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Good Afternoon Nicole,

Please find my attached Letter of Support for the Sisters Woodland Project.

I am so hopefully that the team decides to move forward with this project as I think it will be pivotal for the mindful growth of our community!

Thank you,

Jamie Eichman

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October 14, 2020

Re: Letter of Support for Sisters Woodland Project

To Whom it May Concern,

I wanted to write to provide support for the Sisters Woodland Project. As a 23-year resident in Central Oregon, I feel privileged to live in such a beautiful and unique part of the country and in a place with such an amazing culture. Having said that, I believe everyone who lives here and especially those who try to move here are frequently limited by the extraordinarily expensive home prices, limited inventory, and the speed with which buyers swoop in to purchase houses before they are even listed. This has drastically impacted the ability of local companies to recruit talent for staff level positions and has created a huge gap in space that middle income families can call home.

By moving forward with the Sisters Woodland Project, I believe strongly that not only will this enable local Sisters businesses to thrive by creating affordable and local housing to encourage local residency but will also contribute to further expanding the opportunity for Sisters to grow in a mindful and sustainable way by supporting a diverse community of middle income working families. In addition, with such a visible piece of property, of which all visitors and residence of Central Oregon see on their arrival and departure, I believe that this is the right project to ensure that local developers with local visions who have a vested interested in Sisters as residents are driving the build. We know that the property will be developed eventually and if we leave it to a big city developer, we will see a misalignment with the aesthetics, values, and culture of the Sisters community.

Ultimately, in order to strengthen the economy of Sisters by enabling year-round, middle income families to move to our town and put down roots as well as preserve and intentionally develop the gateway to Central Oregon, the Sisters Woodland Project will move us exactly in the right direction.

Thank you,
Jamie