

**Meribeth Dermond - Please Support Alternative Housing Plan**

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Good morning,

This email is in support of the Alternative Housing Plan proposed for the Vineyard Crossing subdivision. I believe that this provides an effective way to provide market rate housing that is in a critically undersourced state while meeting the intent of Mendocino County's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. My understanding is that this Alternative Housing Plan has been discussed in some depth with county staff, who indicated this week that the proposal is a reasonable package that advances the purpose of the existing ordinance.

The proposed alternative is extremely important to the feasibility of Vineyard Crossing and the ability of the working family to be able to purchase a home. It proposes nearly a quarter million dollars to support first-time homebuyers, establishes down-payment assistance programs to be administered by the Community Development Commission and the Savings Bank of Mendocino County, and reserves a minimum of 15% of the homes for buyers of moderate income.

It is vital that as we work to bring much needed professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and therapists to provide healthcare services in Mendocino County, they have access to housing that allows them to pay of student loans and establish themselves in this community, contributing to the economic vitality overall.

Please do what you need to in getting approval for this alternative housing proposal.

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