



Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority

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Patricia Robertson
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RE: Support Eastern Sierra Community Housing's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Application for the Silver Peaks project

Dear Ms. Robertson,

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agency made up of the following member agencies: City of Bishop, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Inyo County, and Mono County. The ESCOG coordinates regional planning and economic development efforts throughout the Eastern Sierra, working cooperatively with local, state and federal partners to support community development, economic diversification, sustainable recreation, ecosystem management and climate resiliency for a more prosperous, sustainable, and resilient region.

The Eastern Sierra region has a shared housing deficit, caused in part by the predominance of federally and other non-local government owned lands in Inyo and Mono Counties, and exacerbated by the region's rurality. In particular, there is a critical need for affordable and workforce housing throughout the region. ESCOG commends the partnership between Eastern Sierra Community Housing, the City of Bishop and Inyo County to identify an ideal, centrally located site to provide quality housing for Eastern Sierra residents. ESCOG fully supports the submission of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities application.

The Eastern Sierra Community Housing AHSC applications supports the City of Bishop's vision for denser, affordable, infill housing, as well as improvements to bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems. Affordable housing at Silver Peaks, 935 Spruce Street, will provide future residents with pedestrian and bike access to downtown Bishop as well as access to the citywide and regional transit systems to take them to more distant destinations. The project also includes several much-needed transportation improvements which will benefit both future project residents and the community as a whole, including bike and pedestrian network

and pioneering new micro transit and shared mobility systems.

The project's location and amenities will ensure that future project residents, as well as other local community members, are safer on the street and are less reliant on personal vehicles.

We particularly appreciate ESCH's extensive engagement with stakeholders and the public over the last several years. ESCH has developed this project through a collaborative process with public outreach along with consultation with regional stakeholders, including ESCOG.

The Silver Peaks project represents a significant affordable housing development with regional benefits to address the Eastern Sierra's critical housing needs. We believe strongly in this project and advocate for a full award.

Please feel free to reach out to Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director, at 760-878-8800 or at ekabala@escog.ca.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Eastern Sierra Council of Governments