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Good Evening.

A Burlingame resident of 31 years, and the parent of an adult child with mental illness, I am here to advocate for supportive housing, That is, housing which is available to the lowest income population and that provides services needed to successfully live independently. My son who lives with schizophrenia currently resides in a San Mateo board and care home. He walks and takes public transportation just about daily to California Clubhouse, where he volunteers for duties as a member of this supportive community structured on a work-ordered day. Though he likes and is grateful for his present living situation, he dreams of having his own apartment. He is working hard to prove that he can handle that responsibility, and knows he will need help to continue to thrive once there. He likes the idea of supportive housing; he has clear ideas about the services he would like to see in such a setting, including medication support and the ability to access group meetings on site.

As the mother of a resilient young man who in spite of difficulties continues to hope and plan for his future, I am concerned that his disabilities place him at high risk for an uncertain housing future. As such, I belong to a group of parents who share these worries. Families like ours are calling for communities to build living spaces that will provide not only affordability, but also accommodations for case management and other services so that the mentally ill and other similarly challenged individuals can live independently in the community at large. Some examples of such spaces are Monarch at Redwood, which just broke ground in Redwood City, and Waverly Place, which along with other Mental Health Association of San Mateo Countybuilt apartments, provides supportive services. Please consider that the mentally ill are at great risk for homelessness, and often live in undesirable settings or with aging parents who at some point will be unable to help. It is good to think that there will be spaces where they can live safely and well as members of a supportive community.

In closing I would reiterate my request that the city consider building supportive, low-priced housing for the mentally ill and similarly challenged individuals.

Thank you for your time and attention, and for your current efforts in the area of affordable housing.