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Dear Commissioners, Thank you for the hard work of leading our county government. May I suggest that the funds being spent on the project of 702 homes are not being spent appropriately for low-income families? Only 27%(194 of 702) of the units with this project are for low-income families which make up 13% of our county, where this represents 126,786 individuals of our 975,280 citizens who have a median income of only \$52,198, even if assume they are all couples-- it is still over 63,000 households, but it is probably more. So if we look at that 194 homes of this 702 homes, it only takes care of .3% of our low-income population, wow! How much is this project costing the county? \$11 M? It is not feasible to use \$11 million when the 193 units will cost no more than \$3.8 Million. If you proceed with the project, please only use \$3.8 M from Affordable Housing Funds and then find the rest of the money somewhere else, there is the 4.15% put aside for economic development, so why not use that money? What percentage of the \$82.5 million will this be costing the county? I bet more than .3% which is the percentage of people these dollars could help. Couldn't we find a way for retrofitting office buildings into homes or maybe projects that have been abandoned and finish those like in downtown Clearwater? I appreciate your consideration of my ideas and look forward to a day when we all have an affordable roof over our heads. Thank you,

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