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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

**FROM:** DAN CARIS, PLANNING DIRECTOR

**DATE:** APRIL 2, 2024

**AGENDA TEXT:** LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSING RESOURCES OF WESTERN COLORADO - A Request to Authorize the Mayor to A Letter of Support for Housing Resources of Western Colorado Congressional Directed Spending Request.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Each year, members of the United States Congress and Senate accept requests from governments and non-profit organizations for community projects to be funded through Congressional Directed Spending. These projects are accepted through an application process, then some are recommended for funding by each representative, and then may be approved through the federal appropriations process.

The City recently approved this project's Planned Unit Development guide which allows the project to submit for site plan and building permit reviews. This site was chosen for multi-family housing due to its proximity to Downtown Fruita as well as the accessibility to I-70. Ultimately, if funded, 180 apartments will be built at Geode Flats, the result of collaboration amongst Housing Resources, TWG Development, City of Fruita, and the public funders.

In order to apply, a Letter of Support from an outside agency is required. The purpose of this agenda item is authorize Mayor Kincaid to sign Letter of Support for this project. Housing Resources of Western Colorado and the City of Fruita has a long history of partnering on projects to support Fruita and the lower valley.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact for the City of Fruita for this project. If Housing Resources of Western Colorado, 180 apartments will be built at Geode Flats, the result of collaboration amongst Housing Resources, TWG Development, City of Fruita, and the public funders.

### **APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The City of Fruita has a long history of partnering with Mesa County on a number of projects that have benefited Fruita and the lower valley. This project, although not in Fruita, will benefit residents and our neighbors through providing essential core services for our region.

### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL**

- Authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for Housing Resources of Western Colorado's Congressional Directed Spending Request.
- Advise staff to revise the letter and authorize the Mayor to sign it with changes.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSING RESOURCES OF WESTERN'S COLORADO CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST.**