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July 19, 2021

Subject: Vivalon Affordable Housing Project

Dear San Rafael City Councilmembers,

On behalf of Housing Crisis Action, a robust network of over 800 Marin County housing advocates and 17 organizations working to tackle our housing crisis, we ask that you consider approving the building permit fee waiver for the Vivalon healthy aging affordable housing project.

While we are saddened to learn about the decrease in affordable units in the Merrydale project, we welcome this opportunity for San Rafael to continue to support Vivalon and Eden Housing who are ready to create 67 affordable homes in our community. We understand that the intended purpose of fee waivers is to offset development costs and create a path for affordable housing development. Eden Housing's proposed fee waiver may be atypical. However, with delays in construction and a sweeping rise in lumber and insurance costs, we want to safeguard the pathway for these affordable units to get built so our aging neighbors can find an attainable place to call home.

As a group of business leaders, city planners, union workers, environmental advocates, public servants, and educators, living and working in Marin, we recognize the urgent need for affordable senior housing. We respectfully ask you to consider approving the fee waiver to support the creation of homes that will sustain a more livable, inclusive, and thriving Marin.

Sincerely,

The Housing Crisis Action Steering Committee

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