Comments Determined to Show Support for Project
Rebecca Vaughn

From: Adam Wolff
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Todd Cusimano; Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Project Homekey - Corte Madera

Rebecca, are you keeping a folder of all the comments we receive? I think it would be good to make sure we capture all of this. Thanks

Adam

From: Todd Cusimano
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Adam Wolff <awolff@tcmmail.org>; Rebecca Vaughn <rvaughn@tcmmail.org>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Project Homekey - Corte Madera

From: cadence bayley <cadencebayley@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 8:51 AM
To: Todd Cusimano <tcusimano@tcmmail.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Project Homekey - Corte Madera

Hi Mr. Cusimano,

I am a Corte Madera resident. I am currently out of town for school but my family continues to live on Endeavor Drive. I am writing in support of the Project Homekey hotel conversion at 1591 Casa Buena Drive. This is much needed as so many California residents are facing extreme hardship and I think the program is a really smart, efficient, and welcome use of existing buildings. I fully support this project and hope it moves forward!

Best,
Cadence Bayley
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FYI

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From: petersonbranham <petersonbranham@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 1:07 PM
To: Eli Beckman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless shelter in Corte Madera.

I disagree wholeheartedly with the individuals that do not want the homeless shelter for different valid reasons, but my husband and I were homeless for 8 months by no fault of our own. No drugs no mental illness present at that time. Just couldn’t afford rent is all. I used to work at Saint Vincent’s on B street in San Rafael with the homeless for 4 and a 1/2 years. There are some really good people and some bad apples, but that’s just the way it goes. Please reconsider.

Tonya Peterson 415-875-0759

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone
Dear Town Council & Todd,

I apologize for being so engrossed in the national election that I haven’t weighed in on the important Town issue of homeless housing. I’ve now watched the meetings where it has been discussed. I realize that the Town isn’t being asked to vote on this, but I want to let you know I fully support the project. I have followed the work of Homeward Bound and have found it to be an excellent organization. This is the right thing to do, and the right time to do it.

Thank you all for your work on this vitally important project.

Becky Reed
15 Council Crest Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925
I just wanted to say that I think opening a shelter at the old hotel is a phenomenal idea. I don’t know where I’d be had I not found & gone through the Homeward Bound Family Emergency Center. I probably was not who you would think of as your, “typical homeless person.” I was a mom of a toddler & didn’t sleep on the streets or in my car. I never have had a substance abuse problem. What I didn’t have, was family or a way to support myself. This is where Homeward Bound taught me & helped me to develop the skills to become self sufficient. Believe it or not, when I moved to the shelter, it was the first time I ever paid rent on my own. That actually gave me a sense of pride. There were rules to follow, & if you didn’t...you were out. Sure some people get away with some things, (that’s life), but for the most part they get found out. I was even featured in one of their newsletters.
I have lived in Corte Madera now for over 11 years. My daughter has grown up here going to Neil Cummins, Hall & now Redwood. She does not remember the time when life was such a struggle for us, and for that, and so many other things, I am grateful. She is a typical teenager now. I feel that I owe much of this to the help that I once received. Very few people are even aware that this is part of my story. Never judge a book by it’s cover.
As if it needs to be said, I fully support giving others the same opportunity that I once was given. I think MORE should be done to help the homeless, particularly teen homeless. I feel that more should be done to combat sex trafficking. These things tend to be connected along with drug abuse, all things we could do better without. I hope you find this helpful & please feel free to reach out if you find necessary. Thank you for reading this.
Good evening -

I have lived in Corte Madera since 1982. I have a fair amount of experience in our community as well as southern Marin, including housing issues, like the Fireside in Tam Valley, and San Clemente Place here in Corte Madera, I come to this issue with a great deal of respect for all sides and appreciation for staff’s thoughtful approach.

I have read all of the staff reports and watched all of the meetings that have been held, where the information has been shared and explained in great deal. Ashley McIntyre from the County has been extremely open, available, and clear about how this process has moved more quickly than anyone would like, and very clear about what the decisions are that still must be made.

I am fully in favor and support approving the HomeKey program in Corte Madera. Housing is medicine. Like others who have spoken this evening, I, too, have taken the time to prepare and serve meals to homeless people, have sat with them and eaten with them, and heard their stories.

The homeless people who we are considering are really like everyone else – they are visible because they are unhoused. They are us. We all know aggressive neighbors, we have friends who have addiction issues, or relatives with emotional or mental challenges. The difference is that they have the resources that protect them. The people we are talking about are often one paycheck away from a disaster - and disaster struck - COVID - and their lives spiraled down. There is little statistical data to support the concerns about more crime, lower property values, and the other concerns that people have expressed.

I have walked around Corte Madera early in the morning and have seen people who might not be seen later in the morning. There was the woman that slept tucked in on a bench in Menke park, the man who I saw sleeping in the alcove at the Lutheran Church, just blocks away from the the proposed site. Those are just two of the visible homeless people. There are so many others who are much less visible - especially if you are not looking.

This HomeKey opportunity has caused our community to look, to notice, and to consider what it is they want to see, and how they see our community.

I’m hearing a couple of threads in the comments from those who are either questioning or are opposed -
- one is clearly “fear”, and a lack of clarity or understanding about the details of the proposal;
- the second is about process and local control.

I am frustrated by people saying “I am not a NIMBY, I’m liberal, and I support taking care of homeless people. Just not this way, not here, not now” or who complain about how slow government moves until they are concerned about the outcome, and then they say that government moves too quickly. Saying we must delay because “we need to study this more” is a thinly veiled “not in my backyard”.

The County Health and Human Services, Catholic Charities, EAH, Homeward Bound, and others have a stellar recorder the programs they manage and the people they serve. That is what they do. They are both passionate and successful.

These homeless people part of our community. We’re talking about 17 units, with full wrap-around services, an on-site manager. The details can and will be worked out.

And a reminder - thank you Todd for bringing it up: San Clemente Place came about after the town was sued and lost in court, and was required to approve permits. It was hotly protested by many in our town. There have been no issues with the families, seniors, and disabled tenants who live in those 79 units.
Do not let some idea of a “perfect project” be the enemy of doing the right thing.

Kind Regards,

Leslie Alden
I submit these comments regarding the proposed acquisition of the motel at 1591 Casa Buena Drive for housing for homeless people. I look forward to learning more about this proposal.

I applaud the desire to house the homeless and this Statewide subsidy for local governments to do so. They are humans who deserve more than being cast in the cruel streets to suffer the elements, health hazards, physical and mental insecurity that comes from homelessness. Of course it would be best if our nation, as a whole, had a plan to house, heal, educate and job train the homeless, but it seems incapable, of late, in addressing systemic issues with reasoned, humane and coordinated approaches that actually solve problems. I don't know if trying to do it community by community makes sense, but it is surely better than nothing.

We have seen the very negative comments of the NIMBY contingent and, to some extent, their concerns are not entirely baseless. This project has to be done correctly to not severely impact our Town in a negative way. But again, will it serve our town or our moral and ethical values to just let these poor people suffer the elements and dangers of living in the streets? If any of these NIMBYs claim any religious affiliation, and I'm sure they do, they should heed the "do unto others and you would have them do unto you," which essentially is supposed to underlie most, if not all, religions. That concept is really antithetical to a NIMBY negative viewpoints on this issue, at least.

So, I congratulate and support the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council to the extent they are seeking to implement the Homekey Program to house the homeless. I look forward to hearing about this specific plan on Casa Buena. Surely that dilapidated motel has been a bit of any eyesore for our Town for years. Refurbishing it to help alleviate a pressing humanitarian need makes perfect sense. I look forward to hearing the details, and thank you again!
Dear Town Council,

I live at 27 Meadow Ridge Dr in CM. I am inclined to support this project as our city, county and state need to address housing insecurity. I am disappointed that the October 28 notice posted on the Town website has mostly empty and/or non-working links. https://www.townofcortemadera.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3477.

If you want the public to be informed, please provide workable links so we can educate ourselves.

Thank you,
Janet Cutcliffe

Sent from my iPad
Dear Council members,

My name is Jan O'Brien and I have lived at 77 Granada Drive in Corte Madera for 25 years. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional, and then permanent, supportive housing.

I am a member of Mt Tam United Methodist Church in Mill Valley. As a member of my church, I ran the REST program for years, serving meals during the rainy season. Many of the men grew up here in Marin. They were very grateful to have a hot meal and a place to sleep. Yet each morning they were bused away and left back on the street. Without actual housing and support they could not restart their lives. We must do better and this would be a great start.

The purchase of this building will provide several benefits. It will provide a safe place for formerly homeless residents to shelter in-place during COVID-19. Second, it will help the county reach its goal of ending homelessness in Marin by providing 18 units of permanent supportive housing. Finally, it is likely that these units will count towards Corte Madera’s very low-income requirements for the next RHNA cycle.

While I have heard some residents’ concerns about crime and safety around this housing, neither Larkspur, which has created supportive housing for 12 formerly homeless residents right downtown, nor Fairfax, which has housed 11 formerly homeless residents in a residential section of town, have experienced an increase in crime related to this housing.

At the time of the last Point in Time Homeless Count in Marin, Corte Madera had 39 homeless individuals. The eighteen units of supportive housing proposed at 1591 Casa Buena Drive would go a long way towards addressing the need for housing in our community. Please collaborate with the County and Opening Doors to make this dream a reality.

Thank you,
Jan
Hi, I'm Barbara Rothkrug and live at 158 Mariner Green Court in Corte madera. I've been here 21 years. I know the area of planned purchase for the motel on Casa Buena and think it would work well for our community. It's right near Town Center and will have wrap a round services and supervision. Please keep me posted on discussions, town council meetings, etc.

Many thanks,
Barbara
CM Resident
Rebecca Vaughn

From: Suzi B <suzbeatie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Todd Cusimano; Adam Wolff; Eli Beckman
Cc: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homekey Project comment

My two cents on this.

My guess is that the Homekey project on Casa Buena will go forward.

1. Making it visually attractive.
I strongly concur with David McPhearson's comment (at last Mondays community meeting) about greening up of the site and hope this will be part of the "negotiations". I'm not sure if the Town can insist on that, but, such an upgrade on the grounds would be a win-win for both the town and the new residents.
I realize there is limited outdoor space, but creativity seems to be abounding and needs to continue in these new times!
Even a small green outdoor area, some trees, and a possible green barrier to the street would create pleasant environment for all residents.
This would likely encourage community acceptance as well as give a welcoming message to those who would be moving in.
I'm sure Marin Joes & other neighbors would welcome this. I really feel this is a must-do!

2. Control
There should be some vehicle giving the Town some power in addressing any problematic issues that might occur going forward (making sure their word is kept etc).
Maybe there is.

3. Welcome/not resent/stop NIMBY
I do believe that if we welcome people and treat them as we would any new neighbor many of the community worries will fade.

It would be pretty cool if every city in our privileged Marin County had at least some housing space like this.
I hope it works.

As always, thank you for all you do. I know you are working harder than ever, it's not unnoticed!

Suzi

PS. Rebecca? should I send this or a version to BOS@marincounty.org or leave it to you all? thx!
Beatie
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Corte Madera, 94925

suzi beatie
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Hello,
I have lived in Corte Madera for 34 years, and want to let you know that I support the purchase of America's Best Value Inn at 1595 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for permanent supportive housing.

There are lots of good reasons to secure this housing; I don't think I need to repeat them to you. As Nike says, "Just do it".

Steven Wolf
108 Grove Ave.
Corte Madera, CA 94925
CM Resident

**Town mtg Re: Homeless Shelter on Casa Buena.** I was a volunteer for SF Bar Association until I retired and for years donated psychological evaluations of homeless people to validate their eligibility for Section 8 housing and SSI. These evaluations were presented to a judge who determined if the person was granted SSI. Most had lost their housing when dire circumstances such as their own or a child’s illness had caused them to lose their job leading to poverty and eviction. Stable housing means they can get back in the work force and have a home. There is a general fear that this conversion will mean vagrants roam the area. People who have been homeless appreciate the opportunity to get off the streets. I doubt anyone going to Marin Joe's will even be aware formerly homeless people are in the Hotel. Once in the hotel remember they are now no longer homeless. They have a place to shower to heat meals and store their clean clothes. Please support these people having a new chance in life. There but for the grace of God go many of us that do not consider themselves wealthy.

\[ \text{Sylvia Phillips, Ph.D.} \]

\[ \text{Richard Fick, QME} \]

\[ \text{Qualified Medical Examiner} \]
Hello All - The below public comment regarding Project Homekey was just received. It appears to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors as public comment for their meeting tomorrow. I will also archive this with the Town’s Project Homekey public comments.

Rebecca

Rebecca Vaughn
Town Clerk / Assistant Town Manager
Town of Corte Madera
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I am writing to express my strong support for the three HomeKey purchases in Novato, Corte Madera, and San Rafael. I am a resident in Corte Madera, specifically in Mariner Cove and I support the purchase of Best Value Inn in Corte Madera for homeless individuals and families. Together these purchases represent almost 140 units of permanent supportive housing, moving Marin that much closer to the goal of ending homelessness. This is especially important now as we watch so many community members teetering on the edge of homelessness due to the economic crisis brought about by the pandemic, and knowing that so many vulnerable adults and children are already living in precarious conditions that do not allow them to shelter safely in place or maintain hygienic conditions.

These properties will not be “homeless shelters”, they are intended for permanent supportive housing with round the clock security and support services. Marin has been very successful in housing the formerly homeless, placing almost 300 people. Over 90% of the people housed through the Housing First program in Marin are still housed.

While some people fear that residents of this housing will bring crime and behavioral health problems to their neighborhoods, Marin’s experience has been that providing housing to these unhoused individuals results in reductions in healthcare and criminal justice utilization. Living unhoused is stressful and can cause problems that being sheltered can help to heal.

I am writing as a resident of Marin County and specifically Corte Madera. I am also writing as the Director of Marin VOAD, which had an instrumental role in Project RoomKey providing meals and mental health activities to homeless individuals and families at the start of the Shelter in Place in Marin County in March of this year.
I hope you will approve these purchases and help end homelessness in Marin County.

Thank you for your consideration,
Adriana Rabkin
Corte Madera Town Council,
I am a long term housing advocate and a former administrative developer of affordable housing for cities and counties. I want to compliment your staff for bringing forward the proposal before you tonight. It is a smart, sustainable, affordable housing acquisition and renovation effort addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities. The project proposal takes current economically marginal properties with astutely secured rare federal funding in a timely manner; turning underutilized properties, in various locations in the County, into opportunities for sustainably affordable housing, and jobs for the community.
The environmental, economic and pandemic forces of today are exacerbating the lack of affordable housing and the problem of homelessness. In Marin, there are approximately 1,300 homeless counted at one point in time, nearly half of them are families with children; and 60 percent of those are single women heads of household! A large percentage of the homeless are parentless children and youth and also single seniors.
I understand several people are concerned about any potential for increased crime and cannot see the need for this expenditure. I appreciate their comments but could not disagree with them more. At this point in time, nothing is more crucial than providing safe and affordable housing to vulnerable families and disadvantaged members in our communities.
I encourage you not to be swayed by concerns of imagined problems that can be precluded with the type of case management with wrap around social services being proposed. If the cities and county can bring these properties back to the benefit of the greater community with new housing opportunities, adding curb appeal and developing friendly relationships in those neighborhoods, this will be a giant step toward addressing social and environmental inequities in our cities and county. If one is to err in public policy... let it be for the benefit of social equity.

Respectfully,

Norma Fragoso

Sent from my iPad
Comments Determined as "Not Opposed - Wants More Information" on Project
Manan Mehra <mananmehra@gmail.com>
Sun 10/18/2020 8:04 PM
To: Public Comment <PublicComment@tcmmail.org>;

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to raise concerns around the conversion of the hotel on Casa Buena Dr to a homeless shelter. While I wholeheartily approve of such efforts, I however do not think it is the right location for the project. This site is very close to the town center, town park, and Neil Cummins school. Given the proximity to such central locations in Corte Madera, this is an inappropriate location for such a project. In addition to the above concerns, Casa Buena Drive gets very dark at night and does not have adequate lighting at several spots. This would be a really bad place for pedestrian traffic especially at night when people tend to drive fast under poor lighting.

Resident at Pepperwood Lane

Manan
I live in Corte Madera. Along with almost everyone else that is commenting on this item, I’m disappointed with the lack of time for proper deliberation on the transaction the Board is considering. I understand the timeline is not of the Board’s making, but it is problematic nevertheless.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to stipulate to the following for this Project:

1. Substantial and attractive fences/privacy screening will be built between 1591 Casa Buena Drive and all its neighbors (residences and businesses). We’ve all heard that good fences make good neighbors.
2. Substantial number of security cameras will be installed – use guidance from Central Marin Police Authority for camera quality, quantity, locations and monitoring practices.
3. Added security personnel will be on site at all times. With time, if the neighbors agree they are sufficiently reassured and confident of their safety and security, then security staff might be reduced.
4. Ample lighting will be provided that will be make sure there are no unlit corners and at the same time the lighting is not intrusive to the neighbors.
5. Neighbors will be responsibly and adequately introduced to onsite staff and screening team before anyone is accepted for residency.
6. Every member of the 1591 Buena Vista Drive Homekey Project team commits to including the neighbors in Project Homekey activities and commits to Project Homekey being the very best neighbors they can possibly be.
7. Provide neighbors with opportunities to visit the Casa Buena facility before residents move in.
8. Provide neighbors with opportunities to visit other shelter resident sites in Marin to see how the sites are operated.
9. Give substantially more weight to the safety, privacy and other concerns of the Casa Buena neighbors than to people from across Marin who are not impacted as these neighbors are.
10. In so far as possible, include select members of the Corte Madera Project Homekey Working Group in the client interview process as observers.

I particularly want to point out that I read all the messages that were sent to the Town Council of Corte Madera in advance of our November 2nd Town Council Meeting. There were dozens of messages from people who don’t live in Corte Madera urging the Council’s support of this Project. Many of these messages were duplicative and had the exact same language: “I am excited”, “the rainy season is coming” and nonsense about police “molesting people living outside.” It’s easy for people living in Novato, Sausalito and even Cotati and Petaluma to demand Corte Madera embrace this endeavor without reservation and then condemn the immediate neighbors for being NIMBY’s. These immediate neighbors of 1591 Casa Buena Drive are not being NIMBY’s and they have very real concerns that should be addressed. I’m certain that none of the Supervisors would want to have these kinds of concerns and worries at the front door of their own home.

While you’re being big-hearted and compassionate for the eighteen individuals that could find safe shelter at this Project Homekey site, be absolutely certain to have at least that much care and compassion for the people that already live and work in the Casa Buena Drive neighborhood. No one’s well-being, family and home should be put in jeopardy with the approval of this Project. Supervisors from a half county away should act with utmost care to not sacrifice the contented lives, homes and property of a Corte Madera neighborhood in exchange for a hoped benefit to others.
One outcome should be that not only are eighteen formerly homeless people well sheltered, but that this Project demonstrates to other communities (in Marin and across the state) what practices will be included to assure any community that the community will be well cared for by Project Homekey – care for neighbors as well as Project Homekey’s clients. Project Homekey should not be satisfied if their move into a neighborhood leads to the neighbors living with trepidation for the safety of their family and property. Project Homekey should be looking for EVERY opportunity to make sure the existing neighbors willingly welcome Project Homekey to their neighborhood.

Please include this correspondence into the public record for this Agenda item as well as for related workshops or sessions in the future.

Thank you for your consideration,
Karen Gerbosi
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Dear Town Council,

Thank you for listening to our comments this evening!

You did a much better job at informing the community and listening to us, than the Marin county did. I understand that you are stuck in a difficult situation, and I am grateful for the extra time and efforts you put in to engage the community. Since I was unable to speak during the public comment session, I’m sending my comments via e-mail.

First, I do understand and support the need for homeless housing. I also think that it is important to take the time to carry out this project properly, especially since this housing will be at this location for the long-term. If not done right due to the rush, I am afraid that it might bring more harm than benefit.

Second, after listening to the proposed success criteria, I feel that while it addressed success for the homeless, it didn’t pay enough attention to the success of the community around it. I support the efforts to address homeless problem in our county and our town. I think the ultimate goal for it should be for our community to live better, as a whole, including the homeless people. That’s why I think success criteria should look at both sides. I propose adding two more success criteria to the list:

1. Criteria that track the safety of surrounding neighborhood.
2. Criteria that track the resident satisfaction in nearby community.

Third, the information I received so far did not eliminate my concern for safety. Bob Ravasio had mentioned the 12-unit senior housing in Larkspur, and how he thinks it’s a success. But that is different from our situation here. We are a community with lots of seniors and families with young children. I would feel less concerned if this supportive housing is dedicated to similar demographics, e.g. seniors. But the Corte Madera housing is for single person with uncertain demographics and prior history. Such demographics should be housed at a distance from our kids! Is there anything we can do with the county to better define the demographics coming in, so that they may win more support from us?

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Best,

Maggie Shi
Resident on Casa Buena Drive
To Corte Madera Planning Commission and/or County Officials

From Denise Beck, Corte Madera Resident

Re: Proposal for housing for homeless,

@ America's Best Value Inn Hotel site

@ Casa Buena Dr, C.M

Questions regarding proposal:

1. What criteria will you use to ensure that housing is offered to the most vulnerable population?

2. Is there a clause in the proposal to allow the county or town of Corte Madera to expand the size of the housing complex or is there a cap on the size and/or number of units?

3. Has an Environmental Impact Report (E.I.R.) been done?

4. What programs, if any, will be offered to support the homeless population? (ie. Whole Person Care Program)
Hi Mayor Beckman,

I appreciate your time yesterday. I put together some of my initial concerns and questions, in case you have an opportunity prior to Oct 6 to uncover some of this:

- Is this a State or County directive? If not, who gets to decide if the county does this? Does the public get a vote?
- Where do the funds come from? Is this part of our property taxes?
- Is there a definitive end date? Or should we plan to sell our homes now?
- How many homeless do they plan to house? This will essentially invite more homeless people here, just like SF.
- How do they determine which homeless people get to live there? Is there an oppressed rating system?
- There will be homeless people hanging out at the mall, is the negative impact on the Town Centre a cause for concern?
- Will there be additional law enforcement, safety measures provided as they welcome the mentally unwell into our neighborhood?
- Will the County provide alcohol and drugs/needles in order to keep them from leaving their rooms, just like in SF? Who pays for that?
- The safety of our children should weigh more heavily in this decision, do the decision makers care?

People have fled SF because of the homeless problem, it will happen here. Property values will deteriorate, tax revenues will deflate and school ratings will lower. There is very little upside to purchasing buildings for the homeless. This only enables those who cannot help themselves to continue to not help themselves. In fact, the lesson here for our children is they should not learn to fend for themselves because the government will just take care of you. The precedent in SF should be clear this is not a good idea. Corte Madera will be the Tenderloin in no time.

An alternative solution would be purchasing RVs instead and parking them in vacant fields. Or better yet, do what other states do and give them a bus ticket out of state.

Thank you for your consideration.
Tammy

On Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 2:42 PM Eli Beckman <ebeckman@tcmail.org> wrote:

Hi Tammy,

Thank you for writing us about this important issue, and I certainly understand your concerns. Are you available for a quick call this afternoon? Might be easier than discussing over email.

Sincerely,
Hi Council Members,

I live in a new townhome development on Casa Buena Drive called Enclave. There are 16 homeowners in my community. We are concerned there is going to be homeless people housed in the vacant motels on our street. Why is this something Corte Madera (Marin) is considering? This is a problem for our property values. This is a problem for our children's safety and our safety. What is the probability this will happen?

Why don't we look into RVs parked in empty fields instead? Or better yet, ship them out of state.

Please advise.

Thank you,
Tammy
415.729.3378
Dear Town Staff,

Thank you for providing links to the recent meetings in regard to the proposed Project Homekey purchase. In listening to the presentation made to the Corte Madera town council regarding the program, I heard the county presenter speak of the chronically homeless and some of the challenges related to getting them placed in a permanent home. The gentleman noted that previous versions of the program required accountability measures (such as rehab, mental health services, etc.) to be completed prior to placement in a home. Candidates did not avail themselves of these services and, as such, the targeted population remains homeless. If I understood him correctly, he then said the current program removes those requirements in advance and instead provides housing at the base level with services to follow. I wonder why beneficiaries would avail themselves of these services going forward if they haven’t in the past when there was a home as an incentive to do so. In addition, another participant in the call cited statistics about an uptick in calls to police from similar housing in San Francisco. As such, I am concerned about criminal activity and maintaining the quality of life here in Corte Madera and Marin County.

As a town resident, I expect that anyone living in Corte Madera, **regardless of their background or economic status**, should be held in compliance with the laws and standards of behavior of the community. At a time when minor crimes are not being prosecuted in some cities, I would like to assert that I do not wish to go down the path of our neighboring communities allowing people to deal drugs, destroy property, or defecate in the streets, for example. While I personally support social programs addressing poverty and homelessness, I don’t think lowering standards of behavior leads to dignity for anyone. The results of this misguided thinking are blatantly evident in San Francisco. This project is moving forward in our town and I hope it will be successful in providing a better life for the new residents. However, in the event that there is a negative result, I hope we will not lower our standards and take away dignity for all residents of Corte Madera.

Thanks for “listening”.

Carolyn Muessle
Below and attached are my comments and questions submitted to the Marin County of Supervisors today.

As a tax-paying resident and mother of three young children in Corte Madera as well as a tax-paying business owner in Larkspur, I have many concerns about this project. I also have many overall, the deadline to have occupancy is 12/31/2020 in order to procure state funding is too rushed to ensure equity is guaranteed for all parties.

Questions

1. Renovation of property
   Under whose jurisdiction has property renovation begun? Who is paying for the renovation? Who is overseeing the renovation?
   Leelee mentioned that there is an 'active permit'. This sounds like there was already action taken without

2. Funding post 2 year state commitment
   Isn’t the risk high that there will not be adequate private funding to continue to adequately and safely operate the shelter and its services?
   There is no way to guarantee private funding two years from now, so there is high risk involved.

3. COVID Health Equity
   Isn’t the shelter a moot point for Marin to achieve health equity in the ‘blueprint for a safer economy’ given that Marin has advanced to the orange tier without the shelter?
   Leelee mentioned that the shelter should be a factor in light of the ‘health equity’.

4. What is the plan to wean shelter residents off supported housing?
   Andrew mentioned that 95% of Marin’s homeless are still in taxpayer funded/private housing. This is a succ

5. Andrew mentioned that the per capita spend on homeless is $60K. As a personal and business taxpayer in Marin, I’m curious where this money goes and why?
   As a point of reference, Marin County spends about $13K per student.
   https://localnewsmatters.org/2018/11/05/per-pupil-spending-varies/
   Marin — $13,4302

6. Purchase price, renovation cost
   The County Board of Supervisors letter of intent states that $855K will be used to purchase the $4.1M prop. 
   What is the estimated renovation cost?

7. Renovation/staffing timeline
   What is the renovation and staffing timeline that will ensure all safety and health standards are prioritized

8. How and when is state funding expected? How can it be expected at all with so many unknowns?
   The Board of Supervisors intent letter states that proceeding with the sale is contingent upon receiving sta
Board of Supervisors Contact Form

Your Name: Barbara Solomon
Your Email Address: barbarabso@olomon@gmail.com
Subject: Home Key Project in Corte Madera
Select a Routing Method (optional):
What District Do You Live In (optional):
District 4 - Dennis Rodoni
Message:

I am a 27-year Corte Madera resident who has been active in local public schools and community affairs. I am not opposed to the Home Key project in principle, but I am concerned about the lack of transparency, public notice or public input, the rushed timing, and the process involved in this project. It seems as if the Casa Buena motel was chosen randomly, simply because the owners wanted to get rid of their motel. Since Corte Madera is a small town, I expect there will be a lot of pushback from the community.

I would urge the Board to require the Home Key Administrators to hold a series of meetings and public forums to better explain the project, and to consider the fears and concerns of local businesses and residents. I would also urge the Board to require that the project include an on-site administrator and offer 24-hour access to emergency/psychiatric services to the clients. In addition, I would hope the clients would be screened for serious mental health disorders, as the motel is located in a mixed residential/commercial zone, right next to a public library and a freeway entrance.
Good evening,

I too work with MOC as well as with ExtraFood.org. I'm a 32 year Corte Madera resident and have read all the materials, attended each meeting and still have unanswered questions and am uncomfortable with where we are, just a week prior to the BOS election.

- Please clarify the status of the NPO partners for this project as of today.
- Commit to the the classification of the housing and the timeline for conversion from interim or supportive housing to long term housing which appears to have already been extended.
- Consider subsidizing security cameras for vulnerable proximate residents (perhaps using property tax relief)

I look forward to hearing from someone directly.

Rest,

Lynne

Lynne Simon
lynnemsimon@comcast.net
415.450.7578

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From: Lynne Simon <lynnemsimon@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 1591 Casa Buena

Hi

I work with underserved communities and do not consider myself a NIMBY but I'm not comfortable with what's happening regarding 1591 Casa Buena.

Specifically ...
- The speed at which this must transpire, even before service partners have been identified.
- Is it true that the owner of the hotel was doing renovations without permits and when this was found out, the resources were not available to him? Is the bail out of state tax $ rewarding that?
- If the building has to be occupied within 30 days after the expedited purchase, can that happen safely?
- What's the purpose of the 'public comment' meetings if this is a transaction between a private party and the state? What can the community of neighbors actually impact?
- I don't see this as comparable to HB's King Street, where the senior residents were heavily vetted to live together permanently, sharing kitchens, living spaces etc and had been previously sheltered. That is not what I heard about this project.

To whom should these questions be directed and how will they be answered please?

Thank you,

Lynne Simon
I am writing to express my position regarding the Project Homekey proposal. While I fully appreciate the need to provide services to homeless individuals, the focus should be on elderly and children, and in a location where they can have access to services. The proposed location is not a building which provides this type of support and is not conducive to monitoring of individuals who are being provided with support. The public transportation options are very limited near there, and it seems that they would only take over Town Center, which inevitably would make it unsafe and undesirable for the citizens of Corte Madera to go there. There are not enough police patrolling the areas as it now. In many respects, the area is so untraveled, that without proper procedures in place, the people we are trying to protect will soon be engaged in undesirable and potentially dangerous activities.

Any facility should be regulated similar to what Raphael House is -- residents have specific curfews, assistance in providing them with jobs is provided and they are accountable if they want to receive services. This type of facility will help them get back on their feet and their children to survive. A motel facility is not conducive to this type of approach. Something with one entry is much more appropriate.

Regards,
Pamela Schultz Zerby
Hi Rebecca,

Thank you for letting me know. I will attend both meetings.

Have a good weekend!

Best,
Maggie

On Oct 30, 2020, at 3:19 PM, Rebecca Vaughn <rvaughn@tcmmail.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon – Thank you for your email. I wanted to make sure that you had a copy of the Meeting Notice for the Town Council meeting on Monday, November 2nd, where Project Homekey will be on the agenda for discussion. The notice is attached.

Here is the link to the meeting agenda:
https://www.townofcortemadera.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3479

see Item 6A:
Discussion of Project Homekey and the County of Marin Proposal to Purchase America’s Best Value Inn, Located at 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera To Convert the Inn to Permanent Supportive Housing For Homeless Individuals.
(The Town Council will receive update from staff regarding this project. The Council will have the opportunity to publicly make any statement about this project and/or discuss any concerns they may have after hearing an update from staff and public comment)

Note: Under state law, the Town has no decision-making authority for Homekey projects. (Health & Safety Code section 506751.1, sub. (g)).

Thank you,
Rebecca

Rebecca Vaughn
Town Clerk / Assistant Town Manager
Town of Corte Madera
(415) 927-5085
http://www.townofcortemadera.org

Hi Rebecca,

Thank you so much for the information. I will submit my comment using the link provided.
On Oct 27, 2020, at 2:14 PM, Rebecca Vaughn <rvaughn@tcmmail.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Shi - Thank you for your email. I am writing to let you know that there is an agenda item scheduled for the November 2nd meeting to hear an update on this topic. Here is the excerpt from last Friday’s newsletter that provides details for the November 2nd meeting and information on how you can participate in this meeting. The direct link to the newsletter is: https://mailchi.mp/tcmmail.org/corte-madera-e-news-102320 (If you’re not already signed up to receive the Town’s weekly newsletter, you can sign up here: http://eepurl.com/g_J8Av)

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Rebecca Vaughn
Town Clerk / Assistant Town Manager
Town of Corte Madera
(415) 927-5085
http://www.townofcortemadera.org

From: Maggie Shi <devilgre@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Todd Cusimano <tcusimano@tcmmail.org>
Cc: Rebecca Vaughn <rvaughn@tcmmail.org>; Eli Beckman <ebeckman@tcmmail.org>; David Kunhardt <dkunhardt@tcmmail.org>; Bob Ravasio <bravasio@tcmmail.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Topics for the next Town Meeting

Dear Town Manager,

I would like to propose that we add the following topic to the next town meeting (11/02) for discussion:

- Converting the motel on Casa Buena Drive to homeless shelter

Thank you for your consideration!

Best regards,

Maggie Shi
Resident of Corte Madera

<TC discussion 11.2.20_.pdf>
Dear Supervisor Rodoni,

While I understand and agree to the need for homeless supportive housing in Marin, I do not think it is a good idea to expedite the motel-conversion project located at 1591 Casa Buena Drive.

1. It’s happening way too fast to perform proper due diligence.
2. The county has not been transparent enough. There wasn’t enough outreach from the county to the public about the project.
3. I am not opposed to homeless shelter in Corte Madera. But I am concerned about this chosen location. First, I live on Corte Madera Drive, and I feel unsafe to put my children near people with possible mental health problem, or drug abuse/criminal history. Second, I am also concerned about home value loss in the neighborhood. Third, this location is not within convenient walking distance for daily needs, especially if homeless occupants have health issues. The homeless occupants may not get a community feel at this location, either.
4. I am also concerned about the loss of tax revenue from the motel.
5. Can we ensure that the new shelters prioritize local homeless people? If we, Corte Madera residents are taking negative impact because of this, at least it should be for the benefit of solving our local problem.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best regards,

Maggie Shi
Corte Madera Resident
All:

If this project closes, I hope the County, Town or volunteers can find a landscape design that helps Homekey, Marin Joes and the adjacent apartment building achieve evergreen screening between the neighbors.

Also, while the code typically does not allow 6’ screening on the frontage facing the freeway, perhaps a good design can be approved that works for the neighborhood and the Homekey tenants. Finally, if the Homekey projects feels that it works for them, converting some of the unneeded asphalt parking lot to water permeable landscaping, crushed granite and outside seating would be great.

Thank you.

David C. Macpherson, Esq.
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Corte Madera CA 94925
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A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, and die gallantly. Specialization is for insects.”—Robert A. Heinlein
Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Richard Gardner and I live at 54 Via La Brisa, Larkspur. I am a member of St. Anselm Church, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional, and then permanent, supportive housing.

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Thank you,

Richard Gardner

Sent from my iPad
Thanks Scott! We have a place holder on our November 2, 2020 Council meeting as an update from staff on where we think we are with this project and the good work you all are doing working with our staff and the County. The Council will have the opportunity to publicly make any statement about this project and/or discuss any concerns they may have after hearing an update from staff and public comment. The Council will be positioned to provide feedback to the Board of Supervisors prior to any decision making by the County.

Todd Cusimano
Town Manager
300 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925
(415) 927-5050

On 10/22/20, 9:33 AM, "Scott Garland" <scottgarland413@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Adam. Kristen and I will use the other email thread to set up time.

Mayor Beckman, as your group ramps up its communication efforts we’d like to hear from you and the Town Council regarding where you stand on this project. As our elected officials I think that’s a fair request. Can you let us know?

Many thanks

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 22, 2020, at 8:53 AM, Adam Wolff <awolff@tcmmail.org> wrote:
> 
> Hi Scott and Kristen:
> I’d be happy to meet with you and a few others to hear what you all think are best next steps. Let me know when you would like schedule.
> 
> Best,
> Adam
> 
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Adam Wolff, AICP  
Director, Planning and Building  
Town of Corte Madera  
415.927.5059  
https://url.emailprotection.link/?bJuIrc2Upeh6KXCnhTaT8e1--

From: Scott Garland <scottgarland413@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:41 AM  
To: Todd Cusimano <tcusimano@tcmmail.org>  
Cc: Adam Wolff <awolff@tcmmail.org>; Kristen Zeitzer <kristenzeitzer@yahoo.com>; Eli Beckman <ebeckman@tcmmail.org>  
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Homeless Shelter

Thanks for the reply Tom. Adam and I were in contact day before yesterday.  
I have formed a group of local residents and business owners that is growing rapidly (includes owner of Marin Joes and many folks you’ve already been in contact with). We are now meeting weekly to discuss our approach. I’d like to respectfully ask for a meeting with town officials, including the mayor (copied) and staff so that our voice can be heard. I’ve also contacted Supervisor Rodino asking him if he’d be willing to meet with us.

Many thanks

Scott Garland

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2020, at 8:20 AM, Todd Cusimano <tcusimano@tcmmail.org> wrote:

Hi Scott,

Thank you for reaching out. I am copying my Planning Director Adam Wolff, who is heading the efforts from the Town’s perspective and handling coordination with residents as we work through our concerns and any issues with the County of Marin. Adam, can you answer any questions Scott may have and get him up to date on the Town’s response/actions?

Thanks,

Todd

Todd Cusimano  
Town Manager  
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Corte Madera, CA 94925  
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On 10/21/20, 9:30 PM, "Scott Garland" <scottgarland413@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Todd
My name is Scott Garland and I’m a long-time resident of Corte Madera. I spoke to Charlie Lee today and he suggested I talk to you about the city's response to the proposed homeless shelter. Can you give me a call or let me know the best time and number on which to reach you.

All the best

Scott Garland
413 Manzanita Ave
Corte Madera

Sent from my iPhone
From: Todd Liss <jauboyjr@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 7:02 PM
To: Eli Beckman; David Kunhardt; Fred Casissa; Charles Lee; Bob Ravasio
Cc: jessicarubydinn@yahoo.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Homeless Shelter on Casa Buena

Mayor Beckman and City Council Members,

A couple of weekends ago my wife and I were lucky enough to purchase a house on Meadowsweet Dr. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work to get back to being a Resident of the Twin Cites.

I grew up in Larkspur and believed that this area was the best place in the world to grow up. So much so, that when my wife and I were married a few years ago, we made it a priority to move to Corte Madera as we wanted our future children to have the same wonderful childhood that I had.

We recently purchased our house and moved in 10 days ago, and were very surprised and a bit concerned to hear that the motel down the road from our newly purchased property was in discussion to being converted into a COVID homeless shelter.

Being someone who recently lived in San Francisco and saw the city explode with homelessness, turning normal quiet neighborhoods into feces filled tent cities that you wouldn’t dare walk through, I am concerned that this would happen to our neighborhood. What concerns me additionally about this location is how our neighborhood is off the beaten path. This provides an additional challenge as
individuals can inconspicuously walk through the neighborhood and potentially commit crime without frequent police patrolling.

If this is a facility that facilitates homeless rehabilitation, accountability monitoring, and work placement to help them get on their feet and get back to being productive members of the community, we would be open to this. But if this is another facility in the vain of San Francisco’s initiative to get people temporarily off the street by cramming lots of folks into a single location, that is alarming.

We fear that turning the motel into a shelter would just bring many of those issues we saw on a daily basis in SF to our new front door. We made a big investment in our new home and with a baby on the way, this potential development in concerning.

Sincerely,

Todd L
Rebecca Vaughn

From: Eli Beckman
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn; Adam Wolff
Subject: Fw: Project Homekey Proposal

Eli Beckman
Mayor
Town of Corte Madera

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From: GAYLE LILVES <glilves@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:21 PM
To: drodoni@marincounty.org
Cc: dconnolly@marincounty.org; krice@marincounty.org; ksears@marincounty.org; jarnold@marincounty.org; Eli Beckman; dkundhardt@tcmmail.org; Fred Casissa; Charles Lee; Bob Ravasio; Todd Cusimano
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Project Homekey Proposal

Dear Supervisor Rodoni,

My wife and I are long-time Corte Madera residents, myself since 1971, and we have several concerns regarding the proposed Project Homekey at 1591 Casa Buena Drive, which is just down Meadowsweet from our home. They include: the attempt to rush the sale of the America’s Best Value motel by December 31 to avoid losing grant money; the minimal notice given to all Corte Madera residents regarding this project; and primarily, the location is not suitable for homeless housing, as it is adjacent to homes, businesses, near a public library, and also neighborhood families, children, and elderly residents who walk along Meadowsweet daily.
How would tenants be selected? What diversions would they have outside of their individual rooms – if they’re not working, would they hang out at the nearby public library or Peet’s, at the Town Center/The Village? Would residents have a vested interest in their individual rooms, such as paying a portion of the rent? Or would they be totally dependent on the County for assistance, including food, clothing, housecleaning, medical attention, transport, for the short-term or for years? Who would be managing/responsible for the actions of the tenants? I understand there has been a sharp increase in crime around other Homekey facilities, including drug dealings, sexual assaults, and theft. There are clearly too many areas that have not been seriously considered due to the rush to get this project pushed through before the end of this year.

As a community, our first concern should be for the safety of our neighbors, their children, and their homes and property. We are firmly opposed to this project and would appreciate your consideration of our neighborhood concerns in your position on the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Steve and Gayle Lilves

7 Hawthorne Lane

Corte Madera

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Brian Archer <railersounds@gmail.com>

Mon 11/2/2020 1:38 PM

To: Public Comment <PublicComment@tcmmail.org>;

Hello

I live directly behind the hotel. What will be done if it becomes a homeless shelter regarding safety. Currently there is no fence whatsoever between my home and the hotel. Anyone can literally walk into my yard.

Brian A
415 378-9199
railersounds@gmail.com
Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council,

I read in the Marin IJ article ([https://www.marinij.com/2020/11/04/novato-weighs-lawsuit-to-stop-homeless-housing-project/](https://www.marinij.com/2020/11/04/novato-weighs-lawsuit-to-stop-homeless-housing-project/)) that Novato may sue to block the project. If you continue to read the article, it talks about other towns suing regarding the project. It seems this program stems from law AB83 and AB83 specifically excludes local jurisdictions from having a say in programs that it covers that are funded via CRF, which is extremely unfortunate. I don't understand how the state (and our representatives) can pass laws where decisions that directly affect residents of towns and communities have no say in the matter.

I attended the meeting on Monday, but it's still unclear to me whether this project will be good or bad for the town of Corte Madera and its residents, especially the residents that are within the vicinity of the selected property. It seems that this program was hastily crafted without enabling time for proper planning and vetting. Communities are being forced to accept something that directly impacts them without any say in the matter or adequate time to study it. How can we expect the community to know if it's good or bad when the people sponsoring the initiative don't even have a long-term plan?

Additionally, the Homekey Program ([https://hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/homekey.shtml#funding](https://hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/homekey.shtml#funding)) states that the funds can only be used for people impacted by COVID-19. What becomes of the program when people are no longer impacted by COVID-19 (due to vaccine, cures, normal medical treatments, etc.)? What becomes of the property and the program? How do the building and services continue to receive funding? Again, this goes back to the program sponsor laying out a credible long-term plan that can be reviewed by the town and its residents so there is time for public comment.

As I said earlier, I can't tell whether or not this is good for the town or not. I simply don't have enough information and the sponsor of the program and the town is not laying out the overall short-term and long-term plan.

How can you, as our town representatives, continue down a path where the outcome is both unknown, and potentially harmful to our community? Why aren't we, as a town, trying to slow this down so we can get the necessary information to make an informed decision? I know the funds have to be used by end-of-year, which means escrow has to close by Dec 30th. Surely, in today's world, where housing loans close in 15-30 days, the county could spend another 1-2 weeks to work diligently with the community on an acceptable plan. If one can't be reached, then the community should follow in the steps of the other responsible communities and use legal action to block this endeavor from moving forward.

I look forward to your response to my questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Lavine

415-652-8255
Form Letters from Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) Determined to Show Support for Project
Rebecca Vaughn

From: Ruth Jaeger <ruth.jaeger.lcsw@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homekey Project

Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Ruth Jaeger and I live at 108 Grove Avenue. I am a member of Congregation Kol Shofar, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional, and then permanent, supportive housing.

When I spoke at the Town Council meeting Monday, November 2, I neglected to identify myself as a Corte Madera resident. At that time I spoke to all the previous comments expressing fear about the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena leading to increased crime. It was disheartening to hear all the fears coming from our residents who have not had the personal interactions with homeless Marin residents as I’ve had at Mill Street. This is a population that deserves our support to move from homelessness to housed.

The purchase of this building will provide several benefits. It will provide a safe place for formerly homeless residents to shelter in-place during COVID-19. Second, it will help the county reach its goal of ending homelessness in Marin by providing 18 units of permanent supportive housing. Finally, it is likely that these units will count towards Corte Madera’s very low-income requirements for the next RHNA cycle.

While I have heard some residents’ concerns about crime and safety around this housing, neither Larkspur, which has created supportive housing for 12 formerly homeless residents right downtown, nor Fairfax, which has housed 11 formerly homeless residents in a residential section of town, have experienced an increase in crime related to this housing.

At the time of the last Point in Time Homeless Count in Marin, Corte Madera had 39 homeless individuals. The eighteen units of supportive housing proposed at 1591 Casa Buena Drive would go a long way towards addressing the need for housing in our community. Please collaborate with the County and Opening Doors to make this dream a reality.

Thank you,

Ruth Jaeger
Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Steven Saxe and I live at 40 Windward Drive and regularly dine at Marin Joes (during non-COVID times). I am a member of the Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional and then permanent, supportive housing.

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Thank you,

Steven Saxe
40 Windward Drive
Corte Madera CA 94925
Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Lisa Leavitt, and I am a Pediatrician at Marin Community Clinic and member of the Marin Organizing Committee. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional, and then permanent, supportive housing.

The purchase of this building will provide several critical benefits to the community.

It will provide a safe place for formerly homeless residents to shelter-in-place during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have witnessed first hand the impact of COVID-19 on my patients and their families. With the upcoming winter months and a likely future increase in positive cases, it is critical that all individuals and families are housed. At the time of the last Point in Time Homeless Count in Marin, Corte Madera had 39 homeless individuals. The 18 units of supportive housing proposed at 1591 Casa Buena Drive would go a long way towards addressing the need for housing in our community and reaching the county’s goal of ending homelessness in Marin.

While I have heard some residents’ concerns about crime and safety around this housing, I live in Larkspur and the supportive housing for 12 former homeless residents in downtown Larkspur has not increased crime related to this housing.

Please collaborate with the County and Opening Doors to make this dream a reality.

Thank you,

Lisa Leavitt MD
Pediatrician, Marin Community Clinics
Member of Marin Organizing Committee
Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Leslie Gerstenfeld and I live at 345 W Baltimore Av in Larkspur. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional, and then permanent, supportive housing.

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Thank you,

Leslie Gerstenfeld
Program Director
Environmental Forum of Marin
Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Suzan Berns and I live at 375 Molino, Mill Valley. I am a member of Congregation Rodef Sholom which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee, and I am a registered voter. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional, and then permanent, supportive housing.

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Thank you,

Suzan Berns
To Corte Madera Town Council

Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Mary Jo Moran and I live at 54 Via La Brisa in Larkspur, Ca. I am a member of St. Anselm Church, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee and I am a registered voter. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional and then permanent supportive housing.

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Thank you,

Mary Jo Moran

Sent from my iPad
Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Clare McCamy and I live at 134 La Goma Street in Mill Valley. I'm a member of the Mt. Tam Methodist Church, which is a member of the Marin Organizing Committee. I'm writing in enthusiastic support of the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for transitional and then permanent, supportive housing. Like many of my neighbors, I'm painfully aware that there is inadequate housing for many families living and working in Marin. It's unconscionable that in a region as wealthy as ours, we cannot ensure housing for our most vulnerable citizens, and the purchase of this property would be both a short term safety measure and longer term solution for a small number of deserving families. The location is convenient to transportation and schools, and the support that would be provided to residents could help them emerge from lives of uncertainty and terrible insecurity to lives they and anyone most certainly deserves. It's our moral responsibility to take this opportunity and will be our legal responsibility to do so under the new RHNA requirements. While I appreciate that many in our community fear change, the dangers of living life without a permanent and secure residence surely trump any discomfort our community members may feel about this decision. The needs and worries are hardly comparable.

I hope you will do the sensible and the ethical thing by making this purchase and going forth with this wonderful project. It's the very least we as a community can do for those among us who are in need of this essential support as they work to reestablish some measure of stability in their lives.

Sincerely,

Clare McCamy
Mt. Tam Methodist Church
Dear Councilmembers:

My name is Marion Bank and I live in Corte Madera. I strongly support the purchase of 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera for first transitional, and then permanent, supportive housing.

The purchase of this building will provide several benefits. It will provide a safe place for formerly homeless residents to shelter in-place during COVID-19. Second, it will help the county reach its goal of ending homelessness in Marin by providing 18 units of permanent supportive housing. Finally, it is likely that these units will count towards Corte Madera’s very low-income requirements for the next RHNA cycle.

While I have heard some residents’ concerns about crime and safety around this housing, neither Larkspur, which has created supportive housing for 12 formerly homeless residents right downtown, nor Fairfax, which has housed 11 formerly homeless residents in a residential section of town, have experienced an increase in crime related to this housing.

At the time of the last Point in Time Homeless Count in Marin, Corte Madera had 39 homeless individuals. The eighteen units of supportive housing proposed at 1591 Casa Buena Drive would go a long way towards addressing the need for housing in our community. Please collaborate with the County and Opening Doors to make this dream a reality.

Thank you,

Marion Bank
To the Marin County Supervisors and Novato, San Rafael, and Corte Madera Mayors and Council Members:

As clergy, community, and nonprofit leaders, we ask that you support Marin County's purchase of three sites,

- 250 Entrada Drive in Novato (Inn Marin);
- 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera (America’s Best Value Inn); and
- 3301 Kerner Boulevard in San Rafael, a vacant commercial property.

for the purpose of creating permanent supportive housing that will be affordable and designated for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Marin County.

We are currently experiencing a serious public health crisis, and the purchase of these properties would allow our most vulnerable and medically fragile residents to continue to live in safety from the pandemic and winter weather. We further recognize that the majority of these residents in the Corte Madera and Novato properties have already been living at these sites for more than six months without any threat to the surrounding communities. Finally, we believe that we live in a compassionate and inclusive community, and we want to stop our children, our family members, our friends, our workforce, and our classmates from having to live on the streets.

Signed,

1. Susan Acker, San Anselmo
2. Annabelle Adachi, Fairfax
3. Simone Adams, Mill Valley
4. Myn Adess, Point Reyes
5. Neel Advani
6. Keenny Aguilar, San Rafael
7. Melinda Aguilar, Novato
8. Ismael Aguilar, Novato
9. Barbara Ahern, San Rafael
10. Irene Alzapiedi
11. Andre Amarotico
12. Elizabeth Amini, Ross
13. Peter Anderson
14. Alan Andreini Jr., San Anselmo
15. Karen Andresen
16. Gary Appell, Mill Valley
17. Karen Arko, Novato
18. Lisa Asher, San Anselmo
19. Richard Atkinson, San Rafael
20. Karen Auroy, Novato
21. Pierre Auroy, Novato
22. Karla Bagley, Corte Madera
23. Mary Jane Baird, San Anselmo
24. Sharlyne Balano, San Anselmo
25. Diane Ballard, San Anselmo
26. Pablo Ballora, Larkspur
27. Debra Bandel, Novato
28. Susan Barnes, Novato
29. Michael Barnett, San Rafael
30. Albert Barr, San Rafael
31. Lynn Bauer, Fairfax
32. Marjorie Bean, Fairfax
33. Barbara Beaulieu, San Rafael
34. Nance Becker, Corte Madera
35. Sandra Becker, San Anselmo
36. Maureen Bennett, San Anselmo
37. Marco Berger
38. Jody Berman, Novato
39. Suzan Berns, Mill Valley
40. Erin Berta, Novato
41. Jeff Bialik
42. Elliot Bien, San Rafael
43. Diane Blalock
44. Lisel Blash, Fairfax
45. Noah Block, San Anselmo
46. Jackie Bloom, Fairfax
47. Barbara Bogatin, Corte Madera
48. Celia Bonfiglio, Corte Madera
49. Sister Patricia Boss, San Rafael
50. Rachele Bowden, Lagunitas
51. Nancy Boyce, San Rafael
52. Rebecca Brackman, Mill Valley
53. Samuel Brasch, San Rafael
54. Patti Breitman, Fairfax
55. Susan Brennan
56. Anne Brow, San Rafael
57. Ronald Brown, San Rafael
58. Rhea Brown
59. Susan Brown, San Rafael
60. Alberta Buller, Fairfax
61. Patricia Burke, San Rafael
62. Katherine Burwell, San Rafael
63. Anna Butts, San Rafael
64. Xania Bytof, San Rafael
65. Robert Cahn, Fairfax
66. D Benjamin Cahn, Mill Valley
67. Louise Capozzi, Tiburon
68. Mary Christine Carbone, Novato
69. Pat Carline, San Geronimo
70. Karen Carmichael, San Anselmo
71. William Carney, San Rafael
72. Jeanette Carr
73. Mary Carra, San Anselmo
74. Zoe Carrell
75. Ann Carroll, Ross
76. Samuel Case, Fairfax
77. Helen Castillo, Corte Madera
78. Nancy Chan, Mill Valley
79. Felicia Chavez, San Rafael
80. Esther Cherk, Mill Valley
81. Tessa Cherniss, Novato
82. Laraine Chorna
83. Maria Chumbes, San Rafael
84. Yuvini Cifuentes, Larkspur
85. Kathy Civetz
86. Shelley Clark
87. Cynthia Cochran-Carney
88. Colleen Conradi, San Rafael
89. Anna Cook
90. Lucrecia Coomber, Belvedere-Tiburon
91. June Cooperman
92. Stephanie Coughtry, San Rafael
93. Patticia Couto, Belvedere
94. Joyce Crews, Mill Valley
95. Ed Cunningham, San Anselmo
96. Catherine Cunningham, San Anselmo
97. Sharon Cushman, San Rafael
98. Madeline Dabbah, San Rafael
99. Lisa Dal Gallo, San Rafael
100. Maryellen Danehy, Novato
101. Rhonda Daniels
102. Arianne Dar
103. Alexa Davidson, Novato
104. Isabel Dawson, Mill Valley
105. Michael Day, San Rafael
106. Lisa de la Fuente, Corte Madera
107. Sydney Dean, San Rafael
108. Tahirah Dean
109. Maureen Dear
110. Patricia Delucchi, Mill Valley
111. Dorothy Denko, Novato
112. Scott DeTurk
113. Cristina Diaz, San Rafael
114. Teressa DiPerna, San Anselmo
115. Marcella Dirks
116. Lisa Doering, San Rafael
117. Anne Dolan, San Rafael
118. Gail Dorph, Tiburon
119. Sheldon Dorph, Belvedere-Tiburon
120. Paula Doubleday
121. Diane Doubleday
122. Patricia Dougherty, San Rafael
123. Bob Doyle, Tiburon
124. Karen Eaton, Belvedere
125. Wendy Eberhardt, San Rafael
126. Gillian Eichenberger, Corte Madera
127. Ann Eichhorn, Mill Valley
128. Elise Eifler, San Rafael
129. Emily Elder, San Anselmo
130. Catherine Eliaser
131. Wendy Elkin, Mill Valley
132. Kimberly Elliot, Fairfax
133. Daniel Engel, San Rafael
134. Ann English
135. Susan English
136. Linda Engstrom, San Rafael
137. Susan Ernst
138. David Fankushen, San Anselmo
139. Diane Farren
140. Anne Feldman, San Rafael
141. Isa Ferris, San Anselmo
142. JoAnn Fiesel, Fairfax
143. Judith Finn
144. Nancy Finston, Fairfax
145. Leticia Fish, San Anselmo
146. Eileen Fisher, Mill Valley
147. Lee FitzGerald, San Rafael
148. Martha Forrest, Sausalito
149. Christa Forsiak
150. Chris Francisco, Fairfax
151. Joe Francisco, Fairfax
152. Antonia Friedman, San Rafael
153. Amy Friedricks, Larkspur
154. Jennifer Frisch, Fairfax
155. Cristina Garcia, San Rafael
156. Richard Gardner, Larkspur
157. Sarah Garlick, Mill Valley
158. John Geoghegan, Novato
159. Joanna Gernetzke
160. Laura Giacomini, Novato
161. Gail Giacomini, Novato
162. Angela Giacomini, Novato
163. Jeanette Giacomini, Novato
164. Mary Gilstrap, San Rafael
165. Georgia Giondomenica, Kentfield
166. Antonia Goerss, Mill Valley
167. Mark Goldberg, Fairfax
168. Lorrie Goldin, San Anselmo
169. Nancy Greenfield, Larkspur
170. Chloe Grey, Tiburon
171. Shannon Griffin, San Rafael
172. Stacey Grossmam, Novato
173. Zoe Grubbs, San Anselmo
174. Thomas Guilfoyle, San Rafael
175. Gina Guillemette, Fairfax
176. Nancy Gump, Fairfax
177. Ruth Gundelfinger, San Rafael
178. Grace Haggerty, San Rafael
179. Candace Hale
180. Laura Hall, San Rafael
181. Joan Hanna, San Rafael
182. Arlene Hansen, Novato
183. Dean Hanson, Woodacre
184. Elizabeth Haran, San Rafael
185. Kieren Harlow
186. Gay Harris, Tiburon
187. Ashley Hart McIntyre, San Rafael
188. Talia Harter, San Rafael
189. Tory Harter, San Rafael
190. Kelsey Hartman, Corte Madera
191. Craig Hartman, Corte Madera
192. Joan Haukom, Larkspur
193. Linda Haumann, San Rafael
194. David Haumann, San Rafael
195. Chelsea Healey, San Geronimo
196. Richard Edward Helmer, Corte Madera
197. Jan Herr, San Anselmo
198. Tracey Hessel
199. Karina Hidalgo
200. Robert Hirni, San Rafael
201. Karen Hirsch, Mill Valley
202. Jeri Hirvela, Mill Valley
203. Alex Hobbs
204. Victoria Holdridge, San Rafael
205. Jessica Hollinger, Mill Valley
206. Lucie Hollingsworth, Novato
207. Annette Holscher
208. Jamie Holt
209. Gail Holway Holway, Belvedere-Tiburon
210. Peter Horn, San Anselmo
211. Edwin Hurd, Fairfax
212. Ann Huseman, Fairfax
213. Marion Irvine, San Rafael
214. Doreen Ishtam, San Rafael
215. Susan Isler, San Rafael
216. Nancy Jacobs, Mill Valley
217. Mark Jacobs, Mill Valley
218. Ruth Jaeger, Corte Madera
219. Katherine Jain  
220. Mary Ellen Jenkins, San Anselmo  
221. Robin Jenkins  
222. Kristin Jensen  
223. Mary Johnson  
224. Ann Jolly, San Rafael  
225. Diana Jorgensen  
226. Ted Jorgensen  
227. Kimberly Jupe  
228. Shoko Kageyama, Mill Valley  
229. Kay Karchevski, San Rafael  
230. Janie Karp, Mill Valley  
231. Lois Karpenko  
232. Sally Karste  
233. Paula Kavanaugh  
234. William Keener, Corte Madera  
235. Elizabeth Kelleher, San Rafael  
236. Carolyn Kellogg, Mill Valley  
237. Carol Kerr, Larkspur  
238. Sita Khufu, San Anselmo  
239. Julia Kiely, Novato  
240. Amara Killen, Fairfax  
241. Barbara Killey, San Rafael  
242. Mary Knapp-Samet, San Rafael  
243. Theresa Koblenz  
244. Cary Kopstein, San Rafael  
245. Carol Korenbrot, Tiburon  
246. Barbara Kraus, San Rafael  
247. Kit Krauss  
248. Bettye Kray, San Rafael  
249. Patricia Alison Kreshin, Larkspur  
250. Nancy Kubik, Novato  
251. Tina Kun, Mill Valley  
252. Bonnie Kunstler, Larkspur  
253. Mary Kyle, San Rafael  
254. Randi Lachter, Mill Valley  
255. Dorothy Laddish, San Rafael  
256. Bronwen Lane, San Rafael  
257. Helen Lang, San Anselmo  
258. William Langley, San Rafael  
259. Pat Langley, San Rafael  
260. Sam Langley, San Rafael
261. Heather Langley, San Rafael
262. Cheryl Lazar, San Rafael
263. Lisa Leavitt, Larkspur
264. Gretchen Leavitt, San Rafael
265. Ginny Lee, Mill Valley
266. Rabbi Susan Leider, Sausalito
267. Milagro Leiva, San Rafael
268. Shyla Lensing, Corte Madera
269. Gail Lester, San Rafael
270. Elliot Levin
271. David Levin, Mill Valley
272. Elaine Levy, Mill Valley
273. Frank Lindh
274. Noel Lindsay, San Anselmo
275. Sophia Lindsay, San Anselmo
276. Walter Littrell, Novato
277. Lawrence Litvak, Mill Valley
278. Colette Long, Novato
279. Marion Love
280. Alice Lucas, Fairfax
281. Carol Luther, San Anselmo
282. Brenda MacLean
283. Maureen Maher, San Anselmo
284. Mary Maioli, Greebrae
285. Ilene Malt, San Anselmo
286. Antonina Markoff, Mill Valley
287. Karen Marks, Novato
288. Daniel Martin, Novato
289. Madeline Martin, Novato
290. Julia Martin, Woodacre
291. Joy Massa, Sausalito
292. Roseanna Mathers, San Rafael
293. Gwen Mauvais
294. Marita Mayer
295. Clare McCamy, Mill Valley
296. Robert McClellan
297. Stephanie McClellan
298. Curtis McCutcheon
299. Berta McDonnell
300. Joe McGarry, Fairfax
301. Nancy McGarry
302. Nancy McGee
303. Dorothy McQuown
304. Marcos Medina, San Rafael
305. Sami Mericle, San Rafael
306. Nana Meyer, San Rafael
307. Deborah Michie, Fairfax
308. Jane Middleton, San Rafael
309. Patricia Millar
310. Gerri Miller, Belvedere
311. Mark Miller, Novato
312. Luis Molina, San Rafael
313. Donna Monahan, San Anselmo
314. Zianah Monroe, Fairfax
315. Faith Mooney, San Rafael
316. Mary Jo Moran, Larkspur
317. Nick Morris, San Rafael
318. Julie Motz, Fairfax
319. Julie Mozena, San Anselmo
320. Amy Muithya, San Rafael
321. Claire Muller, San Anselmo
322. Mari Nakagawa
323. Lise Naparst, San Rafael
324. Susan Neil, San Anselmo
325. Bethany Nelson, Novato
326. Raquel Nelson, San Anselmo
327. Jasmine Nemerovski, Novato
328. Lisa Newmark, San Rafael
329. Rebecca Nowlen, Fairfax
330. Jan O'Brien, Corte Madera
331. Bernard Ohalloran, San Anselmo
332. Lynn Oldham Robinett, San Rafael
333. Kris Organ, Fairfax
334. Sara Oser, Novato
335. Clyde Ostler, Ross
336. Cindy Ostroff, San Rafael
337. Georgia Otterson, Novato
338. Pat Ottoboni, San Rafael
339. Nancy Outenreath, San Rafael
340. Trevor Palacio, San Rafael
341. Maria Palacios, San Rafael
342. Rachel Paluska
343. Richard Park
344. Martha Parker
345. Meredith Parnell, San Anselmo  
346. Jack Parnell-Wolfe, San Anselmo  
347. Andrea Parsons  
348. Eric Parsons  
349. Margaret Partlow  
350. Caroline Peattie, San Rafael  
351. George Pegelow  
352. Robert Pendoley  
353. E L Perry, Mill Valley  
354. Celeste Perry, Mill Valley  
355. Karen Petterson  
356. David Petterson  
357. Mark Phillips, Woodacre  
358. Johanna Pino, San Rafael  
359. Judith Pomeroy, Novato  
360. Ken Pontac  
361. Sean Prendiville, San Rafael  
362. Marilyn Price  
363. Sheila Proctor  
364. Audrey Pulis, Fairfax  
365. Ralph Purdy, Novato  
366. Scott Quinn, San Rafael  
367. Joan Raab, Novato  
368. Janet Raiche  
369. Lara Rajninger, Larkspur  
370. Nani Ranken, Novato  
371. William Rankin, Belvedere-Tiburon  
372. Chris Rankin-Williams, Kentfield  
373. Ruthanne Ranz-Appell  
374. Patricia Ravicz  
375. Becky Reed, Corte Madera  
376. Ulla Reilly, Kentfield  
377. Johnson Reynolds, San Rafael  
378. Janice Reynolds, Novato  
379. Joyce Rhodes  
380. Lilah Richman, San Anselmo  
381. Patty Riley, San Rafael  
382. Yetta Robinson, San Rafael  
383. Jillian Robinson, Fairfax  
384. Caroline Robinson, Mill Valley  
385. Jorge Romero, San Rafael  
386. Louis Rosenbaum, Woodacre
387. Mindy Rosenberg, San Rafael
388. Laurie Rosencranz
389. Esther Rosha-Stadtler, Fairfax
390. Kenneth Ross, San Rafael
391. Caterina Rossetti, San Anselmo
392. Barbara Rothkrug, Corte Madera
393. Marti Roush, Sausalito
394. Rev. Barbara Rowe
395. Barbara Royall, San Rafael
396. Harold Ryan, Novato
397. Judi Sachs
398. Francie Salle, Fairfax
399. Jeannine Schiebold, Novato
400. Bonni Schiff, San Rafael
401. Steven Schiff, San Rafael
402. Dick Schlobohm, Mill Valley
403. Caren Schmidt, Belvedere-Tiburon
404. Daly Schreck
405. Sally Schroeder, Tiburon
406. William Schultz, Novato
407. Virginia Schultz, Novato
408. Alexandra Schumacher, San Rafael
409. Cathy Schuster
410. Elizabeth Schwebel, Corte Madera
411. Barbara Sebastian, Novato
412. Roz Seiden, Larkspur
413. Piper Shaw, San Rafael
414. Sher Sheldon
415. Isaac Silberman, Mill Valley
416. Helen Simple, Novato
417. Judith Slater
418. Diane Smith, San Rafael
419. Eugene Smith, San Rafael
420. Joan Smith, Novato
421. Katherine Smith
422. Bill Smith
423. Sandra Smith, Mill Valley
424. Moji Smulewitz, San Rafael
425. Sophia Smulewitz, San Rafael
426. Mark Solomons, Fairfax
427. Anne Spatola, San Rafael
428. Sander Stadtler
429. Alex Stadtner
430. Therese Stanley Tatol, San Rafael
431. Brett Stewart
432. Amy Stone, Novato
433. Michael Stone
434. Ginger Strickland
435. Jeanine Strobel, Novato
436. William Strull, San Rafael
437. Diane Suffridge, San Rafael
438. Jan Sugar, Mill Valley
439. Josh Sullivan, San Rafael
440. Camie Sumrall, Novato
441. Maryland Swensen, Sausalito
442. Lisa Swerling
443. Mark Swoiskin, Greebrae
444. Linda Tanguay, Mill Valley
445. Debra Taube, San Rafael
446. Neeranuch Thinthed, Mill Valley
447. Melanie Thompson, San Rafael
448. Tara Ticknor
449. Jody Timms
450. Cheryl Timoney, Novato
451. Connor Tisch
452. Barbara Tjernell, Novato
453. Wendy Todd
454. Rachel Todd
455. Leigh Ann Townsend, San Rafael
456. Marie Tracy, San Rafael
457. Christine Trainor, Belvedere
458. Louise Trudeau, Mill Valley
459. Royce Truex, Kentfield
460. Steven Tulsky, San Rafael
461. Elizabeth Ury, Belvedere-Tiburon
462. Simon V, Mill Valley
463. Karla Valdez, San Rafael
464. Stephanie Valencia, San Rafael
465. Carol Valls
466. Joseph Valls, Novato
467. Gervaise Valpey
468. Ronald Vestal
469. Marta Villela Morales, Mill Valley
470. Cassandra Vogel, San Rafael
471. Colleen Vuica
472. Michael Vurek, San Rafael
473. Marilyn Wada, Novato
474. Autumn Wagner, San Rafael
475. Stuart Wagner
476. Joseph Walsh, Lagunitas
477. Diana Wanger, Kentfield
478. Michael Wanger, Kentfield
479. Esther Wanning, San Rafael
480. Theresa Ward, Greenbrae
481. Lynne Wasley
482. Jason Watkins
483. Lea Watkins, San Rafael
484. Dorothy Weaver, Kentfield
485. Ellen Weber
486. Jamie Weinstein, San Rafael
487. Robin Weintraub, Tiburon
488. Sydney Weisbach, Fairfax
489. Mary Weiss, Novato
490. Lisa Wertheim
491. Patricia Wiig, Sausalito
492. Cindy Williams, Fairfax
493. Alanna Williams
494. Jane Williams, Novato
495. Martha-Mary Willson, Larkspur
496. Cathy Wilmoth
497. Barbara Wolfe, Larkspur
498. Damon Wolfe, San Anselmo
499. Lorna Wuertz
500. Barbara Wundrow, San Rafael
501. Linda Zipperstein, Greenbrae
502. Kory Zipperstein, Greenbrae
503. Anne Zishka, San Rafael
Form Letters from info@sg.actionnetwork.org Determined to Be in Favor of Project (all from non-residents)
Now #31

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Elias Karkabi <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:41 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin
The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.
We need supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of people transitioning off the streets.
While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop molesting people living outside.
I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not your enemies to be controlled, but partners in creating solutions for our communities.
Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future.
Elias Karkabi
collinskarkabi@gmail.com
101 Monte vista rd
Fairfax, California 94930
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

...And #30

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Simon Vansintjan <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:49 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

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Simon Vansintjan
simsamsomred@gmail.com
Mill Valley, California 94941
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt  
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:41 PM  
To: Rebecca Vaughn  
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#29

David Kunhardt  
Vice Mayor  
415-609-7893

From: Meg Brizzolara <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:53 AM  
To: David Kunhardt  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

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Meg Brizzolara  
megbrizzolara@yahoo.com  
1540 Center rd.  
Novato, California 94947
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#28

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Hayden Everly <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:59 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I live one block from Rickeys currently and have for five years. I have no plans to move anytime soon. This shelter is so sorely needed in this area and at this time. Please move forward with project Homekey. Contrary to the sensationalizing you'll hear from folks who have never talked to the homeless you'll find in the Entrada/Ignacio area, many of them are from Novato. They are your most vulnerable constituents and I ask that you go to bat for them.
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin
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Hayden Everly
aidan11111@gmail.com
541 alameda del prado, #101
Novato, California 94949
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt  
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:41 PM  
To: Rebecca Vaughn  
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

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David Kunhardt  
Vice Mayor  
415-609-7893

From: Jessica Hollinger <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:13 AM  
To: David Kunhardt  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,  
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin  
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Jessica Hollinger  
jessica.d.hollinger@gmail.com  
415 Pine Street  
Mill Valley, California 94941
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt  
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:41 PM  
To: Rebecca Vaughn  
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#26

David Kunhardt  
Vice Mayor  
415-609-7893

From: Daniel Weidlich <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:26 AM  
To: David Kunhardt  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

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While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop molesting people living outside.
I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not your enemies to be controlled, but partners in creating solutions for our communities.
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Daniel Weidlich  
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7 Focha Drive  
Petaluma, California 94952
From: ldoering1579@att.net <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:38 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin
The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.
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ldoering1579@att.net
1579 Lincoln Ave
San Rafael, California 94901
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] It is of utmost importance that Project Homekey happens

#24

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Kyra Payne <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:46 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] It is of utmost importance that Project Homekey happens

David Kundhardt,
I was super happy to read about the proposal for Project Homekey in the Marin IJ and can’t wait to see it put into action.
As it starts to get colder, the need for roofs of the heads of the unhoused is even more crucial. The combination of winter and the next wave of COVID-19 make this project the absolute best option for our most vulnerable population in Marin.
An additional ask is that while taking into consideration the well-being of the unhoused community in Navato, that same compassion is applied to others with unconventional or outdoor living across Marin. This includes people living in vehicles, in tents, and the anchor-outs in Richardson Bay. Many people have been hit hard by COVID-19 and to punish them further for something that is not within their control is cruel. So I thank you again for your support of these communities and the compassion that I know you will use moving forward.
Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future.
Kyra Payne
kyra_payne15@pitzer.edu
244 corte madera ave
Mill valley , California 94941
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt  
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:39 PM  
To: Rebecca Vaughn  
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] We Need Project Homekey!

#23

David Kunhardt  
Vice Mayor  
415-609-7893

From: Gilda Harger <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:54 AM  
To: David Kunhardt  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We Need Project Homekey!

David Kunhardt,  
Greetings, I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin County.  
Aside from the current COVID-19 pandemic and fire season, the rainy season is coming, and we need to protect the residents without homes.  
Marin County needs supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of people transitioning off the streets.  
While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop harassing people living outside.  
I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not the enemy to be pushed away or to the next city.  
Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future. 
Gilda Harger  
gilda.harger@gmail.com  
536 Shasta Way  
Mill Valley, California 94941
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt  
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:39 PM  
To: Rebecca Vaughn  
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#22

David Kunhardt  
Vice Mayor  
415-609-7893

From: Michael Ascencio <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 9:04 AM  
To: David Kunhardt  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,  
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin  
The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.  
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Michael Ascencio  
konvictedone55@gmail.com  
9 jade ct apt 2  
Novato, California 94945
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#21

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Jason Sarris <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 9:39 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kunhardt,

I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin.

The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over people's heads.

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While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop molesting people living outside.

I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not your enemies to be controlled, but partners in creating solutions for our communities.

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Jason Sarris
spacin101@gmail.com
Lee Garner Park
Novato, California 94947
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#20

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Grace Haggerty <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 9:41 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin.
The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.
We need supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of people transitioning off the streets.
Permanent Supportive Housing is key to Marin's next steps in defeating homelessness. We cannot give into fear and must embrace an inclusive community where those who need help are supported however they need it.
While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop harassing people living outside.
I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not your enemies to be controlled, but partners in creating solutions for our communities.
Building Permanent Supportive Housing will help these issues become obsolete as resources are used to support, rather than harass, our neighbors experiencing homelessness.
Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future.
Grace Haggerty
glhaggerty@gmail.com
13 Luiz Ct
San Rafael, California 94903
David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

David Kunhardt,
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Grace Haggerty
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13 Luiz Ct
San Rafael, California 94903
#19

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
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obed@actionnetwork.org
335 Enfrente Rd
Novato, California 94949
David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

David Kunhardt,
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The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.
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Allie Caig
allyse@getaround.com
239 San Carlos way
Novato, California 94945
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#17

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Molly Foley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 11:18 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I am absolutely disgusted that Marin, one of the richest counties in the country, doesn't have a year round emergency homeless shelter. You need to take care of your most vulnerable residents. This is an embarrassment.
That people have to literally leave town, get on a bus and leave their entire support system so they can find resources to survive.
This project is the very least you could do. And it's long overdue.
Molly Foley
wedtoanidea@gmail.com
1475 novato blve
Novato, California 94945
Rebecca Vaughn

From:             David Kunhardt
Sent:            Monday, November 2, 2020 4:36 PM
To:              Rebecca Vaughn
Subject:         Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#16

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Christian Ruben Gatica <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 11:52 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kunhardt,

I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin.

The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.

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Christian Ruben Gatica
gaticafive@icloud.com
7250 Redwood Blvd., #300
Novato, California 94945
David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Mary Mockus MD PhD <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 12:06 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kunhardt,
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Mary Mockus MD PhD
luvly_mother@yahoo.com
2 Kenilworth ct
Novato , California 94945
From: Pat Adams <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 12:36 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,

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Pat Adams
pat.adams@gmail.com
666 Bolling Circle
Novato, California 94949
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#13

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
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From: Rachael Karlin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 2:54 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,

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Rachael Karlin
mkarlin@gmail.com
1599 S Novato Blvd, Apt 101
Novato, California 94947
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#12

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Janice Brown <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 3:13 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
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Janice Brown
locallass@gmail.com
5 Richie Ln
Novato, California 94947
From: Rebecca Vaughn

Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: #LL

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Isabella Blofeld <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 5:27 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I am relieved to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin. 2020 has been a year of recognition for many, and frankly Marin has been rightfully shamed for our treatment of several minority groups. We might have good schools and lovely nature, but if we do not take action to protect those in our community of the greatest need, we will lose our reputation. If lives are not important to you, are housing prices?
The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.
We need supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of people transitioning off the streets.
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Isabella Blofeld
irb Blofeld@gmail.com
David Kunhardt,  
Lower and mid Marin County govt must commit an equal amount of funds and physical space to house the homeless. I NEVER see homeless people in lower and mid Marin! And why is this case? this is a County and State issue and it is NOT nor should it be focused on properties in Novato.

Also any purchase should be based on Current appraised value. This value would likely be more much lower as the amount of rental income generated even before Covid would be low. Lastly if there is a push to purchase these Novato properties, then I would only support this if the city and the county commit to clearing, and making sure continue to keep clear, the Hamilton encampments located in the heavily vegetated high fire risk areas.

stan lappen  
stan.lappen@gmail.com  
107 Portsmouth Drive  
Novato, California 94949
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#9

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Robert Meyers <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 6:52 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I am against the Homekey project in Novato, I think Novato already has done its fair share. Have it built in San Rafael, Corte Madera or in another county.

Robert Meyers
Rjmeyers54@gmail.com
Novato, California 94945
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#8

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

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From: Briana Leppanen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 6:53 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
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Briana Leppanen
brianamarielep@gmail.com
11A Oliva dr
NOVATO, California 94947
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#7

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Mary Linhart <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 6:55 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
My brother has been homeless for over 10 years in Novato. The reason is, After years of his living with several of us but due to mental illness we cannot house him as he is schizophrenic and I have young children. I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin. My brother loves Disney and is the sweetest most loving guy. He used to bag groceries in Novato and everyone knew his name! I hope that happens for him again it’s been hard for all of us and we love him so much it’s great seeing that he finally got Housing after being on the waitlist for over 10 years I know a lot of the people at the park now that I went down there to meet them and buy them some pizzas and say hello and ask what’s going on. Most are native Novatoans, or lived housed in Novato for a while longer than they have been homeless. Their stories are compelling. There’s a Vietnam veteran over there and other veterans that don’t talk about it. They have books piled everywhere and beautiful house plants near the creek and near their tents. The area is pristine and they are approachable and not scary for families to walk over the bridge to the shopping center and enjoy the park and Creek. They have books piled everywhere and beautiful house plants near the creek and near their tents. The area is pristine and they are approachable and not scary for families to walk over the bridge to the shopping center and enjoy the park and creek. Tell enjoy it even sooner when they feel safe. After all the drama from all the people being mean and harassing the people in the park (Trump supporters are), including arresting people and finding out later the police were in error because of a tip from a Novatoan who was angry about the homeless
in the park. He's out and safe now but jail is very dangerous right now. He could've been exposed to coronavirus! I've seen this county "manage" my brothers case. My brother’s roommate assigned to him by the county was also schizophrenic and they got into a verbal argument with literally very little comments before it became violent and my brothers orbital socket and nose were broken and he has a head injury. I've seen this county "manage" my brothers case. My brother’s roommate assigned to him by the county was also schizophrenic and they got into a verbal argument with literally very little comments before it became violent and my brothers orbital socket and nose were broken and he has a head injury. Now my brother has more post traumatic stress to deal with on top of his almost unmanageable anxiety. It’s palpable. Luckily we are able to remind him to take his meds right away and then he is able to calm down somewhat. Sometime is just falling asleep and waking up a little bit sadder the next day. He's been suicidal before and I don't want that to happen to any of these people who are so awesome and open and transparent and talking leader ship trying to get A hand up not a Hand-out. I am an army veteran and I cannot care for my brother because I deal with my own PTSDSUS. We have a lot of police officers and public servants in my family including physicians and nurses. We're all concerned for Pauls safety and have to keep him at a distance but do visit often And help him navigate life, and love him so much. The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads. We need supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of people transitioning off the streets. While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop molesting people living outside. I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not your enemies to be controlled, but partners in creating solutions for our communities. Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future. Mary Linhart irishcate@gmail.com 45 Lipton Way Cotati, California 94931
Rebecca Vaughn

From:        David Kunhardt
Sent:       Monday, November 2, 2020 4:32 PM
To:          Rebecca Vaughn
Subject:   Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#6

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Lynne Behr <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:23 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin
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sessions you may be planning in the future.
Lynne Behr
behrrn3@yahoo.com
1196 Cambridge St
Novato, California 94947
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

#5

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Angela Gonzales <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 10:32 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kundhardt,

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Angela Gonzales
azijoleosmomma28@gmail.com
1538 South Novato Boulevard
Novato, California 94947
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Housing for houseless people

#4

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Kim Slater <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 1:08 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Housing for houseless people

David Kunhardt,

We need supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of people transitioning off the streets.

Please do consider unhoused families and individuals who need safety during these tumultuous times.

While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop molesting-- (which means to harrass in an aggressive, persistent manner)--people living outside.

I need you to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassment and acts of ticketing people living in motor homes, tents and automobiles; it's important to have open dialogue with these houseless communities. People living outside are not your enemies to be controlled, but partners in creating solutions for our communities.

Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future.

In order words...FOIA..freedom of information act requires you to enter this letter to the public record...or reap consequences of civil action..

Kim Slater
anchoroutann@yahoo.com
Sausalito, California 94965
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Subject: #3

#3
David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

From: Nancy Carlston <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 9:13 AM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am supporting Project Homekey

David Kunhardt,
We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated. Let's help our unhoused neighbors and treat them with respect and dignity.
The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.
We also need to allow those in need to influence decisions that they will have to live with, and lead the governing bodies in their own housing developments.
While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop molesting people living outside. Goodness, isn't it difficult enough not to have housing! Send social workers and health care providers, not the police.
I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not our enemies, are not ours to control, but instead they are a part of our community. There, but for wealth, go each one of us. Those living outside can be partners in creating solutions for our communities if we are willing to work with them.
Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future.
Nancy Carlston
nancycarlston@gmail.com
264 Manor Dr
Mill Valley, California 94941
Here is #2 of 30 affirmative messages

David Kunhardt  
Vice Mayor  
415-609-7893

From: Daniel Mallow <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 2:57 PM  
To: David Kunhardt  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kunhardt,  
I am excited to see Project Homekey succeed in Marin  
The rainy season is coming, and we need to put roofs over peoples heads.  
We need supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of  
people transitioning off the streets.  
While you create more housing, I also ask you use your authority to have the police stop  
molesting people living outside.  
I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end  
harassing ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up  
with tent communities. People living outside are not your enemies to be controlled, but  
partners in creating solutions for our communities.  
Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder  
sessions you may be planning in the future.

Daniel Mallow  
dannynogina@gmail.com  
1550 center road apt#38  
Novato, California 94947
Bob Ravasio,

I am excited to see in Project Homekey an earnest attempt by Marin County to humanely address the homelessness crisis by using dormant resources to house the unhoused. The rainy season may be coming (at last!!), but we've needed to put roofs over peoples heads for months since the pandemic and its subsequent economic slowdown arrived in California. We need supportive housing that is built on trust, mutual respect, and the peer leadership of people transitioning off the streets.

As unhoused people are commonly regarded as pests first rather than people in grave distress, I urge you to use your authority to reign in the county's police forces from harassing them. A year that has seen enormous reckonings about the power of the police over vulnerable Americans can no longer tolerate such cruelties.

I need you to do what you can to stop the home crushings off the Sausalito Coast, end arbitrary ticketing of people living in motor homes and automobiles, and open dialogue up with tent communities. People living outside are not mere pests to be controlled, but partners in creating fair, egalitarian solutions for our communities. As difficult as that may be, and despite the pushback such efforts will invariably receive from reactionary NIMBYists, it is necessary if the people of Marin are serious about progress.

Please enter this letter into the public record of any community workshops or stakeholder sessions you may be planning in the future.

Ryan Maher
ryanjamesmaher@gmail.com
65 Jackson Dr
Novato, California 94947
Rebecca Vaughn

From: David Kunhardt
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 6:13 AM
To: Rebecca Vaughn
Cc: Eli Beckman
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

Rebecca,
I have received 30 emailed letters in support of Project Homekey, two opposed, many of which have a similar form to the one attached (the only from a candidate for public office). Should I be forwarding these for the sake of the public record?

David Kunhardt
Vice Mayor
415-609-7893

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From: Melissa Bradley <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 9:49:58 PM
To: David Kunhardt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am excited for Project Homekey!

David Kunhardt,
Hello,

Thank you for serving the people of Marin. I believe all of the people of Marin should be treated with dignity.
Homeless people are suffering grim massive PTSD from living on the streets and hills and not in proper shelter.
To ignore our homeless population in Marin is cruel.
We are fortunate to get funding to finally give some people shelter and to help many of them become well and productive members of our community.
Please do not let NIMBY voices scare you. Please have a heart for the homeless.
Please don’t only make decisions based on fear of not being re-elected.
Please consider that getting homeless people off the streets will save out cities, towns and the county of Marin in the long run.
Thank you for doing the right thing and pushing these projects forward now.
Thank you.
Melissa Bradley
Candidate for Marin Healthcare District Director 2020
Healthcareboard.com
Melissa Bradley
melissabradleyformarin@gmail.com
PO BOX 159
Ross, California 94957
Comments Determined to Show Opposition to Project
I EXTERNAL] OPPOSED TO Homeless hotel in corte madera

carol duke <carol.l.d@icloud.com>

Sun 11/8/2020 12:26 PM

To: Public Comment <PublicComment@tcmmail.org>
Cc: carol duke <carol.l.d@icloud.com>

THIS NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC. YOU ARE MISTAKEN IF YOU THINK YOU CAN PUSH THIS THROUGH ON YOUR ZOOM MEETINGS AND THE PUBLIC WON'T OPPOSE THIS. IN TERMS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ESPECIALLY WITH COVID, AND THE COST, THIS IS A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

YOURS TRULY,
CAROL DUKE
KENTFIELD
My name is Ralph Della Santina and I am the owner of Marin Joe's Restaurant, Inc. My family has owned this property for almost 70 years. We are very concerned about the proposed homeless housing site in the hotel adjacent to our building. We feel that there has been inadequate information regarding this plan, both short and long term. The "rush" to approve this is not providing vital information that is needed regarding the use of this property. Casa Buena Drive has experienced an increase in crime that does not need to accelerate. We, and the community are concerned for the public safety. While we recognize the need for such programs there needs to be a more thorough understanding of the impact of this decision. We do not approve of this proposal.

There needs to be more clarity and communication.

Sent from my iPhone
CM Resident
[EXTERNAL] HOMELESS SHELTER

Gale Litt <galelitt@yahoo.com>

Thu 11/5/2020 4:23 PM

To: Public Comment <PublicComment@tcnmail.org>

Dear Town Staff,

My husband and I, as well as our neighbors on Manzanita Avenue have seen many negative changes (traffic congestion, lack of parking, crime, etc.) to the quality of life in Corte Madera since the WinCup project was built. With this HomeKey project and the sale of the Century Cinema, we expect all these problems to grow and further impact our lives.

We moved here for the small-town, neighborly quality of Corte Madera, which is being DESTROYED by these projects. We believe the Town Board of Supervisors is NOT taking residents' wishes into consideration. Bringing a homeless shelter into our town will result in the same degradation to quality of life that it has in San Rafael. This is a small, family community and you are planning to bring single homeless people here. PLEASE don't keep using Corte Madera as an EXPERIMENT for these ridiculous projects.

Most residents don't even know this is happening. When someone cuts down a tree, we receive a letter. When someone remodels their home, we receive a letter. But you decide to bring in a Homeless Shelter and we receive NOTHING! This shelter is not temporary—it will become a permanent addition to our town, and residents DO NOT WANT IT. Sneaking it in during our Covid Epidemic is unconscionable.

Sincerely,
Gale Litt
Helping the homeless is a laudable goal, and thank you for trying. What you need to keep in mind is the tax LOSS to the Town of Corte Madera as the motel occupancy tax will be eliminated; a condition of purchase MUST BE to replace this source of funding for the Town.
To: Public Comment; Eli Beckman; David Kunhardt; Fred Casissa; Charles Lee; Bob Ravasio; Rebecca Vaughn; Todd Cusimano  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Operation Homekey questions/ concerns

Take one look at San Francisco and you know the reasons why Corte Madera residents are against a homeless shelter in this town, 

If we must allow the hotel to become a homeless shelter, the residents of the shelter MUST obey the laws- as all CM residents do. In other words, if a homeless person urinates in the street, shoots up, leaves syringes on the street, panhandles or steals from the stores- they will be prosecuted. 

The enforcement of the law must be applied to the homeless. Otherwise, the homeless will take over our town much like they have taken over the city. If you are unable or unwilling to enforce the law, then you have failed your community and should not be a part of the town council. 

The enforcement should include: 1. immediate removal from the housing facility, and 2. they are no longer allowed to live in CM. 

They have one chance.....No three (3) strikes rules. Why? Because the CM residents are owed this common courtesy and our lives depend on it. 

How are you going to ensure safety for the businesses and neighborhood? This will affect my rights as an individual. I know I will change my living arrangements- I will no longer go for a walk alone. I will no longer shop at CM town center myself. I will no longer leave my windows open at night. WHY? Because as an elder female, these are now the precautions I must take to protect myself from harm. 

I am bewildered by the way our state takes care of the homeless. There are some 10,000 people in the Bay area without a place to live. 1,000 of them in Marin county- yet the best the state offers is a hotel for 18 residents. WHY? Why can’t a large housing project be built? Why can’t the state turn a vacant facility like the Fireman’s fund complex into housing, restaurants and medical facilities to provide care? Why can’t a facility be constructed where Candlestick once stood? A small building with a minimum number of beds is far from the solution. 

As an elected official, we are entrusting you to make the right choices for our community. Please recognize the difference between someone down on their luck and a drug addict or someone that is mentally ill. If you are truly trying to help the first group by providing housing-allowing a mix of the other groups (mental, or drugs) will create an unsafe community and an unsafe environment for the very people you are trying to help. 

You have an obligation to protect our town and the residents. Please do that.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Bob:

Our government is a democracy- not a dictatorship. Why are YOU as our elected officials allowing this to happen? Being on a committee after the decision has been made, is not the same thing. This project is being pushed on our community.

I did not provide feedback- I asked questions. And I expect an answer to my questions.
As law abiding, tax paying residents of Corte Madera, we expect ALL residents to be law abiding. If you can not guarantee that the law will be enforced, then this project should not be in our town.

I want you to know we will hold this council accountable.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Bob Ravasio
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Jane Lavine
Subject: Re: Operation Homekey questions/ concerns

Hi Jane,

thank you for your feedback,

Best

Bob
As I listen to comments, I find it galling that men, including the men on the council, lecture those immediately impacted by the project when I am pretty sure their property values aren't at risk, they don't fear being assaulted. It's great being magnanimous when you have nothing at stake. I hate to make this a gender issue, but consider your audience before you make cavalier statements and promises you can't keep when addressing the community's fears.

Jean Greenbaum
Casa Buena Drive
Hello. I am a resident on Meadowsweet near the proposed shelter. I feel blinded and confused as well as threatened by this proposed facility. This is not taking any consideration to the residents in this area whatsoever. I am a victim of a brutal sexual assault by a homeless person and sent that person to prison for 10 years. To think a facility like this is going into my neighborhood where I just moved in is beyond comprehension. I feel this is being forced to fast and without any regard to the impact on residents.

Please fight this. And block this. It is ill suited for the neighborhood. Children live nearby. To bring this element into this area is really improper.

Thank you.
Terisa Estacio
Dear Mayor Eli and Corte Madera Town Staff,

My husband and I moved to Meadowsweet Drive in Corte Madera 2 years ago, and we fell in love with this hillside neighborhood. In fact, 3 months ago, we spent our entire life savings on this home when the opportunity to purchase came along. As you likely know, we are around the corner from 1591 Casa Buena Drive in Corte Madera -- one of the proposed sites for Project Homekey.

I am writing with concerns and frustrations regarding the lack of diligence and community outreach in the proposed Homekey Project in Corte Madera. Why have you not expressed your opinions on this? Have you done any diligence on this project? If so, please share. Are you fighting for our town? If so, please share how you are doing so.

There are too many concerns with this project to list here, but I will share the biggest/top 5 red flags of this project:

1) **The Casa Buena site is not practical size-wise.**
   You can’t expect a person to live permanently in ~140 square feet of space. That is barely twice the size of a jail cell, according to the American Correctional Association. We need to lift these people up, not make them feel like they deserve less.

2) **The Casa Buena site is in a terrible location for homeless and vulnerable people.**
   The site is over a mile to affordable grocery stores or a park, half a mile to a bus station (on a bus line that ONLY goes south). There are no complete sidewalks, and the street has walk-on freeway access. Anyone suffering from addiction can easily wander on the freeway and risks being struck by a vehicle.

3) **The Casa Buena site is not ADA compliant.**
   It’s impossible for anyone to get around even with a cane. Even Ashley Hart McIntyre, Marin County’s Homelessness Policy Analyst, pointed this out, and said the majority of homeless people are disabled. I fear the people we are trying to help will be placed elsewhere, leaving Corte Madera with the clients that have less of a physical disability, and more of a chronic drug use background.

4) **There is no contingency plan for potential increase in crime.**
   We’ve asked for this in previous meetings, and it has not been put together. Given that these people will not want to stay in their near-jail-cell-sized-rooms, there is a great fear of loitering and temptation for theft. These incidents tend to happen both during the day and night. There is currently no plan to manage this inevitability.

5) **We still do not know who will be living here or who will be responsible for the clients on a long term basis.**
   We were first told Homeward Bound would run this facility long term, and recently we were told may not be this group. If it is Homeward Bound, check out what homeless people have to say about Homeward Bound here... “I prefer living on the street to this hellhole.” <-- and that’s from an alleged homeless person. This does not instill my confidence in this group. Furthermore, take a look at the crime rates reported via LexisNexis from 2020 near Homeward Bound’s San Rafael and Novato facilities: arson, murder, drugs, sex offenders, and aggravated assault, just to name a few. I’ve included screenshots of the two sites below. Do you really want to risk this in Corte Madera... on Your watch?
In comparison, here is the proposed site crime during the same time period.
At the end of the day, the rushed timelines, poor transparency, and minimal community involvement continues to raise alarm. Ashley Hart McIntyre has been doing the best possible job she’s able with the timelines (and I commend her on those efforts), but there are some questions that simply cannot be answered that quickly. It’s literally impossible with the given timelines. If you disagree, and you think it’s worth risking the potential negative outcomes in Corte Madera, then I want to hear your responses to the 5 red flags I listed above.

I’m looking forward to your perspective and strong stance on this project.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Grossenbacher
I sat through this three-hour Zoom meeting last night. At the end of the meeting Todd Cusimano, Town Manager, felt he got a "Yes" from the meeting. As far as I heard, it was a resounding "No" from the residents. There were a few people that spoke during the two minutes allowed that were for the project, but most of them did not live in Corte Madera. It almost seemed like a set-up that the next-to-last person that spoke was from Mill Valley and was for the project, and the last person that spoke was the wife of a council member and was for the project.

At close to the end of the meeting, one of the council members (may have been David Kunhardt) asked Rebecca Vaughn (town clerk) if she received many emails and how many were for and how many were against. She replied that thirty-something were for the project and, I think, she said five or so were against the project. She was asked if she knew where they were from, and she didn’t answer the question.

After the call-ins that I heard from residents in the meeting, this count was hard to believe, so I went to the agenda attachments and read the emails. It was easy to read them because they were boilerplate emails for the project forwarded to Rebecca from David Kunhardt. The Kunhardt emails came from residents from the following towns, clearly noted on each email: Twenty emails from Novato, Five from Mill Valley; Two from Larkspur; Two from San Rafael; One from Ross; One from Sausalito; One from Fairfax; One from Petaluma; and One from Cotati. Not one of these Kunhardt emails came from a Corte Madera resident. This was extremely deceitful to not disclose this in the email count given by Rebecca. Why were these even considered and attached to this agenda. There were a couple more emails that were for the project that were not part of the Kunhardt batch. I believe, one was from Mill Valley and there were a couple that did not list their towns, but did not appear to be from Corte Madera.

The Corte Madera Town Council is supposed to be representing Corte Madera residents. This doesn’t seem to be happening. The question has been asked but not answered. Why are you not representing Corte Madera residents’ wishes? Milpitas and Novato are working for their residents.

It seems the council has their own agenda and are not listening to the residents.

Catherine Haas

Sent from my iPad
WHY ISN'T CORTE MADERA HONORING CORTE MADERA RESIDENTS CONCERNS ABOUT PROJECT HOMEKEY?

Milpitas City Council voted unanimously to sue to keep Newsom's Project Homekey out of Milpitas. This happened because residents were opposed. It seems like Novato is also looking into filing a lawsuit to stop the purchase by the county of a 70-room hotel in Novato for Project Homekey because Novato residents are opposed.

My husband and I live adjacent to the Casa Buena Project Homekey property, and the first notice I received from Corte Madera about any part of this project was Friday, October 30, for the Monday, November 2, meeting. Our home is home at 830 Meadowsweet Drive. We also have rentals at 826, 834, 838, and 840 Meadowsweet Drive, so we are quite invested in this area. We have owned these properties for over forty years, and have always felt safe living here.

My husband and I were out of town for awhile. A friend notified us about the October 19 Corte Madera Zoom meeting and gave us a little background of what was going on, so I joined the Zoom meeting on the 19th. I was disturbed at what I heard: 1) the first year would be interim housing for the most vulnerable; actually, when asked at the Corte Madera meeting how long the interim housing would last, the representative said until Spring of 2021, when asked the next day at the county meeting, the representative said Fall of 2021; 2) the homeless people selected would not receive background checks (for some reason Project Homekey does not allow background checks). When questioned, the representatives agreed that these people could possibly have infectious diseases, mental illness, criminal backgrounds such as pedophilia, drug addiction, etc.; 3) the representative also stated that these were not Corte Madera homeless that would be housed on Casa Buena.

So at least for a minimum of one year, this location would house the most vulnerable homeless in these small rooms with no cooking facilities or laundry facilities. When the representatives were questioned about these things, all they said was that somebody would be providing all of the services needed. There aren't fast food restaurants or laundromats in Corte Madera. At The Counter (the local burger restaurant), a cheeseburger and a soft drink cost about $20. Is someone going to deliver two-or-three meals a day, every day? Is someone going to pick up the residents laundry and have it done and returned to them? This location does not make sense for a homeless shelter. There is no outside space. The representatives stated that they would try to fix the parking lot up a bit to provide some outside space. Does this mean that all the residents can hang outside on the frontage road?

All of the representatives involved are comparing this Corte Madera project to the King Street in Larkspur project. I have toured the King Street property, and it is not comparable to the Casa Buena project in any way. The King Street property is a multi-million-dollar house (the old St. Patrick's convent) that houses twelve senior seniors on a permanent basis. There is no alcohol allowed. There is a beautiful yard. There is a communal kitchen. If I remember correctly, there is a laundry area. The King Street property is in walking distance to downtown Larkspur and a grocery store. This property is a couple hundred yards from a K-8 school, so I am pretty sure all of the seniors living in this property would have had a very detailed background check. (It seems this NO-BACKGROUND-CHECK business only applies to Newsom's Project Homekey.) The King Street property is a very-long-term lease, and not a purchase like the Casa Buena property. I would think the long-term lease on King Street contains a lot of rules that Homeward Bound or whoever holds the lease must abide by; if not, the lease can probably be broken. The Casa Buena property is a purchase by the county, so it seems that once it is purchased, there is not way out.

Please do not allow the county to buy the Casa Buena property. This is a major decision that should not be decided in a couple
of weeks just to spend free money from the state! Unless something has changed since the October 19 meeting, Homeward Bound and Catholic Charities have not even committed to servicing this project. The county wants to buy the property, but where does the county's funding end? Are they prepared to fund this project for the next 10, 15, 20 years, or does their involvement end with the free purchase money? These are questions that have to answered at tomorrow's meeting!

Catherine Haas

Sent from my iPad
I oppose housing homeless people in Corte Madera. There are many other areas where they can house the homeless for much less money. We don't need to spend money to house homeless people from San Francisco and other states. San Francisco just spent $8k per month to house homeless. that's crazy. We don't need to make the same costly mistake here.

I also oppose this because we are being asked to vote for more taxes for public services while people and business are struggling from loss of income due to covid. It might be “nice” to house the homeless here, but we can’t afford it, period.

Also we don’t need homeless people spending their days at the Corte Madera Library. We have a problem with scruffy smelly people there already. And it isn’t fair to the home owners who will have homeless people living in their neighborhood. I’ve seen how the homeless live in SF and along the highways. They generate huge amounts of trash and start fires. We don’t want that here.

Please don’t agree to this project!!!

Susan Sullivan
415-924-0690
SusanDSullivan@comcast.net
Dear City Council Members,

I have attached a copy of a letter which I sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding our thoughts and concerns regarding the property at 1591 Casa Buena Drive.

As you can well imagine if you were in our shoes you would be fighting like hell to oppose this project.

Please consider all of Corte Madera and Marin Co. tax paying citizens rights. Homeless make up 1,000 + of the 256,000 + population this is a very small percentage.

Respectfully,

JO ANG Properties, LLC
Joe Garbarino, Sr., family
Hello All - The below public comment regarding Project Homekey was received over the weekend. Forwarding to Council and staff for your review.

Rebecca Marin County Board of Supervisors

RE: Home Key Project

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN to your constituents yes the homeless need to be addressed and housed, but because money is now earmarked to purchase housing we have to jump on the bandwagon and purchase property with no consideration to Marin Co. Tax paying residents. "YOU BUILD THEY WILL COME"

We were present at the last Board Meeting and have many concerns;

Our family owns the 22 apartments at 1595 Casa Buena Drive adjacent to the motel at 1591 Casa Buena Drive. We along with others never received notification this was happening as we learned through the media of the Board’s intentions. These 2 properties have a shared driveway do you have plans to separate the properties? Within 30 days of close of escrow residents need to be placed and provided for. There are no kitchens, you mention many will be elderly are they homeless elderly or part of the elder population. Have you been to the site, it was mentioned outdoor space would be constructed for the residents just where in the parking lot there is no outdoor space this has no park like setting it is adjacent to the freeway. You are not being fair to the people you intend to place it was mentioned many would be elderly, it is a long walk to Corte Madera Town Center for food and other services. Will residents have cars? How many can live in one unit this has not been determined to our knowledge. Who is going to provide security? You mentioned Homeward Bound, Catholic Charities or another agency would eventually run the property for HOMELESS which funds earmarked or for people who cannot live independently.

We need to provide for the homeless this does not mean we need to purchase property. We could go on and on but let me ask you if you owned the property connected to a hotel for the homeless would you vote to approve. The money maybe coming from the State but who provides the money to the State we do the taxpayers. Why are so many moving out of California because the simply can’t keep up with the over spending by our lawmakers.

PLEASE, STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN YOUR ARE ELECTED BY YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

Respectfully,

JO ANG Properties, LLC
Garbarino Family.
Eli Beckman
Mayor
Town of Corte Madera
(415) 737-5020
www.eliforcortemadera.com

Dear Ms. Beckman,

Ron and Kathlene Martyn, residents for 45 yrs. are definitely NOT in favor of putting long term homeless on Casa Buena. This should have been well thought out and prepared not just re-acting to having money available. Everyone in this neighborhood has to use Casa Buena, including kids riding bikes. Most things said are true, I worked in welfare for a long time. Many are addicts; and difficult to control. This is a different scenario than homeless resulting from home burning, physical tragedy that caused poverty, etc. etc.
Half of the rooms available on Casa Buena are upstairs, and the physically disabled, ill people they discuss will not be able to climb the stairs. Too many issues, bad decision, - and we have no options.

Ron & Kathlene Martyn
Hi Stacey,

Thank you for writing to us about this important issue, and I absolutely understand your concerns. Like the rest of the community, many of our Councilmembers first learned about this project by reading about it in the IJ, which is not okay.

I wanted to first share a little background about the project. This a County project based on a private land sale between two third parties. As such, this is not something that Corte Madera has any control over. With regards to the only way in which we normally would have control over this project, the rezoning of the property to reflect its new use, state law explicitly strips Corte Madera of that authority in this case.

To provide you my candid assessment, the County seems to be rushes on this project and compressing the public process because there is such a tight deadline on the state funding they are trying to take advantage of.
Even though the Town of Corte Madera has no authority over this project, we are doing everything we can to both express our displeasure with the way the public process has played out to the County, as well as making sure the County understands how critical it is that this project, should they approve it, have no impact on local residents.

I will say that the County and the nonprofits they're partnering with here do have a very reassuring track record of pulling off these kinds of projects without impacting neighbors (for example, I was shocked to learn that one of these projects has existed for years barely half a block from downtown Larkspur—I never would have known). Nevertheless, we continue to do everything in our power to ensure that the County will guarantee the full array of support and law enforcement services necessary to keep any project safe, clean, and discreet.

I'd also just like to point out that, while I can't speak to any outreach the County has done with regards to this issue, Corte Madera has been very proactive in trying to get the word out among residents since we first learned about it, starting with having representatives from the County and their nonprofit partners give a public presentation on the proposal at the October 6th Town Council meeting. Since then, we have been aggressively advertising opportunities for residents to learn more and give feedback, posting about it repeatedly on social media, NextDoor, the Town website, our weekly newsletter, etc.

I'm always concerned when our communications aren't getting through to residents, especially when it's about important issues like this. If you have any suggestions for how we might better reach residents, I'd greatly appreciate hearing them. In the meantime, I highly recommend that you sign up for the Town's official newsletter. It goes out every Friday and is full of important information on what's going on in Town and opportunities to make your voice heard. You can subscribe at this link: https://tinyurl.com/yxjqdid

Please do share that with any other Corte Madera residents who would like to stay more informed, and of course, let me know if there's anything else you'd like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Eli Beckman
Mayor
Town of Corte Madera

(415) 737-5020
www.elifforcortemadera.com
Dear Mayor and Vice Mayor,

I am writing to share my concern with the Roomkey Project and the proposed location on Casa Buena. I am astounded by the fact that this has been kept a secret. There has been no communication to residents in the nearby area and I am furious and disappointed.
Don’t you think your office should have done something about this, like alert the residents? We were given all of a couple hours to voice our opinions via email.

This is your city, and I am sure you realize that it is inevitable that crime will go up and the safety of the residents will be at risk. I know there will be loitering out in front of the hotel, as there is nowhere else to go, no outdoor space whatsoever for these residents. We already have problems with the homeless loitering on Casa Buena; drugs, crime and homeless encampments have found their way into my neighborhood and now we are adding to the problem.

I have been a resident here in CM for 13 yrs, my kids attend the schools and we own a home and pay taxes. This is the first time I have thought of moving as I did not choose to live anywhere near a homeless shelter housing the mentally ill, and drug addicted homeless. I am sick about this as is everyone I talk to.

I could go on and on, but you know what the concerns are, the question is, can you do anything about?

Stacey Bernardini
Good morning,

I learned from a neighbor last night of a proposed homeless shelter down the street from my house. The hotel is no doubt an eyesore but a homeless shelter is just a terrible idea for our town, especially given the location nearby our treasured retail zone. Is there a website, neighborhood groups or any upcoming meetings that would allow resident involvement and participation? Please let me know.

Thanks
John Garibaldi
Eli Beckman
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From: Jessica Etchevers <jessicaetchevers@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 7:34 AM
To: Eli Beckman; David Kunhardt; Fred Casissa; Charles Lee; Bob Ravasio
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inn of Marin Proposal

Dear Mayor Beckman and Council,
I’m writing today to express my STRONG opposition to the proposal to turn Inn of Marin into homeless housing. Aside from the fact that this is happening far too quickly and without appropriate input from the community (in order to meet an end of year deadline for funding, it appears), it is simply a bad idea that I don’t believe has been fully thought out.

The area in which the motel is located is dark and would become significantly less safe. Nearby businesses, including Marin Joe’s, would undoubtedly suffer negative repercussions as patrons would be less likely to dine there if it’s next door to a motel housing a potentially unstable population.

It is far too close to Town Park, Neil Cummins Elementary, the library, and Town Center, all places that children and families frequent. Unfortunately, many homeless people suffer from severe mental illness and addiction, and
our children should absolutely not be exposed to this. Children in San Francisco frequently have to step over used needles and human excrement on their walks to school - we can't let this happen in our community.

Property values will decrease significantly. Many homeowners will see their home values plunge, and this obviously a huge concern. Families are moving out of San Francisco at an alarming rate (primarily to escape the progressive policies that have led to the exploding rate of drug/alcohol abuse and homelessness), and they will choose to live in other communities. This is simply unacceptable.

I understand the impulse to want to help, but the established members of this community should be prioritized. I urge you not to move forward with this project, and hope that my voice will be heard. I have lived in Marin county nearly my entire life and have been in Corte Madera for 10 years. I know many other people feel this same way, and I would seriously consider leaving this town if this plan is pushed through. Please reconsider this proposal - it is a huge mistake with repercussions that will last for years to come. Thank you for your time.

Jessica Etchevers
133 Granada Drive
Dear Mr. Mayor,

If the Marin County Board of Supervisors is willing to push through their Homekey agenda, installing permanent programs on short notice, with no transparency, with no involvement of the citizens nor the cities they live in, this is an unacceptable and very dangerous precedent - and in the future the same practice could be applied to anyone, at anytime, anywhere in Marin County on any issue.

The Board of Supervisors has violated the trust of the electorate with its Homekey program implementation process. It is San Geronimo Golf Course all over again!

Please work with the City of Novato and City of San Rafael to stop this from happening. The Corte Madera site is not a good location. Project Homekey will impact local businesses and people living in the neighborhood. The
town will have no control on the type of activities that will go on at the site or who will be running it. And this will continue for 55 years! Absurd!

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Linda & Mark Malatesta
Corte Madera
Don't Let The County Takeover One Of Corte Madera's Prime Affordable Housing Sites

Dear Council,
The issue of establishing a permanent homeless shelter here in Corte Madera—to be run by the county—has drawn a lot of discussion on Nextdoor during the last few days. Lots of pro and con, back and forth. I thought I would summarize my thoughts for you our decision makers.

I have followed CM politics for a long time. Also state & regional politics too. I know what's going on and how local authority is steadily being eroded by top down pressures from above—all in the guise of helping the less fortunate when really those who benefit most are big developers and invested non-profits. The whole system is totally corrupt as is our state’s de facto one-party legislature. One party==no checks & balances. Greed and profiteering rules.

Now on Council we have a new member highly persuasive who is an avowed regionalist/lover of high density development and I suspect that is part of the problem here—why this important Council decision on a permanent homeless shelter in CM did not go to more discussion such as a community workshop.

The reality is that next year Corte Madera will enter a new ABAG/MTC planning cycle & will I'm sure be socked with a huge affordable housing mandate for which CM will have to plan, create facilitative zoning. Where will we in our small town put these new units without destroying livable small town atmosphere?

That is why it is wrong to let the county takeover one of our prime housing sites. To my mind, the main issue is not helping the homeless with a permanent homeless shelter—which we all want to do—but rather to plan responsibly for the preservation of Corte Madera’s gorgeous small town character.

Question: If the county wants to create a homeless shelter—or a series of them—why don't they plan by dedicating lands in their unincorporated areas which they control?

CM mayor and Council need to put on the brakes and voice concerns beginning with "hey this issue needs more community OUTREACH & DISCUSSION before we commit ourselves to letting the county dictate CM land use policy.

Respectfully, Peter Hensel, 138 Willow Ave
Hi CM Town Council Members,

I've been a homeowner on Manzanita Ave in Corte Madera for over two years now and just wanted to express my utter disappointment in how the homekey project was handled in the town of Corte Madera.

I understand that this is out of the town's control mostly, but back in August 2020 you were alerted that County of Marin entered into a letter of engagement with the owners of two Budget Inn's property for $18 million and I had to hear about this news from my neighbor, Scott Garland, a week ago. Listening to the Zoom meetings has been extra frustrating as the town seems to accept no responsibility or action of the project. Instead of informing the residents, it seems you guys were putting together documentation that makes the Homekey look like a positive for the town; instead of standing up for the town and fighting for what the residents want like Novato is doing. They're leading by example while it seems you guys have rolled over and accepted defeat.

It's just an overall disappointment that you knew back in August and tried to hide it from residents as you knew the backlash would be large. You also failed to notify residents; I'm 0.5 miles away and have received nothing in my mail regarding this issue with a final vote in 4 days.

It should have been your responsibility to at the very least, alert every resident in the town that the County of Marin was looking to purchase and entered into a letter of intent back in August 2020 which could have led to more peaceful and productive discussions.

This has been the first time I ever had to express my opinion to a town council and find it unacceptable in how it was handled.

Thanks,
Mike

Michael Book | CEO | San Francisco
CM Resident  
Rebecca Vaughn

From: Jim Lavine <jfl615@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 8:16 PM  
To: Public Comment; Eli Beckman; David Kunhardt; Fred Casissa; Charles Lee; Bob Ravasio; Rebecca Vaughn  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Questions Regarding Project Homekey and the Property on Casa Buena

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council,

I read in the Marin IJ article ([https://www.marinij.com/2020/11/04/novato-weighs-lawsuit-to-stop-homeless-housing-project/](https://www.marinij.com/2020/11/04/novato-weighs-lawsuit-to-stop-homeless-housing-project/)) that Novato may sue to block the project. If you continue to read the article, it talks about other towns suing regarding the project. It seems this program stems from law AB83 and AB83 specifically excludes local jurisdictions from having a say in programs that it covers that are funded via CRF, which is extremely unfortunate. I don't understand how the state (and our representatives) can pass laws where decisions that directly affect residents of towns and communities have no say in the matter.

I attended the meeting on Monday, but it's still unclear to me whether this project will be good or bad for the town of Corte Madera and its residents, especially the residents that are within the vicinity of the selected property. It seems that this program was hastily crafted without enabling time for proper planning and vetting. Communities are being forced to accept something that directly impacts them without any say in the matter or adequate time to study it. How can we expect the community to know if it's good or bad when the people sponsoring the initiative don't even have a long-term plan?

Additionally, the Homekey Program ([https://hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/homekey.shtml#funding](https://hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/homekey.shtml#funding)) states that the funds can only be used for people impacted by COVID-19. What becomes of the program when people are no longer impacted by COVID-19 (due to vaccine, cures, normal medical treatments, etc.)? What becomes of the property and the program? How do the building and services continue to receive funding? Again, this goes back to the program sponsor laying out a credible long-term plan that can be reviewed by the town and it's residents so there is time for public comment.

As I said earlier, I can't tell whether or not this is good for the town or not. I simply don't have enough information and the sponsor of the program and the town is not laying out the overall short-term and long-term plan.

How can you, as our town representatives, continue down a path where the outcome is both unknown, and potentially harmful to our community? Why aren't we, as a town, trying to slow this down so we can get the necessary information to make an informed decision? I know the funds have to be used by end-of-year, which means escrow has to close by Dec 30th. Surely, in today's world, where housing loans close in 15-30 days, the county could spend another 1-2 weeks to work diligently with the community on an acceptable plan. If one can't be reached, then the community should follow in the steps of the other responsible communities and use legal action to block this endeavor from moving forward.

I look forward to your response to my questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Lavine  
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From: Steven Grossenbacher <skgrossenbacher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Eli Beckman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Project HomeKey in Corte Madera

Dear Mayor Beckman,

I am a resident of the town of Corte Madera, which makes me your neighbor. That may not mean that we live next door to each other on the same street. But it does mean that we should share a common set of expectations of our government and the upholding of liberal democracy and the voices of the people.

In such I expect transparency, inclusion and direct representation of the entire electorate which the Corte Madera Town Council represents. I do not expect a more limited franchise or one which is governed by a representative’s personal viewpoint – no matter the social cause or the value of the perceived opportunity. And certainly not if it preferences a single segment of society over the will of the rest.

In your personal statement when you were just a candidate seeking to join the Town Council in 2018 you stated that you wanted to "renew our commitment to transparency," however the Homekey agenda has been anything
but a transparent process. If you stand for a commitment to transparency, then you should find the actions of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, and their willingness to push through their Homekey agenda, installing permanent programs on short notice, with no transparency and in the dark of the night, with no involvement of the citizens nor the cities they live in, as an unacceptable and very dangerous precedent. In the future the same practice could be applied to anyone, at any time, anywhere in Corte Madera, on any issue – including issues with which you disagree.

Governing by edict and ‘Stop Us if You Can’ is what we’ve come to expect from other governments and governmental bodies; don’t you think we should demand more of the County of Marin? As citizens governed by directly elected councils, we expect those councils to be directly responsible to their electorate and to be bound by their instructions. Such an imperative mandate is in contrast to a free mandate, in which the elected delegates are only responsible to their conscience.

And it sadly appears that the Board of Supervisors in this case has determined that they were given a free mandate, but they were not. The Board of Supervisors has not only violated the trust of the electorate with its Homekey program implementation process, it has subjected the vast majority of its citizens directly affected by the program to the equivalent of a totalitarian democracy.

Should you believe that it is in the best interests of the people of Corte Madera to implement the Homekey program you are not listening, and we the electorate will not forget.

Cities and towns across the state have recognized the laundry list of potential issues that will undoubtedly arise given the haphazard nature with which these projects are being executed; and they are pushing back.

In the end the installation of Project Homekey at Americas Best Value Inn in Corte Madera will forever be attached to your name. And if it does not turn out well, and odds are that given the process undertaken it will not, history will remember a stained legacy, born of the failure to rise above the temptation of a free mandate in order to truly represent your neighbors.

Sincerely,
Steven
Rebecca, 
What are resident's options to object to this proposal? Or is it a done deal? The "working group" to monitor progress assumes the proposal has already gone through.

Gale Litt

On Thursday, November 5, 2020, 05:20:30 PM PST, Rebecca Vaughn <rvaughn@tcmmail.org> wrote:

Good Evening – You are receiving this email because you have sent public comment to the Corte Madera Town Council regarding the County of Marin’s proposal to purchase the motel located at 1591 Casa Buena Drive, formerly known as the America’s Best Value Inn, with grant funding through Project Homekey and other County housing program funds for the purpose of providing 18 units of permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

I am writing to let you know that the Town is announcing the formation of a Working Group, made up of Corte Madera residents and business owners to engage in future discussion and carefully monitor the progress of this project. The working group will include County representatives, Catholic Charities (the prospective supportive service provider and operator of the interim housing program), and Town officials and staff.

To learn more about the focus of the working group, or to submit an application to be considered for the working group, the announcement and application are attached to this email. It can also be viewed and downloaded on the Town’s Project Homekey webpage, along with the archive of meeting videos and information available, to date: https://www.townofcortemadera.org/975/Homekey (Please note that the Town is in active communications with the County regarding this project and is advocating what success looks like for our residents. The Town will be providing more information regarding the progress of such discussions and more detailed information regarding the project on Friday, November 6, 2020, and it will be published on the Town’s Project Homekey web page).

The Town has also set up an email notification list specifically for Project Homekey news and updates: http://eepurl.com/hh6wrH. I plan to automatically subscribe you to receive those updates, but please let me know if you would prefer to opt out of inclusion on that email list. If you’re not already signed up to receive the Corte Madera Chronicles, the Town’s weekly newsletter which is sent out each Friday, you can subscribe here: http://eepurl.com/g_J8Av.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this announcement or application, or if you would like additional information.
Thank you,

Rebecca

Rebecca Vaughn
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From: News and Events in the Community <listserv@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Rebecca Vaughn <rvaughn@tcmmail.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Project Homekey – Updates and Creation of Working Group

November 05, 2020

Project Homekey – Updates and Creation of Working Group
Read the latest information regarding the Project Homekey Proposal - the proposed conversion of the motel a

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Rebecca Vaughn

From: Adam Wolff
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Rebecca Vaughn; Lorena Barrera
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Homekey Project on Casa Buena

Don’t know if you have this one.

From: Len Jann <lenjann812@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Eli Beckman <ebeckman@tcmmail.org>
Cc: Todd Cusimano <tcusimano@tcmmail.org>; Adam Wolff <awolff@tcmmail.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homekey Project on Casa Buena

Dear Mr. Beckman,

It is with displeasure that I am sending you this email as it is our first correspondence, and it is regarding the highly contentious Homekey Project purchase on Casa Buena.

As a Corte Madera homeowner since the late 1980’s, my family has seen this little suburb grow from a little unknown town to a vibrant place with great schools, parks, shopping centers, and community awareness and participation. Families and individuals find this to be a very desirable, safe, healthy, clean environment in which to live.

To say the least, my neighbors and friends in Corte Madera believe it is a wonderful thing to be able to assist the homeless, just not the way the County is imposing Homekey upon us. There needs to be a more developed program to actually assist those in need, transitional homeless individual and families that we can mentor back into society. What is being thrown at our Town is an unregulated encampment that has little chance to succeed. Documented stories of other counties and cities taking Homekey funds, purchasing motels and hotels to house homeless persons have failed badly. In Norwalk, CA of the 206 Project Homekey clients staying at the Saddleback Hotel, 184 abandoned their room and just disappeared. This is only one example.

The Town and its tax payers would be wasting their time and money unless there is a program and a plan to transition these homeless into society. Otherwise, we might as well set up tents in a parking lots. Do the math, these 18 units on Casa Buena are costing almost a quarter million dollars ($222,222. plus incidentals and conversions each, initially, plus unfunded and unknown future costs.

As our Mayor who represents the residents of Corte Madera, please reject this “railroading” of this project. All of us need more time to develop strategies and a plan to truly help the homeless. I urge you and the Town Council to corroborate with Novato, which is facing the same “railroading” and stop or extend the totally unreasonable deadlines imposed by the state. The city of Milpitas has filed a lawsuit against their county. It would behove you to contact them.

There are appearance of impropriety everywhere you look.

Mr. Beckman, I urge you to find a way. There is still time. JUST SAY “NO”

Thank you,

Len Jann
FYI

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Dear Ms. Beckman,

Ron and Kathlene Martyn, residents for 45 yrs. are definitely NOT in favor of putting long term homeless on Casa Buena. This should have been well thought out and prepared not just re-acting to having money available. Everyone in this neighborhood has to use Casa Buena, including kids riding bikes. Most things said are true, I worked in welfare for a long time. Many are addicts; and difficult to control. This is a different scenario than homeless resulting from home burning, physical tragedy that caused poverty, etc. etc. Half of the rooms available on Casa Buena are upstairs, and the physically disabled, ill people they discuss will not be able to climb the stairs. Too many issues, bad decision, - and we have no options.

Ron & Kathlene Martyn
FYI

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From: Janet Hecht <janethecht@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Eli Beckman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose homeless housing

I Strongly oppose the thought of housing homeless in the hotel next to Marin Joes. Please do not do this. I am a lifelong marin resident. Do not do this. Janet Hecht
CM Resident
Rebecca Vaughn

From: Eli Beckman
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Adam Wolff
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Homeless Shelter on Casa Buena

FYI

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From: Joe Lazar <joelazar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Eli Beckman; David Kunhardt
Cc: Mena Lazar
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless Shelter on Casa Buena

Dear Mayor Beckman and Vice Mayor Kinhardt,

I'm writing in response to a notice I received about potential plans for a homeless shelter on Casa Buena Drive. I live right around the corner at 1100 Meadowsweet Dr, so these plans impact us and our property quite a bit.

The plans are concerning to me on a number of levels.

First, there is already a bit of a homeless problem nearby, on the bike path between Casa Buena and Mill Valley. By "problem" I mean needles and feces on the ground, encampments that come and go, and, most importantly, the potential fire hazards that arise from illicit activity. By making Casa Buena more of a center of gravity for the homeless, I fear it will exacerbate additional homelessness on what is a tucked-away, hard to monitor area.
Second, it seems this part of Corte Madera is far enough away from essential services—grocery, medical, etc.—that it would necessitate an excess of pedestrian traffic on what is not a well-designed pedestrian thoroughfare. Having a new population inhabit this part of Casa Buena is risking unnecessary accidents.

Third, our property values are essential to the well-fare of our city as well as our own personal wealth. Everything we have is tied up in our home, and in fact we are considering investing even more in our home knowing that if we move it away or pass it on to our children, it will be a safely appreciating asset. And, as you know, home values drive our tax base, putting at least a small part of the city’s tax revenue at risk. Building a homeless shelter so close would inevitably lower property values, which in turn lowers the tax base.

Fourth, we along with many of our neighbors have small children. We love to be outside, and relish the feeling of safety and security our neighborhood affords (despite the homeless problem along the path from Mill Valley to Casa Buena). The idea of bringing in a population of convicted violent and sex offenders puts the safety of our kids in doubt. Recidivism rates in California are 62%, I’d hate for our kids to be a victim of that statistic.

Of course we are all for helping the homeless, and are all for funding that. But putting it in this neighborhood just doesn’t make sense given the risk to fire, pedestrian traffic, property values, and child endangerment. It is our contention that a homeless shelter closer to a commercial area that has fewer young children and more community infrastructure is a much better fit.

Thanks,
Joe Lazar
1100 Meadowsweet Drive
917-539-1028
Hi Adam,

Todd asked me to forward you all the emails I've received from residents on Homekey, I think so we could build a contact list on this issue. I will be forwarding you a series of emails now.

Thanks!

Eli Beckman
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Hi Eli,

I sat in on the 2.5 hr community meeting tonight and was deeply disturbed at the continuing lack of transparency around this project and lack of interest in our community's needs and wants.

We bought into the new townhome development at 1425 Casa Buena last summer-- which is just up the street from the proposed site. While conceptually I am supportive of helping the homeless, it feels like they are just rushing due to funding timelines, with no regard to the community that will have to live with the facility and any
ramifications moving forward.. from potential safety issues with the short-term residents (which could include sex offenders as that would not be disclosed or capped), and immediate negative impact on property values.

The panel today seemed to largely deflect questions, and it felt very much like they were going through the motions, which is totally unacceptable. I wanted to share the below article re how Milpitas is fighting against a Homekey project, with a similar lack of transparency, rushing, and seeming dismissal of town resident concerns: https://milpitasbeat.com/milpitas-city-council-opposes-homeless-housing-project-at-local-hotel/

I urge you to push back on this proposal.

Thanks,
Connie

On Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 3:41 PM Connie Chen <chenconnie09@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Eli,

I'm reaching out as a concerned homeowner and resident. I'm concerned about this proposal simply going through without much visibility to Corte Madera residents-- it seems not many are aware-- and specifically about the following:

- Safety issues for our residents, especially our children
- Increase in transients and homeless loitering along Casa Buena, the library, Town Center, Town Park, near Neil Cummins!
- Importantly, decrease in property desirability and value due to the above. We paid a lot to buy here and this will devalue our largest asset.

What can be done to keep our town a safe and desirable place to live? Please help stop this from happening.
Thanks,
Connie
Denice Barsness <denicethorsmom@gmail.com>

Mon 11/9/2020 9:30 PM

To: Public Comment <PublicComment@tcmmail.org>;

1 attachments (19 KB)

Homeless_CorteMadera.docx;
I am a past homeowner in San Francisco (30-year residence) and current homeowner in Corte Madera. In my professional life I volunteer with several organizations including Project Homeless Connect. I believe I have had more than the average citizen’s experience with homeless in our cities and on our streets. I work on Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. Over the past ten years I have observed a noticeable uptick in the decline of the cleanliness of our streets, and the overall increase in tent cities in nearly every alley on SF. I cannot enter my workplace without stepping on or near feces (hopefully some animal), around someone in varies states of mental illness sleeping on the sidewalks. Needles, garbage and other filth abound. SF’s solution? To pass out free tents. No running water, no hygiene facilities, no mental health support, no drug rehab. I have a good friend who is heavily involved in the Delancey Street program (which as you know is a success due to a stringent set of protocols for acceptance into their facility) She tells me that the “do gooders of SF” aren’t helping. To just give housing in a vacuum is not a solution. I think she speaks from a 30+ year experience and having been a homeless junkie in her twenties. It is so much more than just providing a shelter.

It is a statistical fact that adding a homeless facility to ANY area drives up the crime rate, drug abuse and drives down home values. I sold my home in SF to escape their failed policies. I have empathy. I want to see these mostly wretched creatures be given the full spectrum help that they need- this goes way beyond sticking someone within four walls. Delancey Street will tell you that without the surrounding support of rehabilitation, highly trained social workers, etc. etc. you will simply be creating transient shelters.

Most of these people have very severe problems that need to be handled carefully. Current solutions have not been working (not in Marin) there needs to be a better more complete plan. Otherwise we are just spreading out a problem that is already too far reaching. I know firsthand that the majority of these people while not initially choosing to be homeless also don’t easily "choose" to make a change. Most of these people are suffering from difficult problems that have not happened over night. Yes there are some homeless people who have been temporarily displaced and make use of available resources to improve their conditions. Most of the people who would be living in this housing have problems that cannot be solved with free hotel rooms. Ultimately this is not the right program for them or for Corte Madera.

I think there must better options then small hotels. I wonder why the BOS has not considered the Fireman’s Fund Insurance building in Novato. It has been empty for years. It is near a SMART station, has a large parking lot, has green space, most likely has a cafeteria, and could house homeless, staff, and local services.

I WANT these people, primarily victims of abuse in their early formative years, turning to drugs and or drugs to drown out their mental illness. They cannot help themselves. As a society we owe them a leg up. What we don’t owe them is being embedded in a neighborhood ill suited for this large-scale social program, that does not include the myriad of support services it will take to overcome years on the streets.

We all love Marin. I love Hawaii also but cannot afford to live there, don’t expect someone to part their doors along the beaches and invite me in. Housing is a right; location is a privilege.
I would pay DOUBLE in taxes if we could provide a wide scale social solution for those that haven't had many of the opportunities I have had. Something more along the model of the facilities we had in the 70s that Reagan shut down. Dormitory style housing with rehab and on-site social services included. Those facilities had their problems also, but we have evolved, and I believe we can learn from our mistakes and do better. Once someone is clean, been through rehab, had some basic job training, we can then ease them back into "normal" life. My friend at Delancey says many of the street people prefer to live on the streets, even when given opportunities to be housed. For their "freedoms", their drugs, their dogs, etc. etc. It is our sensibilities that assign these wants to many of them.

Moving a homeless facility to such a poor location as Casa Buena Drive will simply erode the desire to buy in Marin, affecting the city tax base, as we homeowners flee to, yet another community not bent on turning our neighborhood into yet another failed social experiment. Let us find a college campus like facility (underutilized schools? Fireman's Fund building? Hamilton Air Force Base facilities? To build a comprehensive transition center that could be a model for the area, in an area less impacting on existing businesses and homes. I would be behind that 200%.

Denice Barsness

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For the meeting.

Todd Cusimano, Town Manager
Town of Corte Madera
300 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94939

Hello Todd,

I am sending this email to place on record my strong condemnation of the proposal to purchase the hotel at 1591 Casa Buena Drive to house the homeless. Not only do I think permanent housing for the homeless at this location will decrease the quality of life for our current residents, I believe the proposal is unlawful and the city should consider legal proceedings against the state and/or county to block the purchase as other local municipalities have done. Best regards,

Seth Berg
34 Echo Avenue