

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



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Colorado Economic Development Commission  
1600 Broadway  
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RE: Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County (HfHAC) Enterprise Zone  
Contribution Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) respectfully requests the Colorado Economic Development Commission re-designate Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County (HfHAC) as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project.

The BoCC has made affordable workforce housing a crucial focus within our community. We remain focused and have assisted workforce housing of both rental and home ownership. As within many rural communities, there are a number of reasons why workforce housing is being stressed, however this lack of affordable housing is affecting our ability to attract and maintain a viable workforce that is needed to support our economy. Most jobs available in our area are low wage positions in the tourism and services sectors, and those wages do not support the cost of housing in our community. When our local residents cannot find affordable housing, we cannot recruit and retain them as employees and often lose them as citizens within our community.

For 28 years, HfHAC has been the only builder within our community of affordable homes for families with annual median income between 40–80%. To assist HfHAC to be able to increase their ability to build more affordable homes, we are in the process of obtaining treasurer's deeds and quieting title on several parcels in order to make a future decision on whether to deed the parcels to HfHAC. HfHAC also recognizes this crucial need for workforce housing and is committed to increasing their build capacity from one stick built home to 3-4 high efficiency, Energy Star, steel frame modular homes per year. In order to accomplish this, HfHAC is using indieDwell, based in Pueblo, CO, to supply the modular structures that are needed. HfHAC will continue to rely on their volunteer work force to do the site prep, foundation build, garage and roof install.

We hope that you will support HfHAC while they support our community. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alvin Schaaf  
Chairman