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I am in support of your approval of CDP_2017-0045, located at 44604 Larkin Road, Mendocino CA.

I know I speak for myself and many others when I say that affordable housing is a critical issue in Mendocino County, especially in the Coastal Zone. The County Board of Supervisors publicly supports affordable housing, and yet they seem to have given the Department of Planning and Building very little direction in making this happen.

Many people who live and work and raise children on the Mendocino Coast struggle to find housing, so this garage conversion and family care unit will provide a small but important addition to available housing for those who can least afford it.

As a Staff Planner, I know you are aware that zoning regulations are based on the General Plan, not the other way around. Although this application includes a simple garage conversion, the Local Coastal Plan clearly supports the legalization of full second dwelling units in the Coastal Zone, and it's only a matter of time before the Board of Supervisors will make that happen.

I urge you to approve this Coastal Development Permit as even a small effort to provide affordable housing, and to implement the intent of the Local Coastal Plan.

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