



February 3, 2020

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

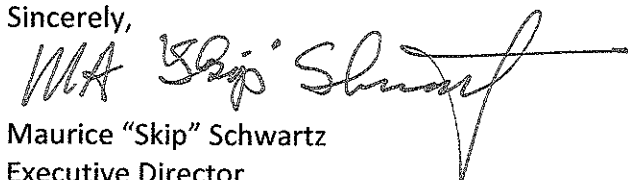
This is a formal letter of support from West Marin Senior Services for the proposal of the Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM) and Eden Housing to repurpose the former US Coast Guard property in Point Reyes Station, now purchased and owned by Marin County, for affordable homes in our community. We believe CLAM and Eden Housing are the best organizations to rehabilitate, redevelop and manage affordable housing on the site. CLAM has been instrumental in organizing our community and promoting the legislation needed to secure the surplus US Coast Guard Housing site.

As you know, West Marin is unincorporated and lies within Marin County jurisdiction. West Marin Senior Services is a 44 year-old nonprofit, a community-based, safety-net organization with the mission to help seniors live safely and with dignity in our community. West Marin is home to 5% of Marin County's population and 28% of Marin County's senior population, 60 years and over. There is a high level of poverty among seniors living in West Marin and they are considered a medically underserved population. As you know, housing is an absolutely critical need for this sector of the population.

WMSS has been closely following the proposals for repurposing the former USCG housing in Point Reyes Station. WMSS feels that the Community Based Organization, CLAM, with Eden Housing (a nonprofit housing organization of high repute and experience in the affordable housing arena), are the best option for our community in bringing this project to fruition with the needed standards and alacrity. CLAM is local and has a sterling reputation. CLAM has a capable and dedicated staff and the CLAM Board of Directors are responsible and accountable local residents. We also note that with CLAM, revenues that may be developed in the future have the potential to be reinvested with the project and in our community. We support the possibility that in the future, the property might be community owned within a community land trust model.

It is without reservation and with great pleasure that West Marin Senior Services recommends the proposal of CLAM and Eden Housing to redevelop the former US Coast Guard property in Point Reyes Station. Should you have any questions for WMSS, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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