

ANACORTES AMERICAN – LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Helping Our Friends & Neighbors

The Hendricks family strongly support the February 11th “Yes4Housing” ballot measure that would allow the Anacortes Family Center and the Anacortes Housing Authority to construct severely needed affordable housing projects. A portion of this measure will allow expansion of the Anacortes Family Center by constructing a planned 4 story 20 apartment Affordable Permanent Housing Building with a main floor Childcare Center to be located on 26th off Commercial next to the current AFC facilities.

The new expansion would be made possible in part by the measure that would call for 20 years of tax rebates from the State and an increased sales tax by 1/10th of 1%, which is roughly \$20 per family per year.

The AFC owns, operates and staffs its facilities paid 95% by private donations, services and volunteers and has strict housing policies and operating guidelines that are intended to bridge the gap between homeless and eventual self-sufficiency. The AFC has had numerous success stories over its 10-year history.

Starting in 2009 with the original AFC 8 apartment Emergency Shelter and Family Child Care Center building on 27th and Commercial that offers a safe place for mostly single moms with children in urgent need; to 2017 with the opening of the 9 apartment Transformative Housing Building for some families that need more than ninety days to address complex and enduring barriers to stability. And in November 2019, the opening of the new 20 apartment Affordable Housing Building which is the most effective way to prevent displaced children, homelessness and provide availability of quality affordable housing for those who live and work in our community.

And now, please join us in voting YES on the February 11th ballot measure that will allow the Anacortes Family Center to construct its new Affordable Permanent Housing Building and Childcare Center.

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