



Aromas Community Center Foundation  
P.O. Box 792, Aromas CA 95004

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August 8, 2024

Dear Supervisor Church,

Thank you for meeting with me and Stephen Johnson on July 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the needs of the Aromas Community Park. As you know, each year we are fundraising through a number of events and activities to engage the local community. We have increased the number of our events but we have also increased the number of responsibilities to our Board members as a result. Six of the eight Board members take on most of the maintenance and operations of the park from weeding to events. Because of this we have little time as volunteers to spend in the responsibilities of setting policy, governing over the day-to-day needs of the park, connections with community members, and raising operating funds.

We appreciate all of the support Monterey County has provided to the development of the park. Over the past 20 years this comes to roughly \$650,000 toward capital improvements. We estimate that to run the park properly it will take as much as \$85,000 for annual expenditures for the park. This includes additional contract labor or an employee as well as incidental occurrences when a tractor (or two) breaks down or unexpected bills arise (well pumps go out, paving, event support).

This year to date we have raised just over \$25,000 with the hopes to raise another \$20,000 by the end of the year. At our meeting we discussed the consideration of bridge funding from the county to provide support to pay for contractors to do many of the time intensive tasks we are currently doing ourselves thereby leaving time to govern and work on sustaining the viability of the park. This bridge funding would enable us to engage in pursuing and writing grants, increase communication with potential business partnerships, and developing our capacity as a nonprofit Board.

As requested, we have attached a summary which includes our fixed expenses and estimated labor costs. Detail for the soccer field is also included. The summary does not include any new or future projects such as the pavilion.

Thank you for your support and attention to the Aromas Community Park! We look forward to our ongoing work together!

Sincerely,

*Rose DuMond*

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ACCF Board President