June 5, 2019

City of Chisago City 10625 Railroad Ave Chisago City, MN 55013

**RE: Letter of Support** 

Dear Chisago City Mayor, City Council and Planning Commission,

The Chisago Lakes Area Housing Taskforce (CLAHT) supports the proposed Swedish Trail Homes project by Randy Kempenich of Stone Arch Funding based upon data outlined in the recent Housing Study commissioned by the Chisago County EDA/HRA and other national trends and studies. Our support is also rooted in the fact that the proposed project closely fits the mission of CLAHT, which is as follows:

Our mission is to help facilitate a balance in housing options available to our area (an area generally defined as that which is served by ISD #2144), with a near-term focus on attracting additional units of more affordable "workforce" housing. Our activities are aimed at helping solve a local workforce problem facing area employers, which will in-turn provide overall economic improvement to our community.

CLAHT would encourage the City of Chisago City to consider the Housing Study and other national trends and studies in their evaluation of this new rental housing opportunity, understanding that your role is to evaluate all factors in ensuring that any new development fits within your community's goals, needs and objectives.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Jason Gamble on behalf of the

Chisago Lakes Area Housing Taskforce

cc: Randy Kempenich – Stone Arch Funding