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

To the Sunset Commission: I am hoping that you will do the right thing for the residents at the Austin State Supported Living Center and keep the facility open at its current level. I have been involved with volunteering at the Center for a number of years now, and I am always impressed with the feeling of support that the staff provides for the residents. More than that, I am impressed with the beauty of the facility (even in spite of so many buildings being shuttered). It provides the space that comforts resident, allowing them to move about and giving them a safe haven where they can be in touch with the outdoors without feeling threatened by traffic or a world that is unfriendly to them.

Most of all, I am impressed with the community that the residents have created for themselves. When we are together with them at an event, it is always touching to see them looking out for one another, greeting each other (even when they don't have a spoken language to use to give the greeting).

These residents are family for each other. It seems wrong, utterly wrong, to me to think about robbing them of their home. Deciding to close (or to decrease the population) of the Center, when is it the only home that they have had for so many years is cruel. What you should really be thinking about is how to make better use of the facility by increasing this adult population that has had the misfortune of being born with less than the rest of us have. The Austin State Supported Living Center is a gem for them.

Don't rob them of it.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Increase the population at the Austin State Supported Living Center. Give them more funding to provide even more activities appropriate for their life. Provide music therapy for them.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree