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RE: A Letter of Gratitude

Dear Waldport City Councilors,

It has been one year since I last submitted a letter to the City Council, thanking you all for supporting the vision and creation of Southworth Park. I wanted to take a moment to thank you again today for your continued support and share what a great experience it has been working in partnership with the City of Waldport on this project over this past year. Thank you, Dann Cutter and your amazing City team!

In my role with the Oregon Coast Visitors Association, I work to strengthen collaboration with coastal partners to help create and steward a sustainable coastal economy. The Southworth Park is a great example of a project that has come to life thanks to the collaboration and support from the City of Waldport and the leadership and vision of City Manager, Dann Cutter. His ability to bring in funding through winning grant applications and partnerships is remarkable and will undoubtedly serve as a model for other destinations.

After initially sharing my dream to honor the life and contributions of Louis Southworth, Dann shared his vision to celebrate more of Waldport's history in the park, including the first settler families, the Chinese immigrants that contributed significantly to state's economy and infrastructure, and the indigenous tribal people that have lived here since time immemorial. The park design is impressive and encompasses the varied desires of the Waldport community. Aside from the world-class playground, covered picnic areas, sports fields, and even a RC racing track, Dann also included space for the annual Timber Show held during Beachcomber Days, explaining to me that logging and forestry are a unique and important part of Waldport's culture and economy, and an important element in the park. Thanks to Dann for his passion, vision, creativity, leadership, and most importantly, execution. I believe your team's thoughtful design and hard work will raise the bar for the visitor experience in Waldport while at the same time making this town a better place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,



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