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Hello Edson,

I am Anaya Robinson, the Senior Policy Strategist with the ACLU of Colorado, writing to voice our support for the LGBTQ+ affirming senior housing project at 3840 N York. LGBTQ+ elders are 2xs more likely than their cisgender and heterosexual peers to be single, and 4xs less likely to have children. Because of this, community for LGBTQ+ elders is paramount to their stability and health outcomes. Safety and competency within housing is so important for this community, and ensuring an affirming housing space that is competent to their needs, and allows them to be in immediate community to those with similar backgrounds, histories, and support will allow better outcomes for these individuals, specifically for trans elders who face consistent and ongoing discrimination in many settings, including nursing home and assisted living facilities, which without housing options like the proposed, become one of their only options to get the level of care so many of our LGBTQ+ elders need. This development will allow an affirming space for community members and allies, and will help make sure that LGBTQ+ elders get to age in the setting of their choice. The ACLU of Colorado hopes that the city will approve the rezoning request so that this project may move forward. Thank you.

In community,

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