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Yachats City Council

I see in the Yachats Document Library a connection with the Lincoln Community Land Trust in 2009. At that time the number of dwellings in Yachats was estimated to be around 750 with a goal of 1.7 % affordable housing. Then Fistera was established with twenty-five affordable living spaces, some of which are rented by workers and some by people with disability and/or Social Security. There are also seven condos at Aqua Vista, a few that are rentals.

There still seems to be a shortage of affordable long term rental housing in Yachats for the work force. Our vacation rentals need workers to care for them. The restaurants need workers. Our stores need workers. If we price our workforce out of town there will be fewer reasons for vacationers to come, enjoy, and spend.

If the city is going to allow developers to build new homes, businesses, motels, hotels, etc., I suggest we impose a fee or percentage payment of the property value and/or building costs payable to an affordable housing fund. This fund could be used as incentive to future developers encouraging them to build affordable housing and also to entice landlords to convert vacation rentals to long term workforce rentals.

If we are already addressing this problem then possibly more information could be brought to the public's attention.

Thank You,

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