

Homekey project at 3301 Kerner Blvd.

Lynn Oldham Robinett [REDACTED] >

Mon 11/2/2020 9:53 AM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

November 2, 2020

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

My name is Lynn Oldham Robinett and my family and I live on Forbes Avenue in San Rafael. I am an Episcopal Priest, and I work for the Marin Interfaith Council, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee. I strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

I have been an active member of San Rafael, previously ministering at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, coaching soccer, softball, and basketball, and raising three children in the public schools here. The first soccer team my husband and I coached was in 1998, and when one of our 10 year old players stopped coming to practice, the other girls on the team said that she and her family were living behind the bowling alley. That was my first introduction to homelessness in San Rafael, and it has only increased over the years. As residents of San Rafael, I know you are aware of the increase of homelessness in our city, and the need for more permanent housing.

We also know that the lack of safe, affordable housing in Marin was a public health crisis before COVID-19, but now it is a true emergency. As we know only too well from the massive recent expenditures made by the City and the County, too many families and individuals are struggling to pay their rent and are only staying housed due to this intervention. We need to take every opportunity to provide safe and affordable housing in our communities as winter approaches and our nation faces a new spike in corona virus cases.

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I ask that you to work closely with the County and Opening Doors to facilitate this purchase and allocate San Rafael Housing Trust Funds to help. As a resident of San Rafael, I am immensely proud of the work our City is doing to help provide affordable housing and rental assistance so that all our residents can thrive during this difficult time.

Thank you,

Lynn Oldham Robinett

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Housing Trust Funds

Kelly Robinett <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/2/2020 10:22 AM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

My name is Kelly Robinett and I live at [REDACTED] Forbes Ave. I strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

The purchase of this building will provide several benefits. First, it will provide a backup for Homeward Bound's Mill Street Shelter during renovation. Second, it will provide a safe place for its formerly homeless residents to shelter in-place during COVID-19. Third, this purchase will help to end homelessness in Marin by helping us to provide 44 units of permanent affordable housing. Finally, These units will count towards San Rafael's RHNA numbers for very-low income housing—a target that has proven very difficult to hit in the past.

This is over all a golden opportunity for Marin to create new affordable housing without and new construction, creatively reusing and existing building

Now is the time for us all to walk the talk and make progress on solving one of our county's most intractable problems. Please support this purchase with Housing Trust Funds, and collaborate with the County and Opening Doors to make this dream a reality.

Thank you,

Kelly Robinett

Support for Purchase of 3301 Kerner Blvd.

Scott Quinn <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/2/2020 12:07 PM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

Dear Mayor Phillips and City Council Members,

I live and work in San Rafael and serve as Executive Director of the Marin Interfaith Council, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee. I am writing to strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

I am grateful for the leadership our City has shown in providing affordable housing and rental assistance so that all our residents who are precariously housed can thrive during this difficult time. Now, because of one-time State funding, we have a unique opportunity to take a significant step toward addressing the housing needs of our fellow residents of Marin who have been experiencing homelessness.

The lack of safe, affordable housing in Marin was a public health crisis before COVID-19, but now it is a true emergency. So many families and individuals are struggling to pay their rent and are only staying housed now due to temporary intervention. So many others had already lost their housing before COVID-19. The purchase of 3301 Kerner Blvd. would create a permanent supportive housing solution for 44 of our residents.

The Marin Interfaith Council has an initiative called "Love Lives in Marin", which promotes an inclusive county where everyone is welcome and can thrive. A safe, secure, and stable place to live is the foundation upon which a thriving community is built. All efforts to address social challenges fall short until and unless our neighbors are housed.

Moving forward with this opportunity is in the best interest of our entire community, as together we promote public health and the common good for every resident of Marin.

I ask that you work closely with the County and Opening Doors Marin to facilitate this purchase and allocate San Rafael Housing Trust Funds to help, so that, as soon as possible, this desperately needed housing becomes home for our most vulnerable fellow citizens.

Thank you for your consideration and for your public service,

Rev. Scott Quinn

Homeless Housing in San Rafael ...

Ryan Robinett <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/2/2020 12:20 PM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

My name is Ryan Robinett and I live at [REDACTED] Forbes Ave I strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

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Thank you.

Ryan Robinett

Letter of Support for HomeKey Project

Christina Atienza <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/2/2020 9:43 AM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

My name is Christina Atienza and I live at [REDACTED] Grand Avenue. I am a member of the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter. I strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

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Thank you,

Christina Atienza, OP

Dominican Sisters of San Rafael

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL

Email: lindsay.lara@cityofsanrafael.org

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

My name is Ruth Zamist and I live at [REDACTED] 5th Avenue. I am a registered voter. I strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

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Thank you,

Ruth Zamist

Homkey Purchases

Gemma Neunzling <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/2/2020 12:00 PM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

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Letter to an Rafael City Council.docx;

Dear Mayor Phillips and Council Members,

Attached find my letter of strong support of the HomeKey purchase of 3301 Kernel Blvd. at this crucial Kairos moment in our history.

In trusting anticipation of your action,

Your grateful Sr. Christa Neunzling

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Project Homekey

Winkelman, Aaron <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/2/2020 11:07 AM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

Cc: Aaron Winkelman <aaron.winkelman@dominican.edu>

Dear Mayor Phillips and Council members,

My name is Sister Aaron Winkelman. I live at [REDACTED] Grand Avenue in San Rafael, and I am a Dominican Sister of San Rafael, who are members of MOU. I am a registered voter.

I am writing in strong support of Project Homekey and the purchase of permanent housing for 100+ currently homeless residents in San Rafael, Corte Madera, and Novato. Thank you for voting yes on Project Homekey.

Sister Aaron

November 2, 2020

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers, Colin, Gamblin, Bushey, and McCullough:

My name Judith Bloomberg and I am a resident in the Glenwood Area of San Rafael. I am an active member of Congregation Rodef Sholom in San Rafael, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter.

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Thank you,

Judith Bloomberg

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

I am Pat Langley, a registered San Rafael voter (2020 vote already cast). I am an active member of St. Anselm Catholic Church, a member of the Marin Organizing Committee.

For years I actively worked to get support for a year round shelter to replace the REST program. One of the buildings we looked at was 3301 Kerner Boulevard. During that time I, and MOC, learned how the Housing First approach to homelessness is a much better solution than just offering a nourishing meal and place to sleep on a church, synagogue or gym floor. The work done in the last three years by the City, County and homeless advocates has been testament to the benefit of value of cooperation. Housing individuals who formally lived on the streets not only improves their lives, it improves the financial situation for the City as the need for police, fire, medical facilities etc. have been drastically reduced.

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Thank you,

Pat Langley

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL – Letter 2

Email: lindsay.lara@cityofsanrafael.org

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

My name is Elizabeth Haran and I live at [REDACTED] Park Street [REDACTED], San Rafael, CA 94901. I am an active member of St. Raphael's Parish, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter.

I strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

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Thank you,

Elizabeth Haran

3301Kerner supportive housing

RONALD BROWN <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/2/2020 12:54 PM

To: Lindsay Lara <Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org>

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

My name is Ron Brown and I live at [REDACTED] Dowitcher Way, just a few minutes walk from 3301 Kerner Bld. I am an active member Congregation Kol Shofar which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter.

I strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose.

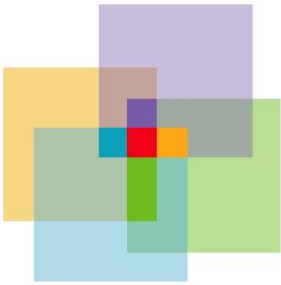
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Thank you,

Ron Brown



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November 2, 2020

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Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

The session (governing board) of First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael has worked for many years to support efforts to advance affordable housing and reduce homelessness in San Rafael and Marin County.

We strongly support the purchase of 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael and the allocation of Housing Trust Funds for a matching grant for this purpose. It will provide backup for Homeward Bound's Mill Street Shelter during renovation. More importantly, it will provide 44 units of permanent affordable housing. This project is particularly significant because it will utilize an existing building for new housing.

We ask that you to work closely with the County and Opening Doors to facilitate this purchase. Please take advantage of this opportunity to provide safe and secure long-term housing to Marin's most housing-insecure residents.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Stone
Michael K. Stone
Clerk of Session

Cynthia Cochran-Carney
Cynthia Cochran-Carney
Pastor

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL – Letter 1

Email: lindsay.lara@cityofsanrafael.org

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