

From: [Chandra Alexandre](#)
To: [Planning Public Comment](#)
Subject: Support for Ritter Center New Location
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 9:08:22 AM

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of Ritter Centers new location at 800/804 A Street. This will replace the existing campus and offices at 30 North San Pedro.

The new site will allow Ritter to bring all services and all waiting areas indoors and is therefore a dramatic improvement for clients and for the neighborhood. The housing first nonprofit is only doing tenant improvements on the inside of the building and expanding the parking lot. The end result will allow for a true center of excellence.

Ritter Center's current building is outdated and unable to adequately meet the needs of the community. The new building will be designed to eliminate lines forming outside for the county's largest food pantry and quality health care. It will enable all services to be conducted inside.

Community Action Marin works closely with Ritter Center to serve the country's unhoused and precariously housed individuals. Please move forward in support of this new building for an exemplary organization doing so much to meet people's needs in Marin. Thank you.

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From: [Christine Paquette](#)
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Thank you for the opportunity to strongly support the proposed Ritter Center facility at 800 and 804 A Street in San Rafael. Our human services partners at Ritter Center operate crucial medical and other services to people experiencing homelessness and very low-income residents in San Rafael. As members of our countywide collaborative to end chronic and veteran homelessness in Marin County, Ritter Center leadership and frontline staff provide vital and timely services in a harm reduction model that has garnered much respect and many positive outcomes in our County. We are proud to call Ritter Center a partner and a critical link in the human services sector in Marin. We believe that their new location at A Street will enable them to serve more people in a more accessible and updated facility and is a benefit to the health of residents of San Rafael and Marin County as a whole.

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From: [Mitesh Popat](#)
To: [Planning Public Comment](#)
Subject: In support- Ritter Center
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:29:11 PM

Dear San Rafael Planning Commission,

I am writing this letter in support of Ritter Center's plans at 800 & 804 A Street.

Ritter Center is dedicated to serving the unhoused population in Marin County. This new proposed location will secure future service to thousands of the most vulnerable in our community. Marin Community Clinics and Ritter Center collaborate closely to provide comprehensive services including outreach, case management, and primary health care. Completion of this project will allow Ritter Center to operate in a modern facility that provides care and service in a dignified environment well into the future.

I personally appreciate your forward-thinking and support of this project.

Sincerely,
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