



# DECISION-MAKING GUIDE

Independent Living

## LOCATION

What is the area like around the community?

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Does the community have easy access to local shops and services?

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## SECURITY

What happens in case of an emergency?

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What is done to make sure everyone feels safe?

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## AMENITIES

Is housekeeping provided, and how often?

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How many dining outlets are offered?

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Will the menu offer traditional "home cooking"?

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Are dining options flexible?

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Is a Happy Hour or Social Hour offered?

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Does the community offer an on-site salon, spa, or theatre?

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## ACTIVITIES

Is there a wide selection of recreational and social activities to choose from?

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Are there individual programs in addition to group programs?

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## ATMOSPHERE

Is the environment comfortable and welcoming?

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What makes this community appealing?

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What types of community spaces are available for use?  
Patios? Walking trails?

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Is the community full of social interactions?

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### LIVING SPACE

Are there a variety of floor plans?

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What type of storage is available?

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Are appliances included within each of the residences and are they full-sized?

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### CARE

How often are doctors available?

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Will access to specialists (audiologists, podiatrists) be an option?

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Is care available 24/7?

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Is care personalized?

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### STAFF

Is the staff friendly and engaging?

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Is the staff knowledgeable and upfront regarding living options and future care?

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### FINANCES

What is the monthly fee?

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What does the monthly fee include?

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Is there a required one-year contract or is it month-to-month?

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