



HOUSING CRISIS ACTION GROUP

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

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Re: December 12, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting | Item 21: Housing at the former Seminary property

Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

We are writing for the Housing Crisis Action Group (HCAG), a coalition of diverse organizations working to tackle the housing crisis in Marin County. We are a group of business leaders, city planners, union workers, environmental advocates, public servants, and educators, living and working in Marin. We urge you to champion the needs of your constituents and support affordable housing at the former Seminary.

Marin County's housing production has not kept pace with job growth or our aging demographics. Due to a lack of housing supply, people who work in Marin cannot afford to live here. As affordability is impacted, people have longer commutes thereby leading their quality of life to deteriorate, limiting their ability to participate in their communities, and air and water quality to suffer. Our mission is to create, build, and preserve much-needed housing in Marin County.

By extending the 1984 Master Plan for the former Golden Gate Theological Seminary for four additional years, we can allow sufficient time to conduct environmental review and review of the merits of the pending application to redevelop the property consistent with the Master Plan. This is a better option for Marin—it gives us a chance to address the housing supply and affordability shortage in Marin and make it a better place to live.

We stand by our previous position in support of extending the 1984 Master Plan, retaining the number of units at 304, and conducting an environmental review. HCAG supports creating and preserving housing to help younger people find a room to live in Marin, help employees find a place closer to work, and enhance the ability of our older residents to age-in-community.

If housing stock, like that at the Seminary, can be utilized by our community (especially by those in need) then we ought to fight for it to be utilized. People who have lived here for generations are leaving for greener pastures with affordable options. We believe in the imperative for housing in Marin and urge you support affordable housing at the Seminary to ensure Marin is a great place to live for everyone.

Sincerely,

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