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Subject: Conditional Use Permit request for S16-0004/4 Directions Farm

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To: El Dorado Planning Commission

I am writing on the behalf of Cindy Keller and Starranne Meyers specific to 4 Directions Farm located in El Dorado County. As a long standing resident of El Dorado County combined with my professional experience as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker specializing in serving people with disabilities, both special needs and behavioral health needs, it is my strong opinion that 4 Directions will serve a significant need in our local and surrounding communities. 4 Directions will provide opportunities for people who may not otherwise be successful in the workforce post school age.

In my current clinical practice I see a number of "special needs" adults whose self worth is diminished due to social determinants such as limited opportunities to live a full and functioning life as they observe within our social system, and more often than not within their own family system. Often these adults are "placed" in working environments that do not fulfill their idea of meaningful work. Not only will 4 Directions enable skillsets that would support people in obtaining meaningful jobs, once the skill (s) have been mastered, this would give agencies who support people in obtaining meaningful work more options. Further, it is likely that these folks who are seen in my clinical private practice will have improved self-worth, and decreased depressive symptoms.

In short, I find 4 Directions to be a highly valuable need and look forward to the opportunity to refer people to obtain skills that will enable employment, which in turn will promote positive social-emotional enrichment and employability opportunities for more people to meaningfully contribute within our communities.

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