

June 22, 2023

Re: **Golden Gate Village, Skate Park Removal- Section 106 Closing Letter**



Dear Consulting Parties,

4020 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903-4173

The intent of this letter is to inform your organization that the Section 106 process regarding the Skate Park Removal project at Golden Gate Village (GGV) has been concluded. We thank you for your participation and have included a summary of the consultation process and comments below for your records.

Executive Director  
Kimberly Carroll

The project involved removal of six temporary Skate Park ramps from GGV near 101 Donahue. The analysis outlined in the Memorandum concluded that the project had no potential to affect the historic property and did not constitute an undertaking under Section 106.

### **Summary of Consultation Process**

On behalf of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the County of Marin (the County) initiated Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, for maintenance and repair projects at GGV. The property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 3, 2017, and is therefore considered a historic property for the purposes of Section 106. In February 2023, Section 106 consultation for this project was initiated with Consulting Parties and Tribal Parties. The Skate Park Removal memorandum was sent to all Consulting Parties and Tribal Parties (noted below) in February 2023.

Marin Housing Authority (MHA ) issued a general invitation to the following organizations to participate as consulting parties under Section 106 on proposed repair and maintenance undertakings at GGV in 2019 and again in 2020: Aaron G. Green Associates, Inc.; California Historical Society; Docomomo, Northern California Chapter; Golden Gate Village Residents Council; Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS), Northern California Chapter; Marin City Community Services District; Marin County Free Library; the Marin History Museum; Sierra Club, Northern California Chapter; Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California; Guidiville Indian Rancheria; and Lone Band of Miwok Indians of California. This invitation to consult on repair and maintenance undertakings is limited to projects that are considered minor in nature and are not likely to result in adverse effects. Section 106 review for any major projects at GGV will be initiated under separate cover.

The following table represents the list of Consulting and Tribal Parties that responded to the general invitation to consult and opted to participate in the Section 106 process for repair and maintenance projects at GGV.

Table 1: Consulting Parties Who Responded to Invitation to Consult under Section 106

Housing Authority of  
The County of Marin

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<b>Consulting Party</b>	<b>Tribal Party</b>
Golden Gate Village Resident Council	Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
Marin City Community Services District	Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California
Sierra Club, Northern California Chapter	Wuksache Indian Tribe/Eshom Valley Band
Daniel Ruark, Architect	
Ora Hatheway, member of the public	

MHA received comments from Architect Daniel Ruark and Royce McLemore, President of the Golden Gate Village Resident Council. Table 2 provides a comments summary and MHA response to comments. Comments outside the scope of Section 106 review are not summarized in this letter.

Table 2: Comments Summary

<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Summary of Response:</b>	<b>Date received:</b>	<b>Response:</b>
Golden Gate Village Resident Council (Royce McLemore)	In an email attachment, Royce McLemore states that the GGVRC requests the tennis court be restored and for Section 106 review to occur for any new plans for the tennis court, basketball court, and the entire play area. GGVRC noted that changing the area would have an “adverse” effect on the landscaping on the open space which is part of the National Historic District.	03/10/2023	As documented in the October 14, 2022 Memorandum to File, the project would not adversely affect the historic property. The restoration of the tennis courts are outside the scope of work for this project.
Daniel Ruark, Architect	In a PDF attachment to an email, Daniel Ruark comments on the Skate Park Removal project. Ruark notes that the skate park ramps date to 2014, and that their removal damaged the tennis courts, which should be restored to their original purpose. Ruark suggests any future uses of the courts include input by the residents of GGV.	03/10/2023	As documented in the October 14, 2022 Memorandum to File, the project would not adversely affect the historic property. The restoration of the tennis courts is outside the scope of work for this project.

The County of Marin concluded that this project did not constitute an undertaking and that the filed Memorandum sufficiently documents the reasoning for this determination as well the conclusion that this project would result in no adverse effect on GGV. This letter presents a

final finding of *No Historic Property Affected* for the historic property and formally concludes Section 106 consultation with regards to this project. We thank you for your participation and we look forward to future communication on other projects.

Documents about this review process are available on the [MHA](#) and [County of Marin](#) websites. Tammy Taylor, Senior Planner for the County of Marin, coordinates the Section 106 review process for the property. You may contact her at [ggvpubliccomment@marincounty.org](mailto:ggvpubliccomment@marincounty.org) with questions about this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MCutchin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Cutchin  
Director Of Facilities and Maintenance