





January 15, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy

As mayors of the three incorporated communities in north Tillamook County – all communities within the boundaries of the Nehalem Bay Health District – we offer our strong support of the Health District's plans to construct new primary health care center and pharmacy to serve our communities. We are also in support of the District's plans to renovate our region's only skilled nursing facility and address the urgent need for increased workforce housing.

The current non-profit Health Center is dated, under sized and offers no opportunity for expansion. A new facility will greatly improve the ability of the Health Center and Pharmacy to expand service offerings, retain staff and continue to provide quality health care to our communities.

City council members in our communities unanimously supported the Health District's bond measure in May 2023, a strong indication along with the nearly 70% voter support for the bond measure of broad community support.

The Health District's strategic plan, adopted in 2019, identified enhanced health and senior care services as a major community need. The proposed Health Center and Pharmacy will be a major step forward for our communities, improving access and creating opportunities for new health and senior care services close to home.

We support the Nehalem Bay Health District's service improvement plans and its efforts to engage foundations and other donors in order to complete the funding package for its entire project. This is truly a worthy community effort, and we respectfully request your support for the District's initiatives.

Phil Chick, Mayor Nehalem, Oregon

Clif Kemp, Mayor Wheeler, Oregon Kathryn Stock, Mayor Manzanita, Oregon



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January 22, 2024

Marc Johnson, President Nehalem Bay Health District 278 Rowe St. Wheeler, OR 97147

RE: Endorsement of Health District Plans

To Whom It May Concern:

The Neah-Kah-Nie School District fully supports the Nehalem Bay Health District's current endeavors. The Health District has embarked on a transformational and vital series of projects that represent a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve health and senior care and address critical workforce housing needs.

Based on our partnership with Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy, a Federally Qualified Health Center, and student utilization of the services they currently provide at Nehalem Bay Health Center's School Based Health Center at the nearby Neah-Kah-Nie High School, we anticipate there is a much broader need for additional services. The new Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy, one of the planned projects, will be able to serve more patients with more services, to include dental care services that do not exist currently in our community. Moreover, adequate pharmacy services are facing challenges in many rural communities, and the new health center will continue to offer residents these services with an expanded on-site pharmacy.

The two other vital projects you have planned, including renovation of the Nehalem Valley Care Center and setting the stage for the development of workforce housing, will have a critically important impact in this area. We know that Nehalem Valley Care Center, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility, is the only facility of its kind on the Oregon coast between Astoria and Newport. The planned renovations will provide an enhanced patient experience, additional services, and a better work environment for staff. Repurposing the District's property to develop workforce housing for health care and essential workers will help address our region's chronic housing shortage.

We are pleased that the health district's projects have attracted widespread local support, including nearly 70% voter support for a \$10.25 million general obligation bond measure approved in May 2023. Additionally, we understand that the district has secured federal and state support, as well as financial backing from foundations and individuals, but construction costs continue to rise, and more resources are needed to complete the projects.

As the Nehalem Bay Health District pursues additional support to complete these critical projects, we would appreciate your consideration of the district's funding request. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District strongly supports the health district's vision to improve local health and senior care, provide new housing alternatives, and preserve and grow the 80 health care jobs that exist on the rural north coast of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyler Reed Superintendent

Neah-Kah-Nie School District



January 24, 2024

Marc Johnson, President Nehalem Bay Health District 278 Rowe St. Wheeler, OR 97147

RE: Endorsement of Health District Plans

Dear Stakeholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Columbia Pacific CCO, I am writing in strong support of the Nehalem Bay Health District's current endeavors. Columbia Pacific CCO currently services over 37,000 Medicaid enrolled individuals in our service region, including over 1,000 at the Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy.

We have a long and strong partnership with the Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy and know there is a broader need for additional services in north Tillamook County. The new health center, one of the planned projects, will be able to serve more patients with more services including critically needed access to local dental care. Moreover, adequate pharmacy services are facing challenges in many rural communities, and the new health center will expand on-site pharmacy services to residents.

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Sincerely,

Mimi Haley, Executive Director

Cc: Viviana Matthews, Chair, Board of Directors



## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT Ross Tomlin, Ed.D.

January 22, 2024

Marc Johnson, President Nehalem Bay Health District 278 Rowe St. Wheeler, OR 97147

RE: Endorsement of Health District Plans

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tillamook Bay Community College fully supports the Nehalem Bay Health District's current endeavors. The Health District has embarked on a transformational and vital series of projects that represent a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve health and senior care and address critical workforce housing needs.

Based on our partnership with the Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy, a Federally Qualified Health Center, to provide a rotation site for our medical professional students, we anticipate there is a much broader need for additional services. The new Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy, one of the planned projects, will be able to serve more patients with more services, to include dental care services that do not exist currently in our community. Moreover, adequate pharmacy services are facing challenges in many rural communities, and the new health center will continue to offer residents these services with an expanded on-site pharmacy.

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT Ross Tomlin, Ed.D.

As the Nehalem Bay Health District pursues additional support to complete these critical projects, we would appreciate your consideration of the district's funding request. Tillamook Bay Community fully supports the health district's vision to improve local health and senior care, provide new housing alternatives, and preserve and grow the 80 health care jobs that exist on the rural north coast of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Ross Tomlin President

Tillamook Bay Community College



January 12, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

It is our pleasure to endorse the many efforts underway by the Nehalem Bay Health District. The District has embarked on a transformational and vital series of projects that represent a once-in-ageneration opportunity to improve health and senior care and address critical workforce housing needs. These services are critical to this area and long overdue.

The new Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy in Wheeler will be able to serve more patients with more services, including dental care that does not currently exist in our community. The Health Center will include a much expanded pharmacy, helping ensure that pharmacy services that face challenges in so many rural communities will not only continue but expand.

Renovation of the 50-bed Nehalem Valley Care Center, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility — the only facility of its kind on the Oregon coast between Astoria and Newport — will provide an enhanced patient experience, additional services, and a better work environment for staff. And repurposing District's property to develop workforce housing for health care and essential workers will help address our region's chronic housing shortage.

These improvements will increase the area's ability to be resilient, to be better prepared for emergency situations and positively impact the communities we serve.

As the District pursues additional support to complete these critical projects the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay strongly support the vision that will improve local health and senior care, provide new housing alternatives, and preserve and eventually grow the 80 health care jobs that exist on the rural north coast of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Patricia Just

Patricia L. Johnson, Acting President

## Tillamook County



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To Whom It May Concern,

As the Tillamook County Housing Coordinator, it is my job to help further the mission of the Tillamook County Housing Commission: "To collaboratively advocate for attainable and equitable solutions that impact Tillamook County's greatest housing needs". This letter is to express my on-going support for The Nehalem Bay Health Districts housing projects and goals.

The Health District planned housing project is the embodiment of workforce housing. In a county suffering from an acute workforce housing deficit, the NBHD is addressing this need head on.

The NBHD is working hard to get the most out of their housing project and the result will be dozens of workers and their families living in high-quality of life, workforce housing.

Furthermore, by repurposing existing buildings and land, the NHBD will accomplish their housing goals without displacing a single resident.

It is for these reasons the Nehalem Bay Health District has my enthusiastic support for their ongoing efforts to bring workforce housing to their Wheeler campus.

Sincerely,

Parker Sammons, MBA

Tillamook County Housing Coordinator