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Sent via email

Dear Dr. Steve Arnold and Todd Kaestner:

It has come to our attention that the Brookdale San Pablo, a senior assisted living residence, is closing and that the property upon which it is located is being sold. The Brookdale, located at 13956 San Pablo Avenue, is home to 83 residents, most of whom are elderly. We understand that the residents received verbal news of the closing in a meeting before Thanksgiving and will soon be receiving a sixty (60) day written notice to move out.

As elected Federal, State, County and City representatives of San Pablo and East Bay residents, we're counting on you to follow all laws covering residential care facilities, including the RCFE Relocation Protection Act of 2008 Health and Safety Code 1569.682.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=1569.682.&lawCode=HSC](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=1569.682.&lawCode=HSC)

We urge both of you (as property owner and facility operator) to work together to provide for a smooth and seamless transition for the vulnerable seniors who live at Brookdale. These residents deserve a safe, healthy and comfortable transition to new homes which can appropriately provide for their care.

Losing a home is stressful at any age. But a "forced" move within sixty days is challenging and traumatic for older individuals needing assistance with daily living. Receiving this news during the holiday season is especially troubling.

There is a shortage of senior housing in the Bay Area, including a shortage of quality assisted living homes such as Brookdale San Pablo. It will take time for residents and their families to find comparable accommodation, most likely longer than 60 days. Many residents chose Brookdale for its proximity to family or friends. Many also chose it for its relative affordability.

We encourage you to give sufficient time for Brookdale residents to find new places to live and to move. It would be a tragedy and unacceptable if anyone became homeless because of this situation.

Thank you for handling this transition in an ethical, compassionate manner. Contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Gioia".

John Gioia

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