



August 10, 2020

RE: Letter of Support for Resolution #2020-14.

Dear Borough Assembly,

Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is requesting that the Borough Assembly pass Resolution #2020-14 approving the disposal of borough land by sale to THRHA for the purpose of constructing a high quality and energy efficient duplex that will house low-income families in Petersburg.

Petersburg Indian Association (PIA), was recently awarded an Imminent Threat Indian Community Development Block Grant as part of the CARES Act funding set aside by Congress. This grant brings funding to the community of Petersburg to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In their grant application, PIA provided data and a valid argument as to why your community needs these funds to address overcrowding, homelessness, and quarantine requirements by providing safe and sustainable housing solutions in the community. HUD recognized the need and approved their application. Because this is Imminent Threat funding, construction of the duplex must begin immediately.

In addition to meeting the COVID-19 needs of the community of Petersburg, this project also addresses the goals of your comprehensive plan. Not only will it increase the availability of affordable, quality housing, it creates a partnership with the Petersburg Indian Association, the Municipality of Petersburg, and THRHA leveraging funds and resources.

THRHA and the Municipality of Petersburg have successfully worked together in the past to create housing in Petersburg. This is an opportunity to take advantage of funding that will not only increase housing but alleviate overcrowding and increase the safety of the community during this pandemic. We thank you for considering our request and look forward to working with you in the very near future.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-6868.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO
Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority