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DATE: February 23, 2022
TO: Bandon Planning Commission
Bandon Planning Department
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RE: Workforce Housing in Bandon

We are asking your support for workforce housing. Your support of these projects is critically needed, and we are looking to you for leadership that our community needs to help correct the current imbalance between jobs and housing. Workforce housing, which includes a myriad of housing types that will be utilized by teachers, hospitality workers, nurses, doctors, administrative staff, bank staff and more. The list is endless.

To date, the proposals we have learned of and are working with, are projects that will provide the much-needed residences affordable to local workers who have been forced to commute distances to their jobs due to the lack of local housing. After numerous years of working to get the attention of commercial developers for these type projects, we are seeing a small amount of success. There is also interest in retirement housing, which Bandon needs as well. We must solve our housing crisis, as a community.

We hope you agree, that losing a vital part of our population is a concern for the future well-being of our city, and that providing appropriate housing is the only way to ensure that we remain a healthy and thriving community.

The workforce spends actual "life energy" to make a community. If you work in a community, you ought to be able to live there! Work there – Live there!

Thank you.