

# CITY OF OKANOGAN

Mayor Wayne L. Turner



January 16, 2024

**Lisa Bauer, Mayor Pro Tem**  
**City of Okanogan**  
**PO Box 752**  
**Okanogan, WA 98840**

**Re: Housing Preservation Program Letter of Support**  
Project name: Elmwood Apartments  
Address: 880 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave South, Okanogan, WA 98840

Dear Nancy:

As Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Okanogan, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposed rehabilitation of Elmwood Apartments: a 30-unit project serving low-income seniors at or below 80% area median income of Okanogan County in the City of Okanogan.

Elmwood Apartments has contributed and continues to contribute to the well-being of Okanogan County, providing much needed affordable housing to disadvantaged families and individuals in our community. The property, which is in good condition, has noticeable degrading assets and areas for improvement, such as in the areas of Health, Safety and Accessibility, including sidewalks, parking lot, perimeter fencing and building siding. These improvements will enhance the safety and well-being of the tenants along with preserving the property for long-term sustainable use for at-risk citizens in the community.

The rehabilitation and operation of Elmwood Apartments aligns perfectly with the Okanogan County's comprehensive housing plan, goals, objectives and will assist in preserving and helping with the high demand for safe, affordable units.

We fully support the Housing Authority of Okanogan County's (HAOC) Housing Preservation Program grant application and respectfully ask Washington State Department of Commerce to consider HAOC's grant proposal.

With Gratitude,

Lisa Bauer, Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Okanogan

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