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...To Create, Build, and Preserve Much-Needed Housing in Marin County

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December 1, 2021

Subject: The Neighborhood at Los Gamos

Dear San Rafael City Council and Planning Commission,

On behalf of Housing Crisis Action, a robust network of 800+ Marin County housing advocates and 17 organizations, we ask for your support of the Neighborhood at Los Gamos project to develop vacant land into 192 places for people to call home.

The Hart Family has worked diligently to create a community-informed and community-centered plan for missing middle housing that is affordable by design and includes 20 units designated for Below-Market-Rate. The missing middle is folks like our baristas, nurses, teachers, coaches, and first responders. The Neighborhood is their future home.

The project includes a new neighborhood market, new trails, an emphasis on outdoor amenities, improved access to open space, and an environmentally conscious and innovative design. The area is walkable, transit-oriented, and close to jobs and services. The project has minimal impact on existing neighbors. The construction of the project will generate significant revenue and taxes for the City and create jobs. Overall, this is a unique opportunity we must pursue. The Neighborhood will help the City meet RHNA goals and meet the immediate housing needs of the people living and working here.

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 multi-family residential housing. We respectfully ask you to approve the design review and support this rare opportunity to create 192 homes that will sustain a more livable, inclusive, and thriving Marin.

Sincerely,

The Housing Crisis Action Steering Committee

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