



April 5, 2022

Mayor Jones & City Council  
City of Astoria  
Attn: Brett Estes, City Manager  
1095 Duane Street  
Astoria, Oregon 97103

**RE: Heritage Square – Termination of Exclusive Negotiating Agreement**

Dear Mr. Estes:

I am writing to regretfully inform the City of Astoria that Edlen & Co. Development, LLC (“Edlen”) hereby terminates the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) between Edlen and the City. This is in accordance with Section 3 of the ENA which states in part “...either party may in their sole discretion, terminate this Agreement by notice in writing to the other of their decision not to pursue development of the Project.”

I am sure that you, Mayor Jones, and the City Council understand that Edlen did not make this decision lightly. We and our partners (including Clatsop Behavioral Health and Architect Stuart Emmons) continue to believe that there is a critical need for new workforce/affordable housing in Downtown Astoria; we also believe that there is a need to help stabilize and improve the lives of those dealing with mental health challenges by providing them with housing and support services.

We wish the City and the community well as they continue to endeavor to address the challenge of affordable housing, and we would welcome the opportunity to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Jill Sherman, Partner