

NEWTON, MA



# Community Support for Golda Meir House Expansion

by: [Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly \(JCHE\)](#)

Location: [Newton, MA](#)

90 SUPPORTERS IN NEWTON



JCHE is proposing to add 69 affordable apartments to our 199-apartment Golda Meir House. Our new residents will join the Golda community and benefit from [Golda's amazing programs and services](#).

**Public support from Newton residents will greatly increase our chances of success through our next two milestones:** securing \$3.25 million in funding from the Newton Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and a Comprehensive Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Please sign this petition to show the Zoning Board of Appeals and Community Preservation Committee that you want to see more affordable housing in Newton and that you support JCHE's proposal.

### Suggestions for "Why is this Important to You?"

*The Newton community is facing high housing prices and a shortage of affordable, supported housing options for seniors. According to "Newton Leads 2040" (June 2016), over 5,000 households in Newton are cost-burdened by housing. Meanwhile, Newton's older population is growing. According to UMass Boston's January 2018 report "Newton Older Adults," 17% of Newton residents are over 65 and this is projected to increase to 24% by 2030. Of these community members over 65, 27.7% live alone and 8.5% have an income below the poverty level. JCHE's services and*

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*supports can help residents combat loneliness, isolation, and the stress of navigating care decisions.*

### Questions?

Please reach out to Rachel Belanger, JCHE's Project Manager, at [rbelanger@jche.org](mailto:rbelanger@jche.org) or (617) 912-8464 to learn more and/or join the project mailing list.



## 99 SUPPORTERS

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Massachusetts

a day ago

It makes sense to add on to an existing building that already supplies affordable housing for seniors.

### Olga Z.

Massachusetts

2 days ago

Affordable Elderly housing is so limited in this area!

SEND ★

### Carole S.

Massachusetts

2 days ago

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SEND ★

### karen s.

Massachusetts

2 days ago

it is the right thing to do. and - it is easy, with little impact on city infrastructure, such as schools, and right near the T. so - why not do it??

SEND ★

### Marvin W.

Massachusetts

3 days ago

The wait for affordable senior housing is critically long. Many people are being forced out of market rate housing and have few if any options.

SEND ★

### Daniel G.

Massachusetts

3 days ago

We need more affordable housing in our city so more current residents can stay in town as they age and to keep our community diverse.

SEND ★

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**Julie K.**

Massachusetts

3 days ago

Our country is in a sad state of affairs, the least we can do is to find ways to help senior adults live lives of dignity and without fear of poverty.

SEND ★

**Martha N.**

Massachusetts

3 days ago

Maintaining economic and age diversity in our community benefits all of us, adding richness to our living experience.

SEND ★

**Jessica P.**

Massachusetts

3 days ago

Newton needs more affordable housing for seniors, as the aging population grows. We owe it to our parents and grandparents to take care of them.

SEND ★

**Elissa S.**

Massachusetts

3 days ago

We are in desperate need of more affordable housing for older adults in Newton. This is a perfect project which is a step in helping to meet the immense need that exists.

SEND ★

**Erin K.**

Massachusetts

3 days ago

I have volunteered at events for JCHE and they are a fantastic organization that provides amazing support and homes for older people.

SEND ★

**Paula F.**

Massachusetts

3 days ago

I am coming to a time when I will need senior housing. Housing costs are too expensive in Newton so it will force me to move out of state even though my home has always been here.

SEND ★

**Kellman H.**

Massachusetts

4 days ago

The need to add affordable housing options in Newton is a must.

SEND ★

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**John S.**

Massachusetts

8 days ago

This should be a no-brainer. Create the affordable housing. Newton needs it.

SEND ★

**Tamara J. B.**

Massachusetts

8 days ago

Affordable housing for seniors is very scarce in Newton.

SEND ★

**Ernest K.**

Massachusetts

9 days ago

There is a continued need for affordable housing for the elderly and this is a worthy project

SEND ★

**David C.**

Massachusetts

9 days ago

I love living in Newton, but one of the biggest challenges we face as a community is increasing the amount of affordable housing. I want us to be a diverse city, not one that caters only to the well off. This problem is particularly acute for seniors, whose ranks are increasing and many of whom are unable to afford rising housing prices. That's why I support the Golda Meir House expansion project.

SEND ★

**Aviva S.**

Massachusetts

9 days ago

It is need in our area - senior housing that is affordable

SEND ★

**Gerry C.**

Massachusetts

9 days ago

Newton needs more affordable housing options, especially for seniors. This would be a perfect location, replacing that ugly eyesore water tower with modern new housing. It's a win for everybody!

SEND ★

**Judy W.**

Massachusetts

9 days ago

This project checks all the boxes about addressing Newton's affordable housing needs.

SEND ★

**Susan H.**

Massachusetts

9 days ago

This project will fill an important need for housing for Newton's growing over 65 population.

SEND ★

**Robert G.**

Massachusetts

9 days ago

Newton needs more affordable senior housing. This is a perfect use of the water tower site behind the current Golda Meir House.

SEND ★

**Michael G.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

Newton needs more affordable housing for every income and age group. Adding housing to an existing senior community at an MBTA accessible location close to Newton Wellesley hospital is a perfect beginning to solving Newton's affordable housing crisis.

SEND ★

**Hillary B.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

Newton desperately needs affordable housing options and this project is an excellent option for producing it.

SEND ★

**Susan B.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

This appears to be a very thoughtful expansion to an important community resource.

SEND ★

**Harold S.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

Support for affordable housing for our seniors.

SEND ★

**Doris Ann S.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

Newton's over-65 population is growing rapidly and this expansion of Gold Meir house will fill a real need in our community.

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**Allison H.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

I believe that it is crucial to have affordable housing in our community.

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**Jeffrey S.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

New needs more affordable housing, especially for seniors.

SEND ★

**Michael F.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

We need to take care of our elders and provide suitable stable homes.

SEND ★

**Michael K.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

Everyone should be able to live well and with dignity.

SEND ★

**cynthia k.**

Massachusetts

10 days ago

My Mother-in-law and my Mother will both need affordable housing in the future. Affordable housing right now is insufficient for them to be able to find a home and live affordably.

SEND ★

**Diane B.**

Massachusetts

11 days ago

My mother lived at GMH for many years - we need to do all we can to preserve and expand affordable housing for seniors.

SEND ★

**webb c.**

Massachusetts

11 days ago

affordable housing in Newton is vital

SEND ★

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Massachusetts

12 days ago

Newton needs more and more affordable options for older residents. JCHE and the Golda Meir House are excellent organizations, providing superb services and resources. This proposal makes sense and should be supported.

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**Benjamin P.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

This is the kind of initiative which our city needs to support.

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**Joyce P.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

Support reasonable cost market rate housing in the plans. I hope to utilize soon.

SEND ★

**Elizabeth J.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

Newton needs more affordable housing for elderly.

SEND ★

**Paul L.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

These apartments would be an excellent addition to the City's housing stock of affordable homes. The location is consistent with other uses in the area and has excellent transit and other access.

SEND ★

**Bernard K.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

It is important for Newton to remain diverse and enable older adults to remain in Newton and live a quality life

SEND ★

**phyllis k.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

Increasing numbers of elderly people will need increasing stock of supportive housing

SEND ★

**Rudolph K.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

Housing is a basic need - it should be affordable

SEND ★

**Louise F.**

Massachusetts

14 days ago

I support all affordable housing in the city of Newton

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[SEND](#) ★**Judy J.**

Massachusetts

15 days ago

JCHE's housing and service program is top-notch. Their focus on "aging in community" is wonderful. The defunct water tower adjacent to Golda Meir hasn't been needed for a very long time and will enable a much needed expansion of the Golda Meir House. Let's get this going!

[SEND](#) ★**Ruth L.**

Massachusetts

15 days ago

It would help me to stay in Newton as I age. My mother had a great experience living at Golda Meir house for the last 6 yrs of her life.

[SEND](#) ★**Allison B.**

Massachusetts

15 days ago

I'm a member of the local clergy and it is clear from my work that there is not enough affordable housing especially for seniors in Newton.

[SEND](#) ★**Joanna C.**

Massachusetts

15 days ago

I think we need more affordable housing especially for the elderly.

[SEND](#) ★**Sherry I.**

Massachusetts

15 days ago

JCHE's reputation for quality housing and programs mean this expansion will help ease the growing housing shortage for our growing senior population, and in ways our community will be able to be proud of.

[SEND](#) ★**Sharon H.**

Massachusetts

15 days ago

When I needed help for my elderly father JCHE was there to help . We need to support our parents and this wonderful cause.

[SEND](#) ★**David S.**

Massachusetts

15 days ago

It is critical that our community enable people at all economic levels be able to have safe, clean, affordable housing where they can live with dignity.

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SEND ★

David K.

Massachusetts

15 days ago

Affordable housing is a very serious need in Newton. Now more than ever! As much as the City may try to provide funds for modest size developments, the proposed 69 units are far more than most City-funded projects and far more than most mixed income projects that have been permitted in recent years. Win-win!

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- Denis Gabor

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