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FW: April 13 City Council meeting - Agenda item 5B.15-105, Letter of Support

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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 3:59 PM

To: Dave Turner; Peters, Lindy; Cimolino, Michael; Deitz, Scott; Hammerstrom, Doug

Cc: Ruffing, Linda; VanWormer, Cindy; Owen, Jennifer

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TO: Mayor Dave Turner, City Council Members and Staff

FR: Susan Holli, Member, City of Fort Bragg CAG

(Coast Action Group for Homelessness and Mental Health)

RE: April 13, 2015 City Council Meeting Agenda

5B.15-105

Receive Report and Consider Adopting the Following Resolutions

Approving Forgivable Loan Agreements Using Funds From Community

Development Block Grant #12-CDBG-8388 and Authorizing City

Manager to Execute Same:

1. Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center for the Hospitality

House Improvements Project (Amount NTE: \$41,000;

Account No. TBD)

2. Project Sanctuary for the Building Safety Improvements

Project (Amount NTE: \$10,000; Account No. TBD)

3. Redwood Coast Seniors for the Senior Center Kitchen

Rehabilitation Project (Amount NTE: \$35,000; Account No.

TBD)

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Attachment 1A -RESO MCHC Hosp Hse Solar-Floor Loan Agrmt

Attachment 1B - MCHC Solar-Floor loan docs

Attachment 2A - RESO Proj Sanctuary CDBG Loan Agrmt

Attachment 2B - Project Sanctuary Bldg Impvmt loan docs

Attachment 3A - RESO Senior Center Kitchen Rehab Loan Agrmt

Attachment 3B - RC Seniors Kitchen Rehab loan docs Rev 4-9-15

I speak in favor of the Forgivable Loan Agreements Using Funds from the Community Development Block Grant #12-CDBG-8388

Thank you for the many ways you reach out to the citizens of Fort Bragg and others on the Coast through grant monies acquired by the City of Fort Bragg. In 2014, \$14,619,550.00 in grants was brought into Fort Bragg through the office of Community Development. Through these dollars many sectors of our community are being blessed. Without these dollars, taxes would have to be increased and/or our non-profits would have to engage in additional fundraising efforts.

The contracts being considered tonight benefit three of our local non-profits, the Senior Center, Project Sanctuary, and Hospitality House, and countless individuals/clients they serve. The planned improvements will decrease each entities operational expense and allow them to better serve the needs of their clientele.

What is also important is timeliness in issuing the contracts to these organizations. My understanding is that until contracts are signed, additional monies may not be sought through this program. Indeed there are additional needs that may be addressed through future grants; we cannot afford to miss subsequent existing funding cycles through the CDBG program. I commend Jennifer Owen and the rest of the staff for their successful procurement of grants addressing critical needs of our community.