

May 5, 2023

Dear City of Fairfield City Council and Fairfield Planning Commission:

I want to express my support for the Aurora at Green Valley Apartment project in Fairfield. The vacant 2.75-acre parcel is located at 5000 Wiseman Way. This happens to be adjacent to the Solano EDC Office. There are all types of housing in the surrounding area, including a development of starter homes immediately to the west. There is, however, not enough multi-family, by a long shot. I know that the surrounding businesses will be thrilled to have a development that will cater to young professionals across the street to frequent their restaurants and shops.

As you may know, the project site is zoned Office Commercial (CO), where residential development is allowed with a Conditional Use Permit. Wiseman held a community meeting on March 29th to present its plans to the neighbors and the community. Based on feedback from that meeting, it is evident, Wiseman listened to our concerns and has now submitted revised plans to the City including 72 units instead of the 84 originally submitted, as well as other changes reducing the impact of this community on the surroundings. Wiseman's modifications reflect what many in the community have asked for. They care about our community as they are a local-based company. The Wiseman partners too are concerned about the success and prosperity of this region, through their ongoing volunteer and philanthropic efforts throughout our City they share a passion for doing what's right.

I support this project because we need every level of housing in Fairfield and in Solano County to address key housing shortages that this region faces. If we are to attract the kind of high value employers that create high wage jobs, it's crucial that we continue to diversify our housing stock. We are particularly lacking the kind of market rate multifamily developments that young professionals are looking for and we are losing that demographic in droves because we aren't building for them. You can look down the road to the success of the Spanos Nova project to see that the demand is there. Wiseman Commercial has a very good reputation as a Class A developer in the region, with nearly 50 years of experience developing and operating office and residential properties. I am confident that this project will be successful. I urge you to support the 72 units multifamily proposal.

Sincerely,



Chris Rico
President and CEO