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**City of Calistoga
City Council Members
1232 Washington Street
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Dear Council Members,

David and I have just returned from vacation and had our first look at the project and purchase agreement between the City and the Corporation for Better Housing you are discussing at the public hearing being held tonight.

While we recognize the need for affordable rental housing in Calistoga we don't believe this is the right project for the property which is located next door to our commercial/residential property at 711 Washington Street. If we are reading the staff report correctly the project calls for 30 units with three story construction on this small less than an acre piece of land. A three story apartment building would overwhelm this property and does not lend itself to senior housing.

We want to go on record voicing our opposition to the "several" incentives that would need to be given for this project to move forward such as:

- 1) a density bonus allowing more than 20 units per acre**
- 2) the parking space reduction as we know better than anyone the lack of parking and the impact it has on our neighborhood at present**
- 3) most importantly the three story construction which is not consistent with any neighborhood in Calistoga and would overwhelm the property**

Please do not allow an outside developer to dictate what type of housing we need in Calistoga – just because they offer the funding for a project does not mean it meets the needs of the community. The project near Logvy park is a prime example – I think most in our community thought it was simply an affordable rental complex and felt "duped" when we found out it was restricted only to farm laborers – what about our minimum wage restaurant and accommodation workers – somehow this restriction was a mystery to the planning commission and city council until it was a done deal. I don't believe this is the type of developer the city can trust and

encourage you all to think hard and long about entering into any agreement that allows the developer to decide what the best housing is for our Calistoga.

Thank you for your consideration.

David and Suzan Shaw