

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Jon Kelly <jonmkelly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2018 11:17 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice; Herschlag, Allan  
**Subject:** Tannery project

July 6, 2018

To Concord's Mayor and City Councilors,

I am writing today to ask you to say NO to the Calen Group's request for a community block grant as they try to fund their current tannery development proposal, a low income housing project.

I live in Penacook, near the tannery. When I tell strangers about Penacook, I tell them it is a neighborhood that could go either way. It could develop into a beautiful community with a riverside park, a gazebo, and stately buildings like the one that houses the Penacook Pharmacy. Or it could become a crummy neighborhood with buildings like Sam's convenience store. What direction it goes depends on the tannery.

A low income housing project will not improve the neighborhood.

It might not even be a financial plus. It is likely to bring in more school related expense than tax revenue.

I attended two neighborhood meetings about this issue. I am grateful that four councilors also attended. I am grateful, too, for the hard work that Matt Walsh has put into finding a buyer. I can understand if he is discouraged. But it is not time to give up on finding a better option with a greater likelihood of economic gain. Please say no, and then keep trying.

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**From:** Peter Roth <petercroth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2018 9:02 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Cc:** allan4council@gmail.com; SteveShurtleff@aol.com  
**Subject:** Caleb CDBG Resolution

Dear Ms Bonenfant,

I am writing in opposition to the resolution to authorize the city to request a CDBG to leverage the residential development proposal for Canal Street in Penacook. I have been a property owner and resident of Penacook since 2010. I have been a Concord resident since 1999. The Canal Street end of the village does not need additional dense housing. Traffic on Canal and Community Drive, particularly during the school year, is already difficult and sometimes dangerous. It also seems that there is a disproportionate amount of police and other emergency services in that area and the condition of some of the properties suggest absentee landlords are milking the properties. I am concerned that the proposed development may exacerbate those problems.

I support finding better ways to redevelop the tannery site. The medical center built on Canal seems like a good start in the right direction. Dense residential development does not seem consistent with that. Penacook needs property tax relief. The Caleb proposal appears more likely to add to Penacook's financial and social predicament. Please take a pass on this one and find a consistent vision, building from the success of the medical center.

Thank you.

Peter Roth  
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