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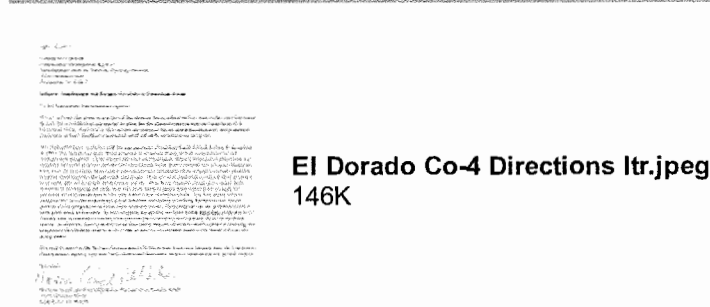
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Attached and below is our letter in support of the Conditional Use Permit S16-0004 submitted by Cindy Keller and Starranne Meyers for the construction and operation of 4 Directions Farm in El Dorado County. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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County of El Dorado  
Community Development Agency  
Development Services Division-Planning Services  
2850 Fairland Court  
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**Subject: Conditional Use Permit S16-0004/4 Directions Farm**

To the Community Development Agency:

We are writing this letter in support of the request being submitted by Cindy Keller and Starranne Meyers for a conditional use permit to allow for the phased construction and operation of 4 Directions Farm. Approval of this permit will support the on-going development and proposed expansion of their disabled transitional adult job skills development program.

We originally began working with the management of Guiding Hands School during its inception in 1993. Our family had gone from program to program trying to find a placement for our undiagnosed daughter. Cindy Keller, Director and Starranne Meyers, Principal worked with our daughter for three years to identify her educational needs and to identify her accurate diagnosis. Now over 25 years later these same individuals have developed their school to include disabled students kindergarten through high school age. They are now planning to expand their program to include ages 18-22 years (transitional youth). They have created a program to assist their students in developing job skills that will allow them to apply those same skills to apply for positions in local businesses in the area where they currently reside. The first phase of their program will include transitional youth however our family is looking forward to the future growth of this program to include older disabled adults. This program has the potential to fill a very great need in this area. As our daughter has grown, we have found very few programs in El Dorado and Sacramento Counties that provide job readiness/development skills for disabled adults. In addition, this Farm will more than likely require additional staff to provide training and support to the disabled adults at the Farm, as well as, to perform some of the more difficult on-going tasks.

We look forward to the further development of 4 Directions Farm and request that the Community Development Agency approve Cindy Keller and Starranne Meyers' conditional use permit request.

Sincerely,



Marlene Angell and Patrick Schiavo, Parents of an Autistic Adult  
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