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Subject: San Rafael City Council - 5/18/2020 - Northgate PDA proposal

Hon. Mayor and Councilmembers:

I believe the purpose of government is protection and supportive public works with the consent of the People. If the San Rafael City Council's mission is to provide safety, security and protection, it must not proceed with the Terra Linda Planned Development Area (or its latest version) while it and the residents are in crisis survival mode. Until the 5/18/2020 proposal can be responsibly addressed with transparency, accountability and the consent of the governed, it should be delayed. To go fast is to go alone; to go far, we must go together.

In addition to the effects of the pandemic that cannot yet be evaluated, the census is underway but it will be flawed. Pension funding reform has not been thoroughly addressed. About 6 months ago, the likelihood of a devastating earthquake was increased to 72%. Our electrical grid is aged, vulnerable and inadequate to future needs. How prepared are we for fire? Climate change and water supply issues are on the horizon while sea level rise impacts are here. Long term funding for the train was defeated. The county already has the 3 ugly stepsisters...PDA developments forcing their huge footprints into the glass slipper that is Marin. Each failed miserably and then rotted for years around the necks of those tradesmen, developers and councilmembers.

Are we planning to fail? If we do what we have always done, we will get more of what we already have. If changes in Terra Linda must succeed for San Rafael to succeed, I call for thoughtful re-assessment of priorities once a measure of stability has been achieved. What mistakes were made and how can they be avoided? What priorities and assumptions underlie our land use decisions? Is a refreshed Vision appropriate? What promises were made? What was accomplished? How does context matter? Does a Precise Plan have to fit in and coordinate with our Vision, other plans and infrastructure? If not, why? If not now, when? Who pays for the unintended consequences?

I believe in the wisdom of community. I trust insightful, innovative and pragmatic leadership based on our values, accurate information and an honorable process. When the majority of informed owners, residents and voters are able to participate in their new District, we will have come through as a wiser and stronger

community. We want to create a worthy legacy in a place we love. This is no time to waste scarce resources, to plunge ahead piecemeal or to repeat past mistakes as mere opportunists. Repeating failures and reacting in fear---and at a time of life-threatening crisis---is a breach of trust in our government...and not an option.

/s/ Carolyn Lenert

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