and visit her friends on other buildings. That freedom would be impossible in a neighborhood facility with no security system including a human element such as a guard.

My primary concern is her health. She had breast cancer in 2005 and at present has been diagnosed with Leukemia. How will she receive the care she requires in a "group home"? We made an attempt to allow her to visit a group home some years ago. All the arrangements were made and we kept the appointment for her visit on time. No one knew she was coming, there was no bed available for her and no immediate accommodation was available. We took her back to Austin and swore she would never leave there on a permanent basis again. To remove her from her home of over 40 years is unthinkable.

I am approaching my 80th birthday, have recently had major back surgery and soon after that I fell and severely injured my neck. At present, it is difficult for me to bring her home for more than a day or two unless I have someone to transport her and assist me with her care.

I am somewhat familiar with many of the groups who are opposed to large living centers and simply cannot fathom

their agenda. The standards they speak of maintaining would be utterly impossible to meet in a family home. Accidents, disagreements among family members, lack of bladder control, difficulty in feeding oneself, etc. are common occurrences in living centers as well and are to be expected. In all the years my daughter has resided at ASSLC she has had very few incidents in which she suffered minor injury, primarily skinned knees and such.

I plead with you to rescind any plan to close ASSLC.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

There is much wasted space and many unused and dilapidated buildings that could be dismantled. The campus could certainly be consolidated and some of the land sold off in order to bring down the cost of maintaining the facility.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree