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Dear Member of the Carmel Planning Commission:

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposed residential project in Carmel-by-the-Sea known as the “Mission Sister Residences.” As a frequent Carmel visitor for over 25 years and currently a 9-year homeowner, we believe this project represents a thoughtful and much-needed step toward improving existing properties while preserving the character and beauty of our unique town.

Carmel has long been admired for its charm, cultural richness, and architectural diversity. In addition, it continues to attract people who are willing to commit their energy and resources to preserving those traits. This project represents all of the above. First, having worked with Erik Dyer through the remodel of our residence on Monte Verde (the Benjamin Turner House – first brick house in Carmel), we can state that no one pays more attention to the cultural and historic traditions of the City while blending designs into the natural features of the property. And with this project, he has again brought those qualities forward – creating a well-planned project that aligns with the City’s aesthetic and environmental values that can help sustain the vibrancy and diversity that make Carmel so special.

Secondly, having known Craig Collins and Lynne Hermle for over 20 years, there are no better people we want investing in our City. Starting with their own residence on Camino Real and following through with other properties that they committed to renovate and place back into circulation, they both ensure that their projects adhere to the Carmel values and traditions mentioned above. Carmel needs to support them (and people like them) to restore and maintain our residential properties for years to come.

We encourage the City to move forward with this project. With careful planning and broad support, we are confident this project can be a positive addition to Carmel’s future. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to responsible and inclusive development.

Best regards,

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