



## **FRIEDMAN FOTOGRAFHY**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I was one of the founding members of Muir Commons Cohousing in Davis, California, and have lived here since the inception in 1991. We have 26 housing units located on 2.9 acres within the Aspen housing development in far west Davis, with single-family homes, an apartment complex, a school, and a greenbelt on the four surrounding sides.

From the beginning, the single-family households on the adjacent street were nervous about the presence of Muir Commons. Would we be a hippie commune, with unkempt houses and garbage spilling out onto the streets? Surely, they thought, property values would go down. As it turned out, none of that has happened, and we currently have excellent relations with our neighbors. At Muir Commons, we all have individual mortgages, and great pride in home ownership. We have planted nice foliage and trees throughout the site, so it's aesthetically pleasing to view.

In addition to being friendly on a casual basis, we have made conscious efforts to welcome our neighbors into our community building, and have organized occasional events such as a Holiday get-together and a summer block party BBQ to bring the neighborhood together. We can provide a meeting room, if that is ever needed by the neighborhood.

In general, though there may have been some trepidation at the beginning, we are looked upon as good neighbors and an asset to the community. I'm sure Orangevale Cohousing will also be good neighbors, and I urge favorable consideration of their planning application.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Friedman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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