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Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

As a citizen action group working together since 2004 to ensure a viable and healthy future for our children and grandchildren, Mainstreet Moms strongly supports the selection of CLAM (The Community Land Trust Association of West Marin) to repurpose the former Coast Guard property for affordable homes in perpetuity in our community.

We have participated in many community meetings in which CLAM has encouraged community members to ask questions and express opinions. CLAM's process has been consistently transparent, welcoming and thorough. They are a model for inclusion and effective communication.

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. We at Mainstreet Moms have worked with 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. 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.

Thank you,
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