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Dear Supervisors,

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) submits this letter of support for the selection of an experienced, locally-based non-profit housing developer, to repurpose the former Coast Guard property located in Point Reyes Station to provide affordable housing.

EAC was established in 1971 with a mission to protect and sustain the unique lands, waters, and biodiversity of West Marin. We accomplish our work by providing outreach, engagement, and stewardship opportunities for our community to connect with the irreplaceable habitats of West Marin.

The former Coast Guard property provides an opportunity to create a community-driven redevelopment project that applies some of the highest levels of green or sustainable building standards to ensure that development serves as a model for environmentally sustainable housing solutions. In doing so, development must take care to preserve Lagunitas Creek and its riparian habitat, as well as our local groundwater resources.

We have not had the opportunity to review the bid proposals submitted to the County for review. We are supportive of the Community Land Trust Association (CLAM) and their nonprofit development partner, Eden Housing. CLAM is a locally-based non-profit with a vision to repurpose the property to serve a variety of community needs including housing and other uses. Their tie to the local community gives them a strong understanding of the community itself and its needs.

Redevelopment of the property holds the promise of increasing housing opportunities for locally-employed and active community members in West Marin. Repurposing non-residential structures on the property can provide facilities for meeting and service activities and strengthen community bonds. EAC looks forward to working with the group that is selected to achieve this vision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Morgan Patton  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'B. Mitchell', written in a cursive style.

Bridger Mitchell  
Board President