



Coastal Health Alliance

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Dr.
San Rafael CA 94903

The Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM) has led the community-based effort for the County of Marin to purchase the Coast Guard property in Pt. Reyes since 2014. Now that the transfer of ownership is complete, Coastal Health Alliance (CHA) strongly supports the selection of CLAM to repurpose this site for homes affordable to our community in perpetuity.

CLAM's vision of a neighborhood fully integrated into the Point Reyes Village, with housing available to a spectrum of incomes and with community uses on site, has been born out of their ongoing process of grassroots organizing for input and participation, and reflects the coalescing of a shared community vision for this site. CHA has supported CLAM over the years in developing this vision.

The Point Reyes and West Marin communities are deeply invested in the disposition of this property to address the need for affordable homes along the rural coast. Housing and local workforce remain the top barriers to successful recruitment and retention of medical staff. We believe that CLAM, as a community land trust with deep relationships with local residents and organizations, is uniquely positioned to shape the housing and community uses on the site.

CLAM has partnered with nonprofit affordable housing developer Eden Housing to guide financing and construction if their joint bid is selected. CLAM's unparalleled community support, together with Eden's financial strength, experience and track record, is a partnership of greatest strength for this most important opportunity for West Marin.

We support CLAM's bid for redevelopment of the Coast Guard site. Furthermore, we encourage ongoing consideration that this property become community-owned land on a community land trust model, so this neighborhood will be seen and felt to be guided by local voices over the long term. We urge you to act within your power to assist in making this vision a reality.

Sincerely,

Steven Siegel
CEO