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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Tammie

Last Name: Parker

Title: Sister and Guardian

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Austin

State: Texas

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

Dear Sunset Review Members,

I oppose The Sunset Review Recommendation to close the Austin State Supported Living Center. I also oppose the closure of any of the State Supported Living Center's in Texas.

My sister has been a long-time resident here in Austin. She has received excellent care consistently and compassionately for the entirety of her life here. As a lady with Down Syndrome, her sixty-one years age is a testament to the fine quality of nurturing supervision she has been afforded. As some of you may be aware of, that is a very long life for an individual with Down Syndrome.

The staff, many of whom have known her for twenty, even thirty years plus all treat her with respect and kindness. They know her personality and can get the best results when there are less than fun-filled tasks to be accomplished.

I feel it would be an injustice and a stripping of my sister's personal freedom to uproot her from the home most familiar to her. A strike against her ability to grow old gracefully, with the dignity of staying in the community she has known her most of her life (about 55 years.) I do not want to believe that The Sunset Committee would take that freedom of choice away from my sister and me as her guardian after our father stepped down and let me take over. I feel incredibly disheartened that she may be robbed of her lovely home. That her world would be made much smaller by placement in a community home. Those community homes that are an appropriate choice for many, are certainly not for my sister.

Sincerely Tammie Parker

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Open the facilities and resources there to Austin, and to the community while maintaining the crucial (every single home) residences as there are currently being used.

Creatively use the lovely grounds and buildings for our neighbors and children's sporting and music venues.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree