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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of the proposed redevelopment of Neville Manor which the institution has been planning for the past year and a half.

At present, my mother, Graciela Torroella, is a resident of Neville Manor where she has been living since she became 95. She is now 101 years old.

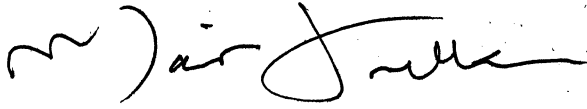
In my weekly visits to Neville Manor for the past six years, I have seen how professionally my mother has been attended to, but what has been more rewarding is the fact that a person of that age has been able to maintain her spirit and her positive attitude. This I attribute to, among other things, to a careful and loving care. One thing is to be professional and another is to be loving and truly concerned. The staff at Neville Manor has these qualities, and this institution is a great asset to the quality of life in Cambridge.

Through my close and continual contact with Neville Manor during these past six years, however, I have come to realize that the facility does need improvement. As an architect, I can see that the facility is outmoded and rather cumbersome to work and live in. The city should encourage and assist in any possible way for the improvement and building of a larger and better facility.

From a personal experience, I can state that there is a need for more nursing home beds in the city of Cambridge. My mother was lucky enough to be accepted into Neville Manor after having waited close to 3 years. During that waiting period, we were fortunate enough to have had her nearby and assist her in her daily routines. I dread to think what would have happened and how she could have managed if we had not been living next to her. I am sure that there are many cases in Cambridge which have not been nor are as lucky. Cambridge needs more affordable assisted living facilities for low and moderate income elders.

Council members, please give close consideration to the re-development of Neville Manor, and make sure that it takes place. We are all getting older, and the service given at Neville Manor will benefit more and more of the community.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mario Torroella', with a stylized, flowing script.

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A communication was received from
Mario Torroella, transmitting support
of the proposed redevelopment of Neville
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