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**RE: Colorado Workforce Housing Trust Authority Act**

To whom it may concern:

We have formally adopted ([Resolution #76, Series of 2021](#)) strategic goals to direct priorities and shape the future of our community. The City of Aspen has been a leader in acknowledging the essential nature of affordable housing for the long-term sustainability of the community through the successful implementation of policy and facilitating the construction of affordable housing units. The most critical of goals we identify includes the important community need of affordable housing.

A handful of current legislation has been introduced to address homelessness and affordable housing in Colorado. The **Colorado Workforce Housing Trust Authority Act** will take meaningful action to addresses the current challenges we face in the Roaring Fork Valley that have been exacerbated by real estate trends emerging and as documented by [The Mountain Migration Report](#), published by Northwest Colorado Council of Governments in July of 2021. We advocate for State and Federal polices and regulations which support our local affordable housing program, the Aspen Pitkin County Housing Authority.

It is crucial to increase the number of affordable housing units. The **Colorado Workforce Housing Trust Authority Act** will deliver a unique tool for real estate developers and municipalities to continue to seek, leverage and amend regulations and policies in support of affordable housing. We look forward to the creative projects that emerge to our table from the **Colorado Workforce Housing Trust Authority Act**, and truly value the opportunity and impact this will bring for the economic and social health in our Roaring Fork Valley. This cooperation amongst developers and neighboring communities will allow us to continue to aspire and cultivate the most vibrant mountain community.

Sincerely,

ASPEN CITY COUNCIL

*Torre, Mayor, Ward Hauenstein, Mayor Pro-Tem*

*Council members: John Doyle, Skippy Mesirow, Rachel Richards*

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Skippy Mesirow, City Council member