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Dear Members of the Sausalito City Council,

I am writing in support of the letter from Age Friendly Sausalito Chair, Sybil Boutilier, urging the Council to take action by passing a Visitability Ordinance or incorporating a Senior Housing Overlay into the Housing Element.

The current Housing Element Update does not adequately ensure accessible housing for seniors and residents with disabilities. While policies such as LU 1.20 and H-2.7 acknowledge the need for aging in place, they lack specific programs to implement no-step entry and other critical accessibility features.

By adopting a Visitability Ordinance or a Senior Housing Overlay, Sausalito can guarantee that new housing developments address the urgent needs of our aging population, allowing residents to remain in their homes safely and independently. With 831 disabled residents—67% of whom are over 65—the demand for accessible housing far exceeds the available supply, making immediate action essential.

Thank you for your leadership on this crucial issue. I look forward to your support in making Sausalito a truly age-friendly community.

Sincerely,

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