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CCHC DECIDES TO HALT PURSUIT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON LOT 700

The Dalles, OR (August 5th, 2019) – Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation (CCHC), a not-for-profit affordable housing developer, has made the decision to terminate existing agreements and discontinue efforts to advance a proposed affordable housing development on Tax Lot 700 in Hood River, OR.

Since June of 2017 - when the Hood River City Council rezoned tax Lot 700 for the purpose of meeting the publicly identified need of more affordable homes - CCHC has worked intently on a development concept that would produce 65 affordable rental homes and preserve a significant amount of open space on Tax Lot 700. During the past few years the proposed development experienced tenacious legal opposition from a select few and has not been successful to-date in securing the necessary funding to advance this important community development.

“This decision to wind down our involvement on Lot 700’s affordable housing development has not been taken lightly,” said Scott Clements, CCHC’s Board President. ’While our mission to provide affordable housing options may no longer come to fruition on Lot 700 we know that we put our best foot forward in our partnership with the City and the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority to create opportunity for those whose needs are the greatest.’

CCHC is committed to providing affordable housing opportunities for lower income households throughout the region. “As hard as it is to see our investments in Lot 700 not produce our intended outcome of 65 affordable rental homes in Hood River, we remain committed to addressing our region’s affordable housing challenges. This decision will allow us to pivot and redirect our work toward our other lines of business and developments that are better positioned to advance our core mission,” says Clements.

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Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit affordable housing developer whose purpose is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable to very low-, low- and moderate-income persons. CCHC operates within Hood River, Wasco and Sherman Counties in Oregon as well as Klickitat and Skamania Counties in Washington.