



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

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Economic Development Commission
Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade
1600 Broadway, Suite 2500
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RE: Enterprise Zone Contribution Project Designation

Dear Economic Development Commission Members:

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners is writing to express its full support for the application by Aspen House & Aspen Services application to extend its Enterprise Zone Project status. Housing is a crucial problem in Archuleta County and housing for adults with developmental disabilities is a large part of the problem. Currently, there are no facilities for this population in the county. The housing crisis is becoming increasingly apparent as our population grows. Adults with disabilities desire to live independent lives in the community in which they and their families reside. They wish to be contributing members and need support to do so.

Aspen House addresses this issue and is seen by the Archuleta County Commissioners to be a valuable solution to this housing problem. Offering safe, affordable, monitored housing to adults with disabilities allows them to not only remain in their community, but to also be supported with living, social and job placement skills.

We strongly encourage your support and recognition of Aspen House & Aspen Services an extend its Enterprise Zone Project status.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Maez
Chairman