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Hi all,

My apologies for the poor timing of this. I'm out-of-state and thus unable to attend tonight's CEDC meeting.

I'm writing to voice support for funding of the capital project proposed for Arbutus Park. This would continue the good work done in this park and surrounding neighborhood in the past few years.

I'm also writing to strongly caution the Committee regarding the application from Community Home Health Care, Inc. No doubt, this is an organization that does quality work. And selfishly, I'd love to see additional dollars flow toward a population that I also serve in my professional capacity. But the world of Medicaid-Long Term Care funding is exceptionally complicated, and I'm afraid their application statements simplify it too much. Indeed, there have been "cuts" to Family Care Medicaid as they assert, but these have been intended to correspond with more appropriate levels of services for Family Care recipients---levels of services that happen to be quantified in decisions made by the County and by Managed Care Organizations. As hinted at in their application, Community Home Health Care disagrees with a number of these decisions, and would use this funding to provide services *they* have concluded are necessary.

The debate regarding the appropriate level of funding and services for the elderly and chronically disabled is ongoing, and is fraught with political and policy disagreements. Without attending tonight and hearing more, I'll grant that perhaps this CDBG applicant has a different, persuasive story to tell than the one I'm seeing in their application. Barring that, I'd urge CEDC and Council to *not* appropriate funds to a Medicaid-Long Term Care home health services provider.