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Dear Waldport City Council,

You all know me as the Finance Manager for the City of Waldport. I have held this position for the past three and a half years. Prior to that, I was employed by Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and was contracted to perform finance work for some of the smaller coastal communities. Waldport was one of those cities – and my favorite.

I am writing in support of our City Manager, Dann Cutter. His dedication to the city, its employees, citizens and the very culture of our little community is inspiring. Dann's degree of transparency, open minded ways and open-door policy are truly a benefit that needs to be recognized. He works tirelessly and is happy to do so because he loves this city and his role as its servant. He was meant to do this work. For you. For me. For us all. For Waldport.

This city of ours has seen many advances and projects, either completed or in the works, in the past several years. This is due in large part to the unflagging efforts of Dann Cutter. To his credit, he has secured grant funding to the tune of about eight million dollars for not only critical infrastructure like the new two million gallon water tank and UV disinfection system for the wastewater plant, but items such as a brand new playground (that we all so badly want to finish once the weather cooperates) and a new home for our beloved museum.

Dann's ability and willingness to meet people on their terms with fairness and understanding is something I am witness to daily. His door is open to any and all. Dann is a problem solver, a thinker and most importantly, a doer. He strives to deliver his best for this city and its people each and every day. I think many of you can see that for yourselves.

I genuinely enjoy my position and look forward to serving our community with this amazing group of people. Our team is one of the most cohesive I have had the pleasure of working with. Dann's equitable approach and unwavering dedication is a key component to this.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Ellen Valentine