

To: Housing Committee
Connecticut Legislature

We support the proposed revision to 8-30G via HB5363 which will "...reduce the instances in which an affordable housing developer can appeal a municipality's rejection of an affordable housing project and to expand the types of housing that allow a municipality to qualify for an affordable housing moratorium."

As residents of Brookfield, Connecticut we, as a town, have spent time and treasure to create a small New England town center. The six story structure called, "The Renaissance," will not only destroy the character of the proposed town center, but in addition would place a huge burden on the town in terms of fire, police, schools, traffic, etc. The town has already made a significant effort to provide housing for those with limited means and its senior population who might need affordable housing. This six-story building has no place in a town where no existing building is over three stories. Furthermore, we simply do not have sufficient police and fire resources to support a building of this size, leaving our residents in jeopardy.

It seems reasonable that considering the town's past and current efforts to provide affordable housing as well as create a village center, that the town center be excluded from further housing mandates from the state.

Representative Stephen Harding's bill, HB5363, tempers the current 8-30G law and will both reduce the current HUE points from 75 to a more appropriate 50, and carve out the Four Corners Village Center from any additional requirements. This seems reasonable and is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

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