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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Lakeway

State: Texas

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

I am OPPOSED to the closing of the Austin State Supported Living Center. My sister in law lived there for over 45 years and received excellent care and attention. This may be possible in a smaller care home. At AuSSLC she also received specialized care for her unique health issues. This kind of care would only be available via ambulance transportation if she had been in a smaller care home.

The AuSSLC also gave a sense of community within the grounds of the historic location. The ambulatory residents could have some freedom of movement and independence with their recreation hall, their Chapel, their swimming facility and snack bar within walking distance.

A sense of community was always felt at the Halloween carnival and the tree lighting celebration. At these events the Austin neighbors were invited in to come onto campus to share the joy of the seasons with the AuSSLC resident.

To have the same or similar experience without the AuSSLC ---transportation would be a nightmare or the experience would just be impossible or too expensive. This would be a terrible loss --not only for the residents of AuSSLC but for the Austin community.

The West Austin community has repeatedly asked to have the AuSSLC remain in place. The facility is quiet, the grounds are beautiful and the traffic it produces is minimal.

The value of this facility in this location is immeasurable as it is now.

Why not spend the funds to correct all that is wrong --making this Texas facility the crown jewel in the nation's mental health care. Raise salaries to entice enough good workers so that double shifts will not be necessary.

Bring all buildings up to and beyond standards.

Austin is the capital of Texas and should have the exemplary facility for all others to follow.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the Austin State

Supported Living Center OPEN at it's present location. SPEND what it takes to care appropriately or better for our fellow Texans who need this facility.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree