

Dear *San Rafael Housing Element Working Group* Members,

This spring we will be leading an architectural residency with students at Laurel Dell Elementary School as part of San Rafael's Youth in Arts and UC Berkeley's Y-PLAN programs.

After learning about planning and design, the students are going to take on this "real world" challenge: **What are some strategies to increase affordable housing in San Rafael?**

They will explore opportunities for housing on sites and types along both sides of SR Creek / Canal. They will also be writing their own "housing stories".

My question to the Working Group is: how can these students support the work you are doing, in the most authentic and meaningful way?

They will also be happy to present their ideas and recommendations to you in April if that will be helpful. You also are welcome to visit them while they are working on this project. In the meantime, any direction you can give us will be very helpful.

Thank you,

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