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**TO:** HOLTAN HILLS HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

**FROM:** ADAM TROMBLEY, CHIEF OF STAFF

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORITY OF GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND HLB

**DATE:** OCTOBER 11, 2022

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At the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting with representatives of the Holtan Hills Housing Subcommittee, I made the commitment to ask MOA Legal for an opinion; can a Girdwood entity receive money from the HLB Fund and land from the designated Holtan Hills housing development. During that same meeting, I asked the question, "What type of entity would the money and land be given too?". The representatives did not have an answer for whom the money and land would be distributed.

MOA Legal does not provide opinions based on generalities. They provide opinions based on what is factually known. For example, they cannot provide an opinion if a fictional entity can receive land and money from HLB. Their opinion was based on what is known. They researched whether the Girdwood Board of Supervisor is capable of receiving land and money from HLB.

The answer from MOA Legal is no. Girdwood Board of Supervisors' function is to provide a taxing mechanism to fund the delivery of special government services to an area where the residents need and can afford the tax. They also act in an advisory capacity, advising the Assembly and Administration regarding the delivery of services to the service area as well as the annual budget for the service area. Girdwood Board of Supervisors does not have the authority to act as a housing authority. Nor do they have the capability to accept HLB funds or land.

It should be noted that the HLB Fund is not tax supported. Proceeds and expenditures must be executed in a manner that promotes the long-term viability of the HLB Fund.