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Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

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 Point Reyes since 2014. Now that the transfer of ownership is complete, the Stinson Beach Affordable Housing Committee strongly supports the selection of CLAM to repurpose this site for homes affordable to our community in perpetuity.

Without a doubt, CLAM knows, and is trusted by, the Point Reyes community more than any other housing organization. CLAM's vision of a neighborhood fully integrated into the Point Reyes community, 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 the Stinson Beach Affordable Housing Committee have worked with CLAM over the past several years in developing affordable housing for West Marin and our deep regard for their vision, management, and collaborative skills cannot be overstated.

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,

The Stinson Beach Affordable Housing Committee:
Chris Harrington, Harriet Moss, Marion Weber, Susan Kelley, Kevin Hicks, Anne Rand, John Feher, and Beth Perry