



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

November 2, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Authorize the mayor to send a letter to the Marin County Board of Supervisors in support of Golden Gate Village Resident's Plan for Deep Green Renovations and a Pathway to Ownership

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the mayor to send the attached letter to the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Hellman and Vice Mayor Cutrano requested that this item be added to the agenda for the Council's consideration. They drafted the attached letter.

FISCAL IMPACT

None identified

ATTACHMENT

Proposed letter

Re: Golden Gate Village Resident's Plan for Deep Green Renovations and a Pathway to Ownership

Dear Marin BOS,

The Fairfax Town Council expresses our appreciation of the vote you cast in March 2002 in support of significant elements of the Resident Plan for Golden Gate Village, including no new building, deep green revitalization, and job training opportunities. Your action demonstrated a commitment to equity shared by elected officials and residents throughout Marin.

The Fairfax Town Council writes to you now to encourage you to take the next step to support the remaining element of the Resident Plan for Golden Gate Village—perhaps the most meaningful and impactful one of all.

Specifically, we urge you to vote on November 15 in favor of the limited equity housing cooperative (LEHC) and supporting financial model for GGV presented by the Resident Council and its consultants at your meeting on October 18.

We understand an LEHC is the stated preference of Golden Gate Village residents. We also recognize why this is so. An LEHC will provide the residents with true self-autonomy, allowing residents to have a financial stake in Golden Gate Village and control their own future. Self-determination is a privilege many of us take for granted, but it is something the community living at Golden Gate Village has never known.

The Fairfax Town Council understands a LEHC alone will not serve to restore the decades of racial and economic injustice caused by the inequities embedded in our County's history. What it can do, though, is serve as a down-payment—an equally significant step which you Commissioners, by virtue of a simple vote, have the ability to make a reality. We trust you will seize this golden opportunity.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hellman
Mayor Town of Fairfax

Cc: Marin Housing Authority staff; Marin Housing Authority Board of Commissioners