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To whom it may concern:

Campbell River Supportive Housing

The Campbell River and District Coalition to End Homelessness (CRDCEH) is writing to express support for the Campbell River Supportive Housing project. BC Housing has recognized a significant gap in supportive housing for a community of our size and **we urgently need to address this gap.**

The CRDCEH represents fourteen member agencies from across the non-profit housing sector. Our objective is to speak with one voice to address the priority needs of individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the Campbell River area.

This project took an important step earlier in the year when the City and BC Housing entered into an agreement to bring a supportive housing project to Campbell River. This kind of inter-government collaboration is vital if we are to make significant improvements to access to appropriate and affordable housing for all members of our community.

We understand that the City and BC Housing are actively seeking land to undertake the project. We are writing today to voice the support of our organisation for the supportive housing project in Campbell River and to underline the urgent need for this project in our community.

Campbell River needs a continuum of housing solutions that target the full spectrum of age and population groups in the community. In 2018 there were 81 people completely homeless in Campbell River, with the actual figure likely being much higher. Safe and appropriate housing is intrinsic to wellbeing, to safe and thriving families, and to the management of addictions and chronic health problems.

The National Housing Strategy states that “Good housing policy requires transparent and accountable partnership between the federal government, provinces, territories, municipalities, the social and private sectors, and people with lived experience of housing need.”

We appreciate your help in ensuring all people in Campbell River have access to safe, appropriate, and affordable housing.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us,

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