



October 21, 2024

**RE: Support for Boulder County Housing Department's Purchase of 224 Seward Street, Lyons, Colorado**

Dear Boulder County Board of County Commissioners,

The Town of Lyons Board of Trustees (BOT) is writing this letter to strongly support Boulder County Housing Department's pursuit of purchasing 224 Seward Street in Lyons. The BOT supports the continued maintenance and operation of this mobile home park and micro units and the possible redevelopment of this 14-unit affordable housing development. This development is crucial for the families and individuals who call 224 Street Seward home and the broader community housing stock.

Affordable housing is an essential component of a healthy and thriving community. It provides stability for residents, allowing them to pursue education, employment, and other opportunities without the constant stress of housing insecurity. This neighborhood has been a vital resource for many, offering an affordable housing option within Lyons.

The positive impact of this development extends beyond its residents. Maintaining affordable housing options fosters diversity and inclusivity within our community, ensuring that people from various backgrounds can live and contribute to the local economy. Stable housing also reduces reliance on emergency services and social programs, benefiting all community members.

If this property is redeveloped, the town would like input on it. We believe a well-planned redevelopment could further enhance our community's housing goals, regulatory frameworks, character, and needs/desires. It is vital that all redevelopment be vetted through our community engagement and permitting processes.

We urge you to prioritize this proposed purchase. Other potential buyers are considering removing the 14 units and replacing them with three single-family, market-rate homes. We look forward to working with Boulder County to maintain this important affordable housing development for our community's residents.

Sincerely,

Hollie Rogin, Mayor