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Gentlemen:

As Sea Ranch property owners, we support the expansion plans for the Sea Ranch Lodge. The Lodge is the gateway to The Sea Ranch and the Mendonoma Coast. It offers food & lodging, a gift shop and also houses our Sea Ranch Post Office. It is both a social hub for our community and also sets the tone for all that follows for travelers from San Francisco and Sonoma County.

The design elements of the Lodge expansion proposal have been extensively reviewed and negotiated over many months and through many meetings. The Sea Ranch design review process led to a mediation which, in turn, produced a signed agreement between the Sea Ranch Design Review Committee and Passport Resorts, substantially resolving all open issues.

We feel Sonoma County must consider just how important an economically viable Sea Ranch Lodge is to The Sea Ranch, Sonoma County, and our greater community.

- The "Lodge" is a key source of jobs – currently employing 55 local residents. These jobs will be lost if the Lodge is forced to close.
- An expanded Lodge project will provide much needed, immediate economic stimulus through interim construction employment (using local firms and employees).
- Once the project is completed, even more long-term Lodge employment opportunities will exist in our community.

The failure of this project would have serious economic and social consequences to The Sea Ranch and beyond.

Passport Resorts has said that it is at imminent risk of losing its financing and that further delays would place the future of the Lodge in serious jeopardy. If the Lodge closes it is not unreasonable to expect a reduction in local property values and a resulting reduction in tax revenues to Sonoma County. It is certain that sales tax and occupancy tax revenues to the County from the Lodge will cease for the foreseeable future.

We respectfully urge approval of Passport Resorts' Lodge expansion proposal as soon as possible. In these challenging times for individuals as well as government agencies, we submit that design concepts (especially those which have been agreed to by the local agency charged with initial responsibility) not be viewed in isolation; but rather in the context of what is best for the overall health and benefit of our community.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

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