Exhibit "A":

Letter from Mr. Don Gilmore, Executive Director, Community Housing Development Corporation, North Richmond, re: General Plan Amendment study authorization request, Heritage Point Site, Fred Jackson Way, North Richmond

October 1, 2013

Patrick Roche
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

RE: Request for General Plan Amendment

Request for Mix-Use Designation - Multi Parcels Along Fred A Jackson Way and

Chesley St, Unincorporated Contra Costa County, Richmond Area, CA

Also known as: Heritage Point

Applicant: Community Housing Development Corporation, North Richmond

Dear Mr. Roche:

Community Housing Development Corporation, North Richmond is a nonprofit, affordable housing developer, located in Richmond, CA. Our offices are located directly across the street for the site which we anticipate building 33 low-income, rental units to families earning less than 60% of the AMI, and a retail commercial space that serves the community with a produce store of less than 3,000.

We are requesting via this letter for Contra Costa County BOS to authorize an application for General Plan Amendment ahead of the formal entitlement process. The justification is this site had previously been stalled due funding and therefore, the site design has not yet been completed, however, the project has received financial assistance from local funders (including the Contra Costa County). If the project can quickly proceed through both the entitlement and general plan amendment process, pledges of additional funding would be forthcoming.

Therefore, included herewith is our check for \$750.00 for the deposit this request.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Sr. Project Manager, Cherene Sandidge at 510-412-9290.

Sincerely,

Don Gilmore, Executive Director

Cc: Project File Attached: Site Map

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