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January 2, 2012

Mayor Ron Brean
Members of the City Council
City of Yachats
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RE: Aqua Vista Square development

Dear Mayor Brean and City Council Members:

I am writing in support of Our Coastal Village Foundation's request for the City's financial assistance to pay for the SDCs required to develop Aqua Vista Square. I encourage you to give this request every consideration.

It has been my privilege to work with Commissioner Bill Hall to create the 501 (c)(3) non-profit **Lincoln Community Land Trust (LCLT)** to provide permanently affordable homeownership for working individuals and families within Lincoln County. Our LCLT board just completed a **WORKFORCE HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT for Lincoln County, prepared by Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments. It identifies the need for "public/private" partnerships.**

Our LCLT Board has been in conversation with Layne Morrill, President of **Our Coastal Village, Inc.(OCV)**, on the Aqua Vista Square development. Our January 2012 LCLT Board is considering action which enables OCV transferring ownership of the land to the LCLT, thus ensuring continuing affordability of the property in the future.

The need for affordable workforce housing in Yachats remains great, and this project will add quality housing both to purchase and to rent. It is significant that this project is being funded entirely by a private sector charity with no state or federal funding.

The real solution to the workforce housing crisis requires strategic planning and involvement of employers, developers, local governments and the community in general. Aqua Vista Square development can become a model for this kind of collaboration.

I urge you to carefully consider and approve the Foundation's request for financial assistance for the SDCs for this much-needed housing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Max E. Glenn

Former member of the Yachats Affordable and Workforce Housing Committee
(now disbanded)

Member of "organizing committee" and Board of Directors, Lincoln Community Land
Trust (LCLT)