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Monterey City General Plan Committee
Community Development Department
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RE: Housing Policies For New General Plan--Meeting of June 6, 2002

Dear Members of the General Plan Committee:

LandWatch has recently submitted comments to the City's Planning Commission, in connection with the Commission's consideration of the city's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Our comment letter is attached.

We urge the General Plan Committee to consider including strong policies, like those outlined in our attached letter, within the proposed Housing Element of the City's new General Plan.

The current draft of the Housing Element, as we understand it, does not include a specific and General Plan level commitment to inclusionary housing, and to policies encouraging and requiring commercial and other development to contribute to a solution of the city's affordable housing problem. We think such policies should be part of the General Plan, the "Constitution" for land use within the City of Monterey. Placing such requirements within the General Plan will help ensure a stable and long-term commitment to affordable housing.

Thank you for reviewing and considering our comments.

Very truly yours,

Gary A Patton, Executive Director
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