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Providing Leadership and Services that Support and Promote Healthy Aging

January 19, 2023

Supervisor Steve Madrone, Chair
And Members of the Board of Supervisors
Humboldt County
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Chair Madrone and Supervisors Bushnell, Bohn, Arroyo, and Wilson:

Area 1 Agency on Aging strongly supports Life Plan Humboldt's efforts to offer an important housing option to older adults who wish to continue to live in Humboldt County. Older residents in rural areas face significant health risks, particularly when they can no longer drive and become socially isolated in homes never built for single people with mobility issues.

Housing for all ages and stages was identified as the number one goal in the California Master Plan for Aging in 2021. The Humboldt County Housing Plan identified housing for elders as the number one challenge for the county in coming years. LPH will help address this challenge and increase housing stock for working families as LPH residents sell their homes. Good jobs will be created in the building and operating of this senior community. LPH and the associated affordable housing will allow older adults to "age in community."

Life Plan Humboldt will build 144 independent cottages and apartments, assisted living and memory care services for people over 60 who pay a one-time entry fee. The Rural Community Housing Development Corporation, with leadership from LPH, will build 60 affordable senior housing units on the same campus with shared common facilities, but under separate funding streams and management.

We urge you to vote on 1/31/23 to send a letter to Senator Mike McGuire in support of a \$2.5 million budget request to help launch Life Plan Humboldt (LPH). This much needed project is an important part of addressing the local senior housing challenge.

Sincerely,

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