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Good morning CCSD Directors and Staff.

Please see the attached letter of support from Supervisor Bruce Gibson on behalf of the Peoples' Self-Help Housing Schoolhouse Lane Project (Item 4.B).

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Bruce Gibson *District Two Supervisor*

July 8, 2024

Cambria Community Services District
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Re: Agenda Item 4B, July 11, 2024 - Extension of Peoples' Self-Help Housing intent to serve letter

I write in strong support of your staff's recommendation to grant a time extension on the intent to serve letter for Peoples' Self-Help Housing's (PSHH) project approved for construction on Schoolhouse Lane (the Cambria Pines Apartments).

As you know, PSHH has worked diligently on this important project for many years. The project will provide 100% deed-restricted affordable housing units that are desperately needed to support Cambria residents and families. As the cost of housing near coastal jobs continues to be out of reach for all but the few, this sort of project is crucial for the social and economic wellbeing of our community.

PSHH has received notification that building permits are ready and they are finalizing the financing for the project. I urge your board to grant the time extension for the intent to serve letter so that the community of Cambria can realize the benefits of this extensive effort. Thank you.

Sincerely,

BRUCE GIBSON
Supervisor, District Two
San Luis Obispo County

Thank you for this opportunity to serve our Cambria community. You have my technical qualifications in front of you, so I thought there were a few other things about me that you ought to know.

Beginning as a young Cub Scout and Boy Scout, service to my community became an integral part of my life. As a teenager, when my church needed a Cantor, I volunteered. When Pamela and I married in 1973, and our church community had no youth choir, we volunteered to lead one. With four young sons, we served as a Marriage Encounter presenting team couple. Before our oldest sons (the twins) turned 7, we were asked by our local Sheriff, if we would help re-start the local Scout Troop. I took on the role of Cubmaster (then Scoutmaster) and Pamela became the first Den Leader. After 15 years of service to Scouting in two communities, I handed the leadership off to my assistant scoutmasters, and the Troops continued to thrive.

My career then took me to the former McClellan Air Force Base, in Sacramento, where I supported the groundwater contamination cleanup. Since my father served in the Air Force in WWII, I tracked down the McClellan Aviation Museum group and attended a Board meeting. The Museum was on the verge of closure, due to the lack of space, facilities, and funding, so I volunteered to serve on the Museum Board. There, I led the successful campaign to secure funding, find a permanent location, and acquire the property for the Museum. We relocated the Museum to that property, built a new Museum facility, and renamed it the Aerospace Museum of California.

Since Pamela was 11, she and her family had come to Cambria to visit her grandparents, aunt, and uncle, formerly on Park Hill. Her uncle helped build Santa Rosa Catholic Church. I have been visiting Cambria since I was 18. Before we were married, it had been our dream to move to Cambria. So, over 23 years ago, we bought a lovely lot on Lodge Hill that was on the water wait list, in the hopes of building and moving here. We subsequently bought and merged other lots with it.

Early last year, we decided it was time to make Cambria our forever home. In November, we purchased and moved to an existing mobile home here. I have resigned from my former position on the Board of the lot owners' association, helped pull weeds on Main Street, have participated in Forest Committee Zoom meetings, my wife and I are members of the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, and I sing in the church choir 😊. **Cambria is our Forever Community, Thank You**