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Reading March 19 Northern Light article about demolishing old city hall and maybe building a new senior center there with senior housing overlooks the fact that our current senior center is already located next door to a federally-funded, low-income senior apartment complex. Moving the senior center would be a hardship for the largely disabled, senior tenants (myself included) of Bay View Plaza Apartments who routinely walk next door for meals and other services.

After the Bay View Plaza landlord tried to illegally privatize our 31-unit complex, Northwest Justice (Legal Aid of Washington) represented Bay View Plaza Tenants Association in U.S. District Court, securing a settlement in the summer of 2019 that guarantees USDA funding and our housing rights at Bay View Plaza through 2032. It is the intent of Northwest Justice to work with Whatcom Housing Authority to make an offer to purchase the complex before then.

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