From: Lorrie Goldin Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 5:32 PM To: Lindsay Lara <<u>Lindsay.Lara@cityofsanrafael.org</u>> Cc: <u>marinmehc@gmail.com</u> <<u>marinmehc@gmail.com</u>> Subject: Inclusionary Zoning-critical for producing affordable housing

Dear Ms. Lara: Please provide to Council Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I live just over the border in San Anselmo, and until the pandemic forced me to work remotely from home, I worked in San Rafael for two decades. It's a city I love and often patronize.

In that spirit, and because I view San Rafael as among the county's leaders in enlightened policy, I'm writing to urge you NOT to reduce the inclusionary requirement--preferably at all, and certainly not to 10%.

The inclusionary housing ordinance has proven to be one of the most effective tools for securing affordable housing and addressing housing segregation. It's been the source of most of the affordable housing built in San Rafael over the past 10 years.

In addition, payment of in-lieu fees should be allowed only for exceptional circumstances. Allowing the project sponsor to pay an in-lieu fee instead of actually creating affordable units continues the pattern of economic exclusion and perpetuates segregation, whether intentional or not.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this subject.

Sincerely, Lorrie Goldin San Anselmo