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TO: Sonoma County Planner Doug Bush and Members of the Sonoma County Planning Commission

RE: KS Matson Partners Project on Highway 12 in Boyes Hot Springs between Calle del Monte and Arroyo Rd.

I have been a home owner and community advocate involved with issues of redevelopment and improvement in Boyes Hot Springs for 30 years. I'm writing in support of the proposed project on Highway 12. This project's development manager has done a great deal of work responding to site issues. This project will eliminate some of the most dilapidated housing in the entire county, and replace it with well designed, modest units, that will increase the number of housing units currently on the site. In other words, it provides additional needed housing, including units that specifically qualify as affordable.

The upgrade of the Boyes Food Center — which is now primarily a liquor store — will provide a type of local market that currently doesn't exist in this area. The Springs has several, high quality Mexican markets providing meat, produce, dairy, and products familiar to Latinx families. But we lack any other type of market, and we have no deli.

Furthermore, while the buildings on the site aren't of historic significance, the site itself has a history that is the story of the Springs. It once housed the original Mary's Pizza Shack and the Boyes Food Center was built during the hey day of the Springs' resort era. The project's design with art deco features is aligned with this history. Plus, the project applicant has promised to retain the sign — a connection to the site's past.

I also want to share that I was at the meeting a couple years ago when Tim Sloat presented the project concept to the Springs Community Alliance. It was well received by those of us who live in the area.

Regards,
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