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Marin Housing and Safety Elements 2023-2031

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Marin HESE - Engagement & Outreach Activities SUMMARY

Note: Due to public health restrictions on public gathering related to the Covid-19 pandemic, activities that required people to gather in person such as workshops, hearings, and focus groups were conducted on-line using Zoom video conferencing.

Activities listed in chronological order

Activity	Time Period	Target Audience	Summary	Translation / Interpretation Provided	Results / Feedback	Participation Metrics
Dedicated webpage	Ongoing	All	Serves as significant outreach tool to publicize activities and host supporting documents	Spanish translation of key activities	Low-cost efficient way to communicate and host documents and on-line tools	
County email notification service	Ongoing	All	Participants can sign-up to receive automatic notification when new materials are posted on website and when outreach activities are happening	Spanish translation of outreach activities	Participants received regular notifications through out process	
Email and telephone communications with County staff	Ongoing	All	Throughout the process, County staff received comments and responded to questions through phone and email		Provided customized assistance to any requestor. Also, it provided an opportunity for those to comment without using any of the tools or participating in a workshop or hearing.	355 emails received related to sites
Social Media	Ongoing	All	County used Facebook, Next Door and related platforms to promote outreach activities	Spanish	Actively promoted workshops, hearings and digital surveys	
Outreach Flyers	Before outreach activities	All	Flyers were posted at neighborhood hubs and bulletin boards	Spanish	Flyers helped to reached those who don't use or don't have access to technology	
Focus Groups with following groups: -CBOs (2 sessions) -Homeowners (1 session) -Low-income residents (1 sessions) -West Marin Collaborative -County of Marin Employee Affinity Groups	Aug - Sept 2021	AFFH audiences: - Low-income - Minorities - People with disabilities	Engaged CBOs who represent AFFH populations Recruited and screened residents who represented specific demographic groups that input was needed from		Qualitative information about housing needs, barriers and challenges. Participants also responded to questions related to emergency preparedness and concerns regarding natural hazards to inform the Safety Element.	- 17 CBO's Invited - 14 CBO's Attended Participating CBO's provide service to seniors, people with disabilities, low-income, and minority adults and families -14 Resident Participants Recruitment Results: 8 were renters 6 were owners 4 said they speak a second language at home (3 Spanish, 1 Cantonese) Total household income before taxes 2 selected Less than $25,000 2 Prefered not to say County of Marin Employee Affinity Groups included: -MCOLE (Marin County Organization of Latino Employees) -COMAEA (County of Marin African-American Employees Association) -MAPLE (Marin Asian American Public Local Employees)
Community Workshop #1	Sept 22, 2021	All	Focused on introducing the Housing Element. Also introduced the Safety Element	Spanish & Vietnamese -Spanish speakers were present but Zoom does not provide a count by language, We added the Language request question in registration as a result.	Initial feedback about issues and concerns	176 registrants 82 participants Polling results: 30 were owners 16 were renters
Marin County Housing and Safety Elements	Monthly	Represent All areas of unincorporate				

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Stakeholder Committee		d County. Members also include: -Young adult under 24 -Older adults non-White groups, including Black/African American and American Indian/Native American -Without permanent housing				
Postcard mailing	Nov 2021	All	Postcard mailed to 22,000 households to introduce the HE and promote outreach activities	Spanish & Vietnamese (included QR code and directions in Spanish & Vietnamese so recipient could get complete information in their preferred language.	The mailing served to reach households in a manner that didn't require technology and catch the attention of those who are on-line but were not aware of the process. The mailer also provided a phone contact for those who do not have access to or don't use online tools.	22,000 mailed
Community Workshop #2	Nov 22, 2021	All	Workshop focused on Safety Element and explained how the County would respond to natural hazards. These issues were prominent in comments received related to and informed the housing element.	Spanish & Vietnamese -4 registrants requested Spanish	County received substantial input on participant issues and concerns.	84 registrants 31 participants Polling: 10 were homeowners 5 were renters
Joint Session / Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission	Dec 7, 2021	All	Presented HE, RHNA numbers and initial outreach findings	Spanish	BOS/PC input yielded guiding principles that were used to inform the identification of potential sites.	
Consider-it Forum	Nov - Dec 2021	All	Collected input about people's safety concerns and preparedness for responding to natural hazards and extreme weather.	Included translation option through Google translate	Many concerns about limited housing were linked to safety issues such as emergency evacuations. Input validated and further described the concerns people expressed during HE events	
Digital Housing Needs Survey	Oct - Dec 2021	All	Collected input about housing needs	Spanish translation and outreach	Brief survey was designed to collect input on housing needs and collect input with those with limited time to participate.	626 responses in English 22 responses in Spanish
Print version of Housing Needs Survey	Oct - Dec 2021	-Seniors -People with disabilities -Paratransit users -Low-income & without digital access	Collected input about housing needs. Surveys were distributed through community groups with the largest distribution achieved by a paratransit provider. County staff also attended several in-person events to share and discuss the survey.	Spanish translation and outreach. Paper surveys were distributed by a paratransit provider which helped reach people with disabilities	Brief survey was designed to collect input on housing needs and collect input with those with limited time to participate and no access to technology.	102 responses in English 68 responses in Spanish
Public Hearing - CEQA Scoping Meeting	Jan 11, 2022	All	Provided opportunity to comment on scope of environmental document.		Received comments to inform scoping	16 participants
Sites Road Shows	Jan - Feb 2022	All Minority residents Low-income Farmworkers Seniors People with disabilities	Presented "roadshow" of Housing Element information and sites to multiple neighborhoods, including: - Kentfield (Kentfield Planning Advisory Board meeting) - Tamalpais Valley (Tamalpais Valley Design Review Board) - Strawberry (Strawberry Design Review Board) - Lucas Valley and Marinwood	Spanish Interpretation provides at West Marin, Santa Venetia/Los Ranchito, Unincorporated Novato and Marin City Road Shows	Along with introducing BA as a tool, participants were given multiple options to provide comments. The Road Shows allowed participants to ask questions and comment on sites in their specific geographic area.	460 participants

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			- Santa Venetia and Los Ranchitos - Marin City (Community Conversations meeting) - West Marin - Unincorporated Novato - Follow-up meeting in San Geronimo Valley (West Marin) and Atherton (unincorporated Novato) - Follow-up meeting in Tomales and another in San Geronimo Valley (In May)			
Community Workshop #3	Jan 20, 2022	All	-Informed the community about the planning process for achieving County housing goals and the Site Selection Process -Provided an opportunity for participants to share their input on the site selection process. -Introduced digital tool used to receive input on specific sites.	Spanish, Streamed to Youtube -5 Registrants requested Spanish	Introduced potential housing sites and described the process that would be used to narrow the sites to achieve the RHNA goal.	209 registrants 103 participants Polling: 60 were homeowners 8 were renters
Joint Session / Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission	Mar 1, 2022	All	Presented initial sites and scenarios based on guiding principles, technical analysis and public input.	Spanish	Process started with the identification of sites that would far exceed the RHNA to allow for substantial community input.	
Joint Session / Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission	Mar 15, 2022	All	Presented revised scenarios for BOS/PC consideration and public input..	Spanish	BOS/PC provided input on preferred BOS/PC members and public provided additional feedback to inform refinements..	More than 40 people made public comments
Balancing Act (BA)	Feb-March 2022	All	BA Platform Open for Input	Spanish	Receive input on preferred housing sites to meet the RHNA	2,925 page views 143 completed submittals
Balancing Act Office Hours	Mar 2022	All	Staff provided on-line evening office hours to assist people who needed help with BA, Office hours were promoted during the Road Shows along with the channels used to promote BA		Provided assistance to anyone needing help with the BA platform	
Digital Atlas	March 2022	All	County produced a digital mapping tool, the Atlas, that provided information about community demographics and natural hazards - which were key concerns identified in many of the comments received.	Included translation option through Google translate	Provided more detailed information for people to consider as they comment on potential housing sites. Participants could also submit site comments using the Atlas.	
Community Workshop #4	Mar 29, 2022	All	Described the role that policies and programs play in the HE. Solicited input on policy topics including tenant protections and programs to serve special populations including farmworkers, seniors and people with disabilities	Spanish		181 registrants 112 participants Polling: 58 were homeowners 13 were renters
Community Workshop #5	April 5, 2022	All	Provide an overview of the Safety Element update process. Discuss new climate change and resiliency planning goals and policies Present key issues and policies for discussion	Spanish		55 registrants 32 participants Polling: 16 were homeowners 2 were renters
Joint Session / Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission	April 12, 2022	All	Part 1: Received direction on sites included in HE. Part 2: Received direction on policies and programs	Spanish	Input informed list of sites for use in the environmental impact analysis.	

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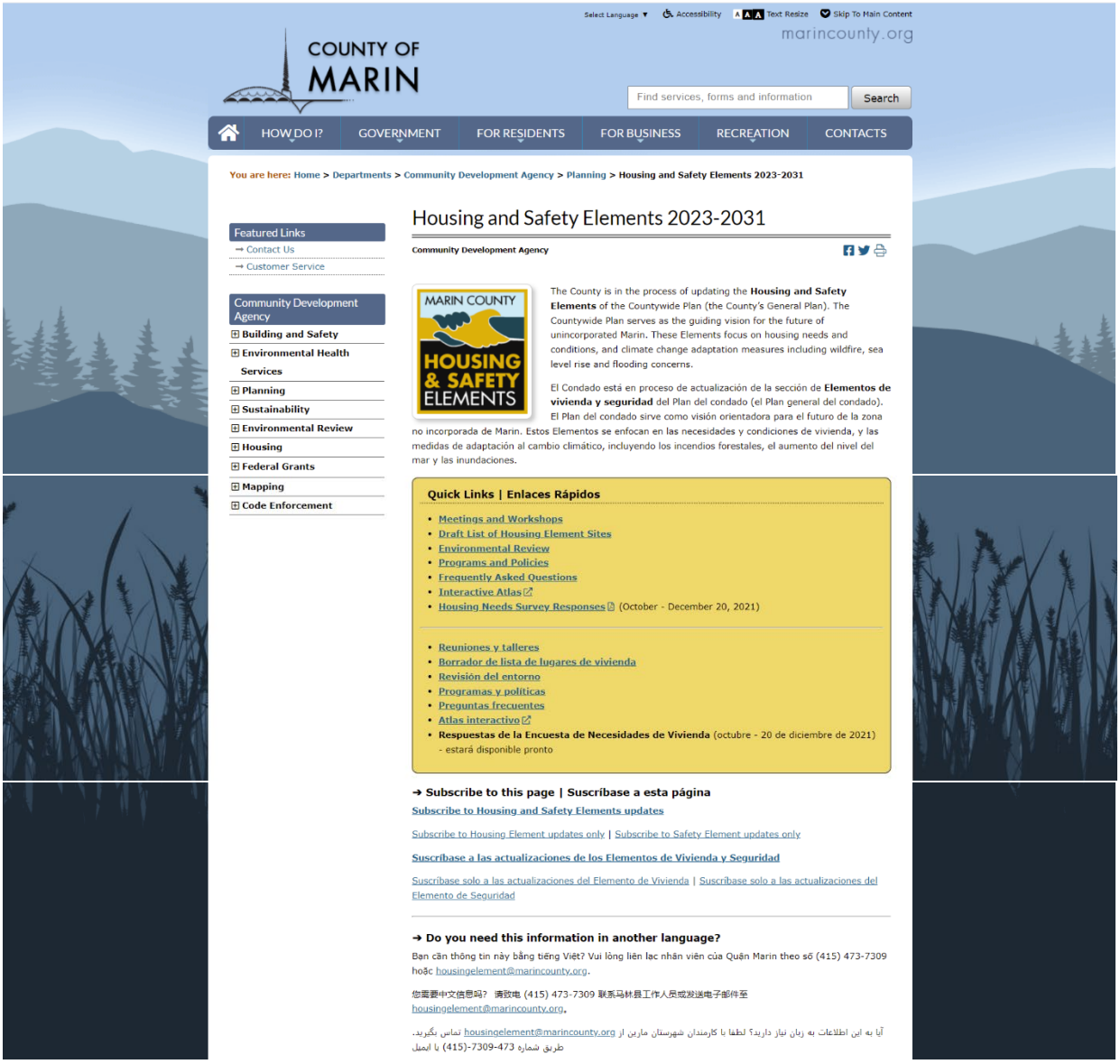

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El Condado está en proceso de actualización de la sección de **Elementos de vivienda y seguridad** del Plan del condado (el Plan general del condado). El Plan del condado sirve como visión orientadora para el futuro de la zona no incorporada de Marin. Estos Elementos se enfocan en las necesidades y condiciones de vivienda, y las medidas de adaptación al cambio climático, incluyendo los incendios forestales, el aumento del nivel del mar y las inundaciones.

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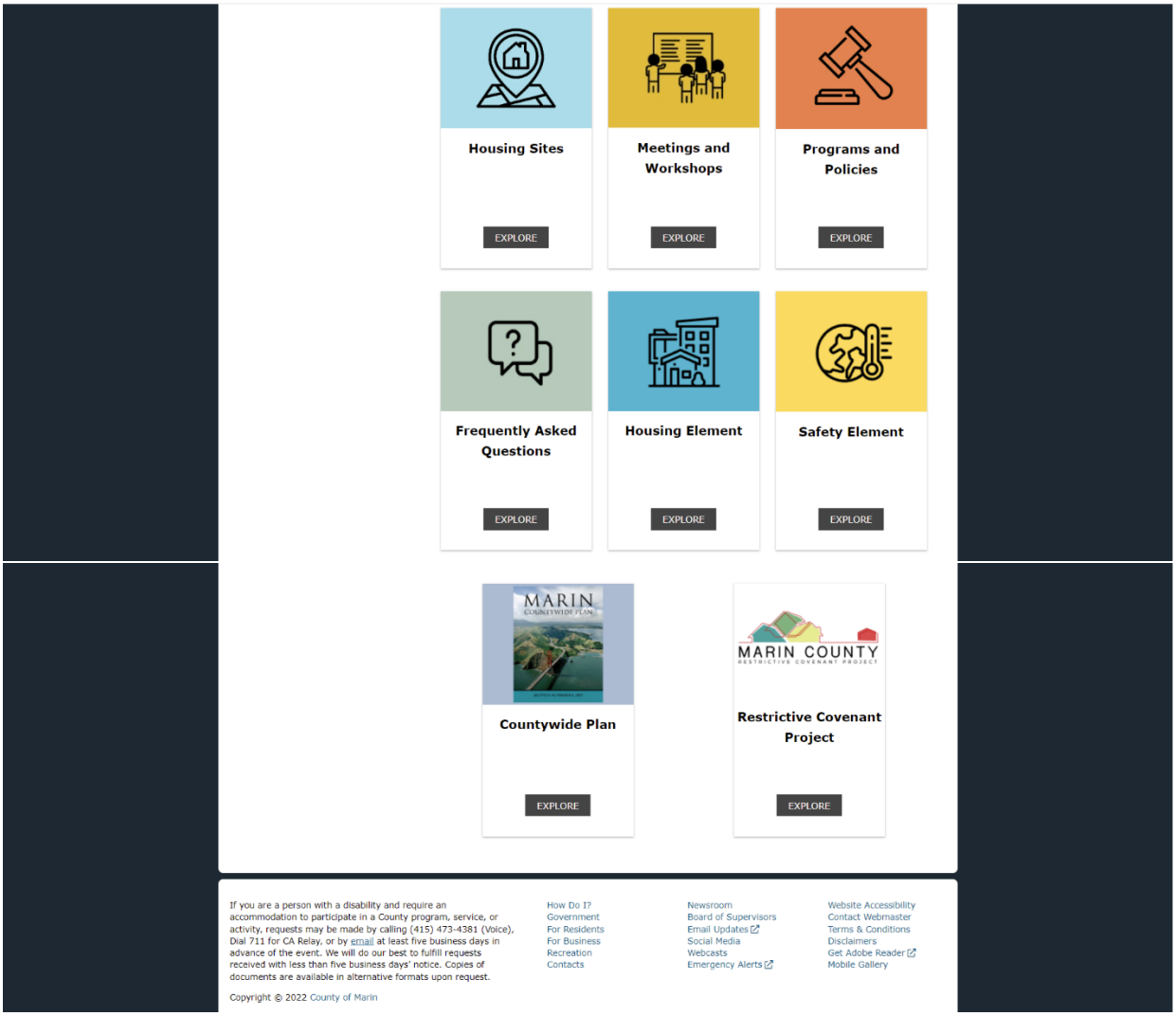

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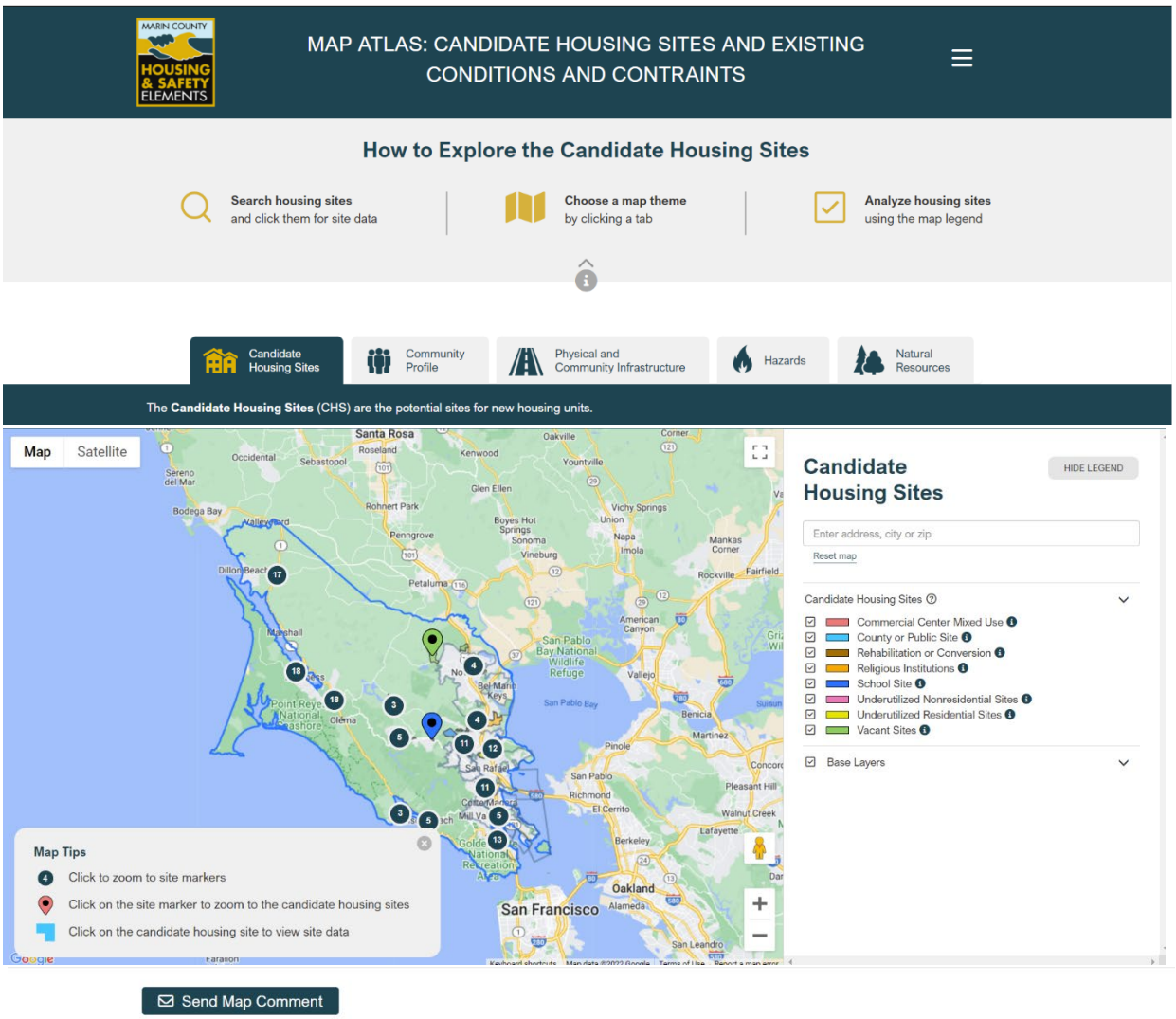

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Candidate Housing Sites

The Candidate Housing Sites map identifies potential sites to accommodate new housing units across all income levels for the eight-year planning period of 2023 to 2031. Most candidate housing sites are vacant or sparsely developed, and are zoned for residential, commercial, or mixed-use development. The zoning on select parcels may be changed to allow for higher development densities necessary to accommodate affordable housing. The selection of the approximately 150 candidate housing sites was based on existing uses and site and environmental constraints (e.g., slopes, access, hazards, infrastructure, biological resources).

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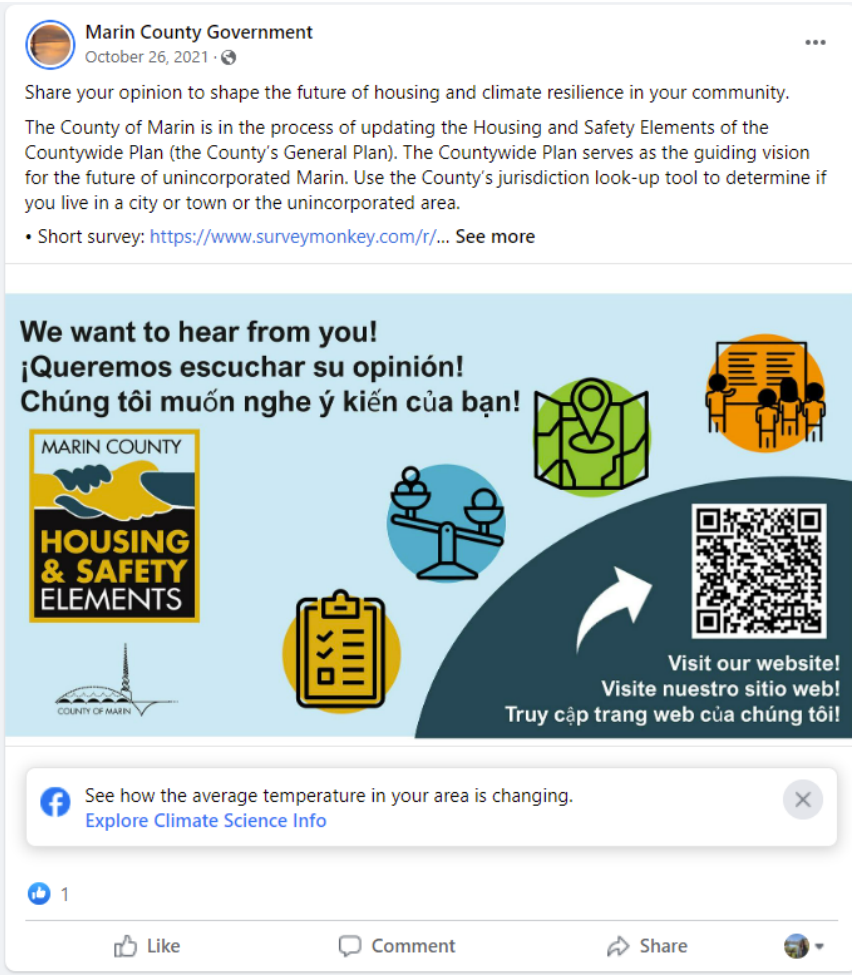

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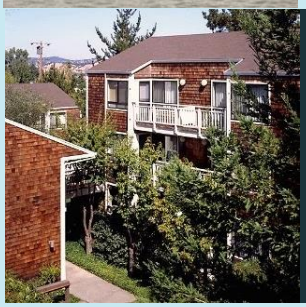

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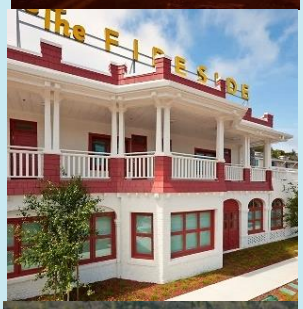

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Los temas de discusión incluyen:

- **Necesidades y condiciones de vivienda**, especialmente para grupos familiares de ingresos bajos y moderados
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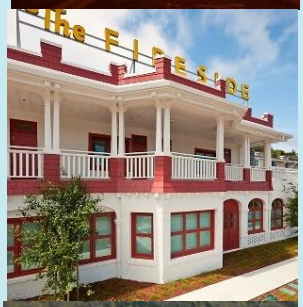

Tham gia cuộc họp cộng đồng trực tuyến cùng chúng tôi vào ngày 22 tháng 9 năm 2021.

Tham gia **cuộc họp cộng đồng tương tác trực tuyến hướng đến giải pháp** cùng Quận Marin để thảo luận những nội dung cập nhật về Nhà Ở và Các Yếu Tố An Toàn (Housing and Safety Elements) sắp tới cho giai đoạn 2023-2031 tới đây. Đây sẽ là hội thảo đầu tiên trong chuỗi các hội thảo cộng đồng sẽ được lên lịch tổ chức trong suốt quá trình lập kế hoạch.

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Share your opinion to shape the future of housing and climate resilience in your community.

The County is in the process of updating the **Housing and Safety Elements** of the Countywide Plan (the County's General Plan). The Countywide Plan serves as the guiding vision for the future of unincorporated Marin.

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Short Survey
Scan this QR code to access the survey.

Consider-It Discussion Forum
An online forum to share reactions and opinions to statements provided by the County.

Interactive Atlas
An interactive map to examine demographic data and local hazards.

Upcoming Meetings
November 15, 2021: Community Workshop #2 (out of 5)
December 7, 2021: Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission meeting

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Community Workshop Links

Community Workshop #1 (September 22, 2021): Housing Element Overview

- English: Presentation[PDF] | Video[External] | Questions & Answers[PDF]
- Español: Presentación[PDF] | Video[External] | Preguntas y respuestas[PDF]
- Tiếng Việt: Bài thuyết trình[PDF] | Video[External] | Hỏi & Đáp[PDF]

Community Workshop #2 (November 15, 2021): Safety Element Overview

- English: Presentation[PDF] | Video[External]
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- Tiếng Việt: Bài thuyết trình[PDF] | Video[External]

Community Workshop #3 (January 20, 2022): Housing Element Sites

- English: Presentation[PDF] | Video[External]
- Español: Presentación[PDF] | Video[External]

Community Workshop #4 (March 29, 2022): Housing Element Programs & Policies

- English: Presentation[PDF] | Video[External] | Chat[PDF] | Mentimeter results[PDF] | Summary of feedback[PDF]
- Español: Presentación (estará disponible pronto) | Video[External]

Community Workshop (March 31, 2022): Additional Housing Sites Under Consideration

- English: Presentation[PDF] | Video[External] | List of additional sites under consideration[PDF]

Community Workshop #5 (April 5, 2022): Safety Element Programs & Policies

- Register here / Registrarse aquí

Marin County Housing & Safety Elements Community Workshop #1

Summary of Workshop Discussion

September 22, 2021

Introduction

In mid- 2021, the County of Marin began efforts to draft updates for the Housing and Safety Elements. State law requires the Housing Element be updated every 8 years. Through the Housing Element, the County must identify and plan for how the unincorporated County can accommodate at least 3569 units of housing, with a specific number of units for low and very low income, moderate income, and above moderate-income residents. State law also requires that the Safety Element be updated when the Housing Element is updated. The Safety Element is a plan that looks at geologic hazards, flooding, wildlands, and urban fires.

This was the first workshop held to engage the community in this project. The website, https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements, contains more information about the project and its upcoming activities.

Workshop Purpose and Format

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, the County of Marin and its consultants, MIG, hosted a public workshop to inform the community about the planning process for updating the Housing and Safety Elements and collect initial input on their issues, concerns and potential solutions. Following guidance from public health agencies regarding gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop was held virtually using online video conferencing. City staff conducted robust community outreach to publicize the event. This included social media posts on Facebook, NextDoor, and Twitter. In addition, the workshop was promoted through the County's email notifications from the website. One hundred and seventy-six (176) people registered for the event and eighty-two (82) people participated.

MIG planner Joan Chaplick served as the moderator and facilitated the meeting. Leelee Thomas, Marin County Planning Manager, provided remarks to set the context and introduced the County's project team. The workshop was highly interactive and included live polls, language interpretation in two other languages (Spanish and Vietnamese), small group discussions documented in real-time using a google sheet, and a larger discussion documented in real-time using a digital whiteboard tool. Participants could submit comments and questions throughout the meeting using the "Chat" feature. The Project Team answered questions throughout the meeting.

Agenda Topics and Engagement Activities included:

- **Introduction of the Housing Element:** Participants received a brief overview of the housing element's purpose and requirements. Participants were also asked to share a word in the chat that described Marin County and respond to six demographic questions.

Following the presentations, participants were randomly assigned to seven small groups. Each group had a facilitator and note taker, six groups were facilitated in English and the seventh group was facilitated in Spanish. Participants were invited to share issues and concerns, strategies and solutions, and questions. At the end of the discussion, all participants returned to the larger group where the facilitator from each group shared some of the highlights of the discussions.

- **Introduction of the Safety Element:** Participants received a brief overview of the safety element's purpose and requirements. In a large group discussion, participants were invited to share their issues and concerns, strategies and solutions, and questions using the chat feature. The presenters responded to questions and participant feedback was noted on a digital whiteboard that was shared with the larger group.
- **Public Comment:** Participants were provided an opportunity to verbally share any comments near the end of the meeting during the public comment period.
- **Next Steps and Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:** Participants received a brief review and a preview of upcoming outreach opportunities.

Results from the Engagement Activities

The workshop opened with an open-end question and six polling questions intended to collect basic information about the participants. For polling questions, a number "n" is provided for the number of respondents for the question. Not all participants responded to each question. This number is the basis of percentages shown unless otherwise described.

Question 1 - Where do you live? N:40

- 37.5% - Unincorporated Marin County
- 50.0% - City within Marin County (includes Belvedere, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Larkspur, Novato, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Sausalito and Tiburon)
- 12.5% - I do not live in Marin County

Question 2 - For those who responded they live in unincorporated Marin County, please tell us what part of the county you live in. N:34

- 17.6% - West Marin
- 14.7% - Unincorporated San Rafael (Marinwood, Santa Venetia, Los Ranchitos, Lucas Valley)
- 2.9% - Unincorporated Novato (Black Point, Green Point, Atherton, Indian Valley)
- 17.6% - Unincorporated Southern Marin (Tam Junction, Marin City, Strawberry)
- 5.9% - Unincorporated Central Marin (Sleepy Hollow, Kentfield, Greenbrae, San Quentin Village)
- 41.2% - I do not live within unincorporated Marin County
- 0.0% - I don't know

Question 3 - Do you work in Marin County? N:48

- 31.3% - Yes

- 16.7% - No
- 52.1% - I do not work (retired, unemployed, other)

Question 4 - How long have you lived in Marin County? N:46

- 0.0% - Less than 1 year
- 6.5% - 1-5 years
- 2.2% - 5-10 years
- 82.6% - 10 + years
- 8.7% - I do not live in Marin County

Question 5 - What is your housing situation? N:50

- 60.0% - I own my home
- 32.0% - I rent my home
- 4.0% - I live with family/friends (I do not own nor rent)
- 4.0% - Do not currently have permanent housing

Question 6 - What is your age? N:47

- 0.0% - Under 18
- 10.6% - 18-29
- 19.1% - 30-49
- 36.2% - 50-64
- 34% - 65+

Question 7 - Provide one word you use to describe living in Marin County. *Participants were asked to test the chat by providing one word to describe living in Marin County. Open-end responses are in alphabetical order with number of mentions noted in parens.*

- Beautiful
- Bendecida (Blessed)
- Blessed
- Cara (Expensive)/ Muy cara (Very Expensive)
- Community (2)
- Daunting
- Desigualdades (Inequitable)
- Entitled
- Expensive (6)
- Family
- Grateful
- Inequity
- Lovely
- Majestic
- Nature (4)
- Neoliberal
- Nice
- Not diverse
- Peaceful (3)
- Privileged
- Racist (2)
- Relaxed
- Stressful
- Traffic
- Unique
- White

Summary of Comments Received For The Housing Elements

Participants were encouraged to share their comments and ask questions using the chat feature. These responses are organized by topic and as a response to a specific question asked by the presenter or facilitator. This made for a very dynamic meeting and yielded valuable input for the project team. The following is a high-level summary of the key themes for the seven

break out groups that surfaced during the discussion. A full transcription of the breakout notes from each group is attached.

Issues & Concerns

- Housing being too expensive:
    - Wages are too low / jobs don't pay enough.
    - Rent goes up but wages don't
    - Expensive for those living in designated affordable housing units.
    - Many need multiple jobs to pay rent.
    - Single parents, seniors, people with extraneous circumstances need more support.
    - There are sometimes up to seven people living in one unit or multiple families in one unit.
    - There is over crowdedness and units' conditions are not great - not well maintained.
- Many have also experienced discrimination
    - How is the county preparing to meet the needs of Latinos?
    - They are a growing population group, and we need to consider how we support undocumented / immigrant residents who have additional barriers to accessing housing.
    - Racial and income equity.
        - Denied housing for resolved issues
        - Long process to apply then get denied
        - Stigma to terminology: Affordable housing
        - Nimbyism and lack of political will
- Capacity
    - Housing and affordable housing is in short supply
    - Access to evacuation routes and resources
    - Infrastructure:
        - Access to water, public transportation, power and cell service
        - Limitations with septic systems, traffic, displacement,
    - The quality of the housing conditions aren't good
    - Hazard risk: earthquake, flooding, fires, sea level rise, etc.

Ideas & Solutions

- Build housing
    - Identify sites that are strategic (walkable, smart siting for the different categories, senior, low-income, work-force, and at different income levels.)
    - More guidance and support for a faster development/ design review process for all housing projects
    - Allow more tiny homes, ADUs, mixed use, and more creative solutions
    - Gives priority to essential workers.
    - Establish funding channel
- Work more closely with BIPOC/Latino communities.

    - Develop home ownership programs, rent to own programs, housing lottery, etc.
    - Home matching
- Work with developers so they are encouraged to build in Marin.
    - Work with BIPOC, non-profit, and community organizations.
    - Develop multi-family, affordable and sustainable housing options.
    - Increase the capacity for affordable housing within multifamily projects.
- More education and awareness so more people understand why we need to build more housing, there is a lot of push back on new affordable housing developments and programs like Homekey.

Summary of Comments Received for the Safety Elements

Participants were encouraged to share their comments and ask questions using the chat feature. These responses are organized by topic and as a response to a specific question asked by the presenter or facilitator. This made for a very dynamic meeting and yielded valuable input for the project team. The following is a high level summary of the key themes from the large group discussion. The notes from the digital white board are attached at the end of the document.

Issues & Concerns

- Earthquakes, sea level rise, drought, flooding, wildfires, power outages, and reliable cell service
- Update emergency materials and resources, marsh restoration
- Considerations for evacuation routes and procedures, access and safety to food during emergencies, alert systems, homeless population, accessible permitting and LEED.
- Area of concern is Canal Area

Ideas & Solutions

- Emergency Planning: emergency go bags, plan for the sick and at risk population, creative alert systems (sirens, text message, Comcast wire based), use hotels for shelters, and identify alternative evacuation routes.
- High tech and low tech solutions: fire resistant materials, building updates, solar power.
- Map where there is cell service
- Multilingual resources and meeting
- Integrating higher densities, tiny homes, more EV Charging, climate change adaption and changes for equity.

Next Steps

The City and MIG will share workshop results with the public and incorporate input into the development of the Marin County Housing Element. Participants were encouraged to share their responses to the survey on the website. The next workshop is scheduled for early spring.

Appendix

Breakout Room Notes

Breakout Room 1

Issues and Concerns	Strategies and solutions	Questions & Additional Comments
racial and income equity - how to offer ADUs to lower income households at below market rate. What are the incentives	County has ADU program to incentivize. HA has a landlord partnership program. Need to beef up incentive	N/A
Expense associated in providing ADU - took 2 years to build the ADU and cost of construction. Design review also an issue. Originally told it could be fasttracked but live in a design review neighborhood. Neighbor objections led to increased design review standards	Tiny homes; and more ADUs, allow to build over garage; provide rebates; form a community group to share experience	
In Marin City - HA to tear down public housing to build skyscraper housing. This strategic would eliminate Black persons living in Marin County. Black population dwindled to nothing	Lucas Valley - open space	
How do you determine where the housing is to be planned? who has the final say? Marin City - already living in a congested area	Rent to own option; county has a lottery to provide ownership opportunity	
Affordability - not sustainable even with a two-income family	housing on top of retail/multi purpose space as a solution	
Environmental factors that exist in the community - Marin City - high fire hazards, flooding, and infrastructure issues. Need to combat discriminary practice to force more housing in Marin City	1) allow tiny houses 2) end design review and go by building codes 3) allow ADU built over garages 4) provide rebates (we were told we were going to get rebates but DID NOT) 5) County should tell property owners what they should do to be able to build an ADU - rather than just shoot down every plan 6) form and support a community group of	

	property owners interested in ADUs so we can share what worked and what didn't, we learned a lot and are willing to share our lessons 7) educate our communities about the trade-off for more dense housing development is the positive preservation of the Greenbelt	

Breakout Room 2

Issues and Concerns	Strategies and solutions	Questions & Additional Comments
Adu permitting process is arduous	County provide equity dollars to make rent more feasible in interim as County works to make more housing units available	how will we find a way to follow original County Plan?
Issue of addressing septic for ADUs in West Marin	go forward with changing minds about creating housing: social issue, justice issue, economic issue. Something we all need to step up to tackle.	SB 35 not written up for communities like Marin City, which has done its part for providing low income housing.
Rental property managers seek to procure high rents, often asking renters to demonstrate they make twice the rent amount in order to qualify for the rental unit	need to talk about these issues and come to a place of embracing development and transit	
City of Sausalito and neighboring communities appealing RHNA numbers. Very problematic saying "no" early in process	Need high density to pay for open space assets we value in Marin (x2)	
intersection of environmental justice, environmentalism, and social justice: development seen as negative by environmental leftists who then push against development	County plan could transparently highlight areas that could be developed--- highlight open spaces that could be turned into developments	
Concern over County's RHNA appeal letter citing agricultural lands as reason County couldn't meet housing goals. Sense that County is subsidizing ranchers	County could work out agreements with ranchers to set aside acres for housing on ranch properties.	

and placing value on ranches over people/ housing needs. (x2)		
	If County is really serious about creating more housing, County needs to identify acreages of possible sites and carry through a public process.	
	County should work hard to identify areas outside of Marin City to do their part, areas that SB 35 is directed toward who have not provided affordable housing	
	Need safeguards to ensure housing stock does not shift from affordable unit (by intent) to non-affoprdable (in practice)	
	Build mulit-family units. Build higher. Embrace density.	
	Consider Petaluma Tomales Road for more housing, while recognizing that other deveklopment comes with housing and requires careful balance	

Breakout Room 3

Issues and Concerns	Strategies and solutions	Questions & Additional Comments
Bad Experiences: Search for housing, encountered discrimination and were unable to live in their own community. Had to report to fair housing. Need to do something to stop discrimination. 10 year waiting period. Completed affordable housing paperwork, a five hour process. Then denied for past accounts that had been resolved. Needs: education, cultural shift, and less red tape.	Cultural shift needed. Must change political climate. Elect people that make it a priority. Allow in lieu fees. Former 20% inclusionary percentage when large unit built 20% set aside for affordable units. Now 10%?	Why is it that liberals become very conservative around affordable housing. Property value fear.
Stigma: The term "affordable housing" conjurs negative	If we are never going to get housing built on areas designated in CWP then let's do	

response. Terminology problem that should be changed.	something meanigful to ensure housing is built. More actionable programs.	
Political Will: Lack of political will to get affordable housing done.	Rezoning	
Racism: noted by realtor, resident, CLAM rep. Land use and zoning, NIMBYism, large parcel in Pt Reyes Station that's difficult to subdivide to allow additional units.		
COVID has made housing situation worse and also helped many realize just how much space they do or don't need.		
Without affordable housing you won't have workers in Marin.		
825 Drake was supposed to be for affordable housing: 74 housing units with only 20 parking spaces. Apartments need external entrances rather than entrance by interior hallways? From 74 units only 7 required affordable housing. Negative impacts to nearby residences.		
Red Tape: Developers don't want to work in Marin bc it takes too much time to get entitled. High housing costs.		

Breakout Room 4

Issues and Concerns	Strategies and solutions	Questions & Additional Comments
3600 units is not meaningful - need to parse out to georgarphic areas. few parcels in San Geronimo Valley; would need to and should revist issues that have already been decided on in the past (streams, fish habitat, parking, errosion, septic systems,etc.); ADUs could work	home matching, so folks can rent out rooms - provides affordable housing	Any provisions for accommodating mobile homes, rv/s, etc. - folks living in vehicles?

Balinas - many issues - septic; septics handling ADU an issue	Accommoadte mobile homes, rv's, those living in vehicles	
social security incomes does not cover housing costs - isue of affordabililty	for substantial housing, need to unpack code - composting, greywater systems, transporation systems, etc. - consider new set of priorities	
Displacement from sea level rise and wildfires - need areas for those displaced from enviornmental hazards;	Revist ideas that have been decided in the past, e.g. streams, fish habitats , parking, etc.	
concerns about infrastructure capacity		
concerns about traffic and accommodataion of traffic		
water and fire challenges		

Breakout Room 5

Issues and Concerns	Strategies and solutions	Questions & Additional Comments
Septic is big stumbling block and huge barrier in West Marin.	help people to own homes, subdividing property, allowing duplex development, look at zoning in West Marin because there is so much space	liked slide that showed income by profession
systemic and institutional racism. Great inequality of income in County and allows segregation. need to make work force housing and prepare for elderly population.	consider community land grants, establishing a local housing trust fund, there is a guidel for establishing funding	
Not alot of programs that help people to afford homeownership over the long term	County review gallons per bedroom for septic design. Estimate is very high.	
County needs to focus on very low income people. Development seems aimed at moderate income people	tenants in common is a way to own property together without doing a lot split and getting more people in home ownership	
Reparations for Golden Gate Village.		
County should look at programs to get people into home ownership. decomotize homes - prevent investor owned.		

Breakout Room 6

Issues and Concerns	Strategies and solutions	Questions & Additional Comments
CWP encourages annexation of lands for intensification of use, especially lands that are next to the Town of San Ansemlo. Puts a large burden on smaller town staff.	Change policies to not allow up-zoning of properties right next to small towns.	
Changes culture of smaller towns. High density housing impacts on our psyche. Cultural impacts and overburdened infrastructure.		
High density of housing in Canal area created issues during COVID. Expensive rents.Most people had to work in the public during COVID and the disease spread. Affordable housing options need to be increased. High density needs to be planned correctly so that it prevents over-crowding.	Larger units so that people aren't so cramped.	
Finding sites that are walkable, flat area for development. Site locations need to be carefully selected. Getting appropriate builders to build the sites. Builder is able to come in under SB35 and build without local input.	Non-profits need to be involved in selecting sites. Smart siting for the different categories, senior, low-income, work-force, and at different income levels. Beyond the siting, what actually occurs and what we can provide for incentives to get the type of housing that we'd like to see.	
Retention of existing housing stock. New construction and the generation of new units to meet targets. Modification of existing stock. Having various housing options. Through remodels, houses are getting bigger and bigger. Larger multi-family units is very much needed.		

Breakout Room 7 – Spanish

Issues and Concerns / Sus inquietudes y problemas	Strategies and solutions / Sus ideas para estrategias y soluciones	Questions & Additional Comments / Preguntas
Primera ves en estas reuniones, vive en arae de Canal - Voces de Canal, esperiencias, rentas son demaziodo caras, no son unidades muy bien cuidaded, no muy bien acondicionadas para vivir, los incrementos de renta son muy algos	give priority that all County land is able to built more housing, and dedicate it to essential workers first	Questions on if there is funding available from the County to help developers actually build the units we need
vive en apartamentos, es accequible, ahora tiene un mejor trabajo de antes, antes su salario era de $9/hora, y luego cambio trabajo de $18/hora, pero en el 2010, ella perdio uno de esos trabajos, y ya no le alcanzaba para pagar (low-income housing) and she got 4 jobs and asked for help to orgs to get rent subsadies, she has kids and lived with mom, and she was able to get more jobs to maintain herself, now her job is better to cover her expenses. Even with affordable housing, the jobs in the county are too low (min wage - $15 is still too low), it is not enouhg, specially if Im a single mother	haser consciencia - educate the community that affordable hosjing is needed, lives in Mill Valley and she is supporting a current development there, but a lot people are against it and fight back against development, also supporting HomeKey and there is a lot of push back, need a good education campaign that it is needed to build more housing and and why its needed	
Isabel - Canal community, need to have rent control, rents are too high and always increasing, but the job wages don't increase, sometimes there are multiple families living in one unit, up to 7 people in one unit! this is a problem that causes even more problems, we are all more essential workers, they should build more housing that can be dignified housing	if there are companies offering jobs in the county - they should coordinate and give funding to the County	
Arlin Venavides - manager de Planificacion de Equidad del Centro Multicultural - there is a	(In chat) Myrna, regarding the last question, it's important that the County engage more deeply	

need not only to plan housing that is affordable, we need to actually build them as well - noticed in the DATA: lots of Latinos moving to Marin County, but we don't see the opportunities for these populations to succed in the County, recomendations to see how we can coordinatw with other parts of the coutnty to build more affordable hojsing, need to be we'' connected to transporation, to connect to jobs. people need multiple jobs to stay/maintain hosuing here	and authentically with BIPOC communities. As you see today, there were only 4 community representatives. That is not enough, unfortunately. The County also needs to connect BIPOC communities with developers, so communities have direct communication with developers, as they ultimately make decisions to build not the County.	
marta - also important to consider opportunities for immigrants, becaus they dont have papers, they are unable to find better hosing, limits to poortunities,this is why they live in apartmetns and have to share housing with others, there is a lot of inequality for this group, the county should see how they can help people to apply without legal documents		
her sister was denied an apartment and she felt it was discrimination because she was latina, and if the latino population is growing in the county, how can we help them		
isabel - they pay rent but if they want to move to another place, the landlord will increase the rents, or the new apartment will be much more expensive, and the conditions of the apartmetns are not good.		

Marin Housing & Safety Element 9/22 Workshop

Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness

Issues & Concerns

EARTHQUAKES	Updated materials and resources - Mapping	Equacuation route considerations in vulenerability	Drought Considerations	Alert systems : Tubs fire, Negative experience	Unhoused numbers too low. Not all are in Novato, San Rafael and the Bay Model in Sausalito
Building on shorelines	Sea level rise	County coordintation: LEED	Power outages	When will we face that we may have to retreat from WUI and Shorelines	is there a safe number of people for an area, in terms of evacuations and water
Countywide efforts - events don't stop at jurisdiction lines	Impacts of disasters on the unhoused community	Maintenance of statewide emergency response system, including county, and municipal response.	Go bags and Evacuation bag/ prep	Cell service - Working with Cerrires	Low income residents have harder time getting food in disaster
Building updates : Fire Resistent materials	County should have a well-publicized directory of emergency shelters when disaster strikes.	access to resources in multiple languages	emergencies go bags for underrepresented groups	Contamination of our dwindling reservoir water supply if a fire	Renters access to emergency services and damages
Canal Area - Sea level rise	High tech / low tech solutions	Flooding	Marsh restoration	GHG Emissions	Difficult to get permitting
concerned about the high tech solutions provides that exclude low tech elders ... for ex, alerts on cells, when in Hawaii, they have sirens.	Low income people are always affected in terms if there was a disaster.				

Ideas & Solutions

Power needed during PG&E outages. How about neighborhood solar installations where a sunny home could provide solar generated electricity to its neighbors during an outage?	Access to solar power	Increase density for emergency gathering areas	Building updates/ Effiecency	There should be a plan in place for the sick and shut in when disaster hits	Increased use of small form EV vehicles to reduce pollution and traffic. Electric bikes and very small autos. Providing a lane for these vehicles on roads.
Emergency planning	Find where there is/ Is not cell service - Map dead areas	People can lose their medication or forget it in a disaster. Have pop-up pharmacies available for people who desperately need their meds.	What can the county do in terms of, if water levels affect us in the Canal area?	Low tech solutions - digital service divide	Explore planning for more distributive energy sites so when PG& E goes down it is less disruptive
Create community trust to protect the belongings of low income residents	Sirens for emergencies	Hotels for Emergency shelters	Tiny homes could become put on floats to become future floating homes Community on Gate 5 and 6 Road and Commodore, they could attach to clean lines later. Also floating of utilities on low lying roads and US 101	Use those new maps of no-cell-service to figure out if the county owns any nearby parcels of land, which do not have to be very large at all, to work with a carrier to install a new cell tower.	Restore our marshes
I am a bit concern on the low income people are always affected in terms if there was a disaster.	non-road evacuation routes	Food safety / Preservation in the event of an emergency	Use Comcast's wire based network to broadcast alerts	Pet friendly evacuation locations and shelters	Map non-road evacuation routes. Fire roads and trails.
A second exit for Marin City	Multilingual Resources / meetings	We wish the County leadership was less afraid of upsetting the NIMBY residents who no matter what will be upset with denser development.	Thanks for offering spanish	Another resource: Mill Valley has the "Steps, Lanes, and Paths" map, for cleared small walking trails (not usually seen on online maps) that can be used for evacuation. Other towns may have similar projects.	Address climate change and equity
Identify alternate evacuation routes when main corridors are blocked or underwater.	Could hotels in safe area be used as shelters in a disaster funded by special funds.	Some issues relate to large systems (utility systems) versus individual needs. Work with existing organizations on the ground who are connected to communities to ensure personal needs are met (Marin County Cooperative Teams).			

Questions

Updating maps? Yes, big components	What is the relationship with the HE/SE? Safety considered when researching vulnerability in sites	And how about legalizing tiny homes as they have in Sonoma County?	What will Marin County do to ensure that residents are updated in real time when a disaster strikes?	Zone haven app/ emergency network - Public outreach
Does the Safety Element include earthquakes too?	What plans are in place to reach the unhoused during a disaster?	on the website through the Sheriff	is BCDC working with County on sea-level rise issues for coastal residents?	BCDC Collaboration - published a report recently
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Marin County Housing and Safety Elements

Virtual Workshop #1

September 22, 2021

Whiteboard

Chat

The Chat comments attached have been modified to remove the names of participants.

- Unincorporated
- "We are offering live interpretation in Spanish during this meeting.
- If you wish to hear Spanish interpretation, please click the Interpretation button at the bottom right of your Zoom screen (you'll see a globe icon).
- If you are joining via the Zoom smartphone app, select your language by clicking "More" or the three dots in the bottom right corner of our screen. Select "Language Interpretation," then choose "Spanish" and click "Done." If you wish to hear only the interpreters and not the original speakers, be sure to click Mute Original Audio.
- EVERYONE must choose a language. Do not stay in the default off."
- "Estamos ofreciendo interpretación en vivo en español durante esta reunión.
- Si desea escuchar la interpretación en español, haga clic en el botón Interpretation (interpretación) en la parte inferior derecha de la pantalla Zoom (verá un icono de globo terráqueo).
- Si se está uniendo a través de la aplicación Zoom para smartphone, seleccione su
- idioma haciendo clic en ""More"" (más) o en los tres puntos en la esquina inferior derecha de la pantalla. Seleccione ""Language Interpretation"" (interpretación del idioma), luego elija "Spanish" y haga clic en ""Done"" (listo). Si desea escuchar solo a los intérpretes y no a los oradores originales, asegúrese de hacer clic en ""Mute Original Audio"" (silenciar audio original).
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- Community
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- Inequity
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- Nhan vao dau hieu qua dia cau de chon ngon ngu cho buoi hop."
- Beautiful
- beautiful
- can you share the slides after the meeting?
- Materials will be posted on the website
- can you share the URL?
- https://www.marincounty.org/housingsafetyelements
- thank you
- is this data for county as whole or the unincorporated areas?
- charts say data is for unincorporated areas
- AIRBNB RENTERS OR regular renters??
- are houseboats and floating homes included in the mobile homes number?
- Renters include short-term AirBnb?
- Why are we only talking about unincorporated areas? Looks like I missed something
- Each city and town has their own Housing Element process
- The County's jurisdiction only includes unincorporated areas of Marin County
- @Jim Nunally & Hilary Perkins - the figures for renters do not include short-term rentals
- @Aline it would be great to know how much of long-term rentals have been lost to AirBnB
- Jim and Hilary- We will see if we can get this information for you, if so we will post it to our website: https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements

- what is HCD?
- The State's Housing and Community Development Department
- @sybil Boutilier - yes, they are included in this figure
- Use this website: http://gis.marinpublic.com/lookup/JurisdictionLookup/
- if you don't know if you live in unincorporated or incorporated
- Please break down the target number of units into a smaller target area by area in Unincorporated Marin. I live in San Geronimo Valley. What is the target number of units for SGV? This is the starting point for any conversation. Targeting 25 units would be one conversation. Targeting 200 units would be a different conversation. Thanks.
- Hi Alan- we do not have target numbers yet in the process. At this time, we are doing our needs assessment and doing a search of all sites in the County.
- thank you! how is this different from Make Room Marin?
- How does SB 9 & 10 affect the Housing Element?
- Will Marin County consider rezoning/subdividingin west marin ?
- Is it correct, that the county only needs to "plan" and not build? Why is that so?
- https://adumarin.org/
- ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units)= Second units
- In SGV, I believe, most of the opportunity would be ADUs (backyard cottages) on existing properties that currently have one single family home. This conversation would bring in every development topic that has been discussed in the past years… water, fish habitat, parking, septic, etc. Is the intention to have this conversation in the context of the Housing Element?
- What happens if the county does not meet the RHNA goals?
- who should you contact if you want to explore doing ADUs? is there help for homeowners to do this?
- Give the fact that RHNA does not require that units be built, isn’t it possible that the County could simply identify potential sites but never deliver on actually building affordable housing units? Is it true the Marin is challenging their RHNA numbers? If yes, why?
- For successful affordable housing development, the County needs to allow developers to build 70+ units on a site. The numbers don't work otherwise.
- The Marin Water District is putting restrictions on building new units. How will this affect the House Elements plans?
- Is agricultural acreage considered available or underutilized for housing? If so, why is the County appealing the target? If not, why not if the rancher is willing to develop or sell for development?
- @Jannick We just built one, affordable rent, teacher renter, contact us if you want what happened for us hilary@hilaryperkins.net
- A follow up question to that is what is we meet the goal of planning but there is no building/implementation?
- Is unincorpo
- County website with incentives for ADU development in unincorporated Marin: https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/housing/accessory-dwelling-units
- If you build an adu now, iwill it qualify for RHNA numbers for next housing element cycle?
- FYI our experience building a TINY ADU for a local teacher was a NIGHTMARE due to neighbors and the County Government obstacles

- What kind of financing assistance does the county have for affordable housing developers in terms of capital subsidy?
- Are there any incentives to individuals who would like to build an ADU for the ADUs to be offered to low or low income
- But why are the RHNA numbers being challenged?
- Black in Marin City have gone from more 90% after WWII due to restrictive zoning and denial of mortgage to @ 23% due to gentrification. Their children can not afford to live there. Why doesn't RHNA block SB 35, etc from over riding community interest. Example 825 Drake Ave
- I can help rent the ADU. Im director of Home Match Marin. Call me 707-837-6511
- @Maureen here is info on the Board's RHNA appeal https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/housing/housing-element/regional-housing-needs
- Email with questions: affordablehousing@marincounty.org
- How does Marin justify allotting 20% of Measure A funds to paying ranchers to not allow development?
- Para Español - Si quiere participar en un grupo pequeño en Español, por favor levante la mano.
- "Seleccione el icono del globo del mundo para elegir el idioma que desea escuchar para esta reunión.
- Nhan vao dau hieu qua dia cau de chon ngon ngu cho buoi hop."
- Wishing that politicians would focus on Extremely and Very Low Income Households when permitting development.
- Income----------2017
- Categories----------Number-of-persons-in-Household
- %-of-median-income---------1---------2----------3----------4
- Extremely-Low-30%------27,650---31,600---35,550----39,500
- Very-Low-Income-50%---46,100---52,650---59,250----65,800
- Low-Income-80%----------73,750---84,300---94,850---105,350
- Median-Income----------80,700---92,250--103,750--115,300
- Moderate-Income-120%--96,850--110,700--124,500--138,350
- Agree we need to focus on extremely low and very low mixed with low so we can house our essential personnel
- Are earthquakes included?
- Yes, earthquakes are included
- Lauea - Did I hear you right that your group suggested that city's and/or urban areas should take up more of the housing load? Meaning that less developed or rural communities do not need to accommodate more housing? That is a controversial position that should be discussed further - everyone should take on their fair share, it is not appropriate to delegate it to populous areas that are already accommodating substantial housing.
- I'd like to suggest a radical improvement to this Meeting Process with an example:-
- So I go to this huge "Plan Bay Area" meeting. Dozens of people want to speak which they do, but close to the very end of the meeting and they only get 2 minutes each.
- This is a classic example of what's wrong with the process. So let me recommend an improvement at this time when so many more people can now contribute.
- More than half of the public speakers ask questions or make comments that:-

- ---- already have been answered in the documentation,
- --- repeat previous questions/comments or
  - are off topic.
- And then, when I get up to ask my important and unique question I get no reply !
- Then its the turn of the Experts to make their comments, some of which should instead have been documented prior to the meeting and would have answered some of the questions that were asked by the public earlier.
- And none of them fully answer my question !!
- Also - those Expert's comments should not be suddenly revealing NEW informatio
- I was a member of Sausalito's Landslide Task Force after our 2/13/2019 landslide. We found we have terribly outdated mapping. How is the county helping update them?
- Hi Micky,
- Hi Micky, African American 24.8%
- White (only) 29%
- Asian 8.4%
- Multiracial 7.4%
- Hispanic 12.4%
- American Indian/Native Alaskan .441%
- Other Hispanic 15.1%
- Multiracial Hispanic .882%
- Multiracial (Non-Hispanic) 7.47%
- Black (Hispanic) N/A
- Other (Non-Hispanic) 1.32%
- NEW information either.
- Instead of one-way hype that can invariably be the content of any Meeting, there should be a Facebook-like Page which gives constant 2-way feedback 24/7 365.
- Not just the 2 minutes the public gets to speak at a meeting with zero feedback.
- But Councilors, Planners, Experts and Staff etc.. need to actively participate in this Facebook-like Page. Answering and RANKING ALL questions. With Links added to the relevant documentation.
- A " Facebook-like Page" should be MANDATORY as it records the knowledge exchanged.
- Enable the Facebook-like page and Agenda DAYS BEFORE any meeting.
- Any incorrect public opinions need to be speedily and factually corrected by an expert and LIKED/UNLIKED upward/downward in ranking (by the public) so only the highest voted comments and questions appear at the top. (else irrelevancies totally dilute the whole discussion and bury the important information) .
- Questions or comments do NOT NEED TO BE REPEATED as, instead, an existing comment can simply be v
- Marin City Demographic percentages
- Opps our landslide was 2/14. We were working with 50 year old topo maps.
- How specifically does the Housing element integrate the vulnerability assessment and Safety Element?
- will you be studying the adequacy of evacuation routes for wildfire? I think often of Paradise fire.
- can simply be voted up/down by others.

- And now we also have a complete record of what happened and not some précis of MINUTES that invariably miss half of what REALLY went on!
- By relying solely on the BOG STANDARD Community Meeting you are asking to be continually accused by the public of NOT LISTENING and IGNORING them . Think about how much easier it would be to reply to those comments with -- "But I did answer that - it's on this Facebook-like page, here. And then you put the link into ZOOM CHAT !"
- Requiring anything that is WRITTEN to be submitted 36 hours in advance by email is NOT a 2-way communication.
- And 2-way communication immediacy is what we now need !
- We need Politicians, Staff and Experts to make a commitment to finally put themselves out there and put themselves on the record by replying to the public on this Facebook-like Forum.
- Would drought be a part of this? IE ways that we need to amend water provision and radically make easier re-use and recycled water?
- My parents lost their home in the Tubbs Fire, and they evacuated only because neighbors helped neighbors. The alert system was non-existent. What will Marin County do to ensure that residents are updated in real time when a disaster strikes?
- is BDCD working with County on sea-level rise issues for coastal residents?
- *BCDC
- Will we be receiving a copy of the slides that have been presented tonight? I am so appreciative of County staff who participated in tonight's meeting. It was informative and you have now received valuable feedback, a number of us who are on the front lines of working to create more affordable homes. There are many areas where the County could adjust existing policies, update septic requirements that today significantly restrict our ability to create new housing units. And how about legalizing tiny homes as they have in Sonoma County? So many opportunities to create more affordable homes if only the County would make a serious commitment to change policies. Again, thanks for tonight's session.
- "Resources for more information: https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements
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- BCDC just covers SF Bay, not ocean. They are working on it. Cal Coastal Commission handles Pacific coast.
- What plans are in place to reach the unhoused during a disaster?
- If the county is determined to still put a 20 unit short term and long term resident hotel at 150 Shoreline, Manzanita on a platform that raises the building 3' above the FEMA flood zone, it makes no raise the building if resident's cars and all other buildings are flooded in heavy rain-high tide events that are the same height as the the Manzanita Park and Rice
- Building on shorelines
- Sea Level Rise
- lead coordinated Countyi efforts
- Power needed during PGE outages. How about neighborhood solar installations where a sunny home could provide solar generated electricity to its neighbors during an outage?
- countywide efforts - events don't stop at jurisdiction lines
- Please include impacts of disasters on the unhoused community

- Maintenance of statewide emergency response system, including county, and municipal response.
- When will we face that we may have to retreat from WUI and Shorelines
- Everyone ought to have grab & go bags ready for evacuation. Pre-planning is so important to not have regrets (lost documents, photos, etc.). The public needs more reminders.
- Cell phone service is still completely non-existent in large parts of the unincorporated county! My home in Tam Valley has never had reception, on any carrier. What can the county do to proactively enable cellphone service, by working with at least one phone carrier, so that we are not completely cut off in an emergency?
- Fire prevention starts with building upgrades (fire resistant materials, gutter guards, etc.), but no funding to assist homeowners. Instead, all the money seems to be going to tearing out trees and vegetation without regard to wildlife
- Unhoused numbers too low. Not all are in Novato, San Rafael and the Bay Model in Sausalito
- in general, is there a safe number of people for an area, in terms of evacuations and water etc... can we keep growing in general due to the various safety factors?
- Low-income residents have a harder time replacing lost food during a disaster. Can we include an acknowledgment that they should receive the resources needed to replace lost food?
- County should have a well-publicized directory of emergency shelters when disaster strikes. Will specific emergency shelters be included in Safety element?
- Una preocupación es que la comunidad Hispana no tiene la información necesaria para un caso de desastre, ni los recursos.
- En él área de canal no tienen un botiquín de primeros auxilios o de emergencia no están preparados para un desastre natural
- Contamination of our dwindling reservoir water supply if a fire
- What happens to renters when their units are damaged?
- There should be a plan in place for the sick and shut in when disaster hits
- Suggested solution: have the county figure out which parts of the unincorporated county has no cell service whatsoever (Tam Valley and Highway 1 / Shoreline is particularly bad, despite having huge numbers of tourist traffic). Can we map the dead areas, along with the topography?
- People can lose their medication or forget it in a disaster. Have pop-up pharmacies available for people who desperately need their meds.
- What can the county do in terms of, if water levels affect us in the Canal area?
- Crear un seguro comunitario para proteger las pertenencias de personas con bajos ingresos
- Increased use of small form EV vehicles to reduce pollution and traffic. Electric bikes and very small autos. Providing a lane for these vehicles on roads.
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- And then solution #2: use those new maps of no-cell-service to figure out if the county owns any nearby parcels of land, which do not have to be very large at all, to work with a carrier to install

a new cell tower. These do not have to be very large; 5G can be installed on existing power poles. But the county needs to reach out to carriers to make that happen.

- Restore our marshes
- didn't the BCDC say no more marinas could go into Richardson Bay?
- could hotels in safe area be used as shelters in a disaster funded by special funds.
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- I am a bit concern on the low income people are always affected in terms if there was a disaster.
- Regarding marinas in Richardson Bay, it would be very difficult to get permits for a new marina. I'm not aware of any outright ban on marinas.
- Use Comcast's wire based network to broadcast alerts
- Map non-road evacuation routes. Fire roads and trails.
- Thank you for your presentation and allowing for participation. We are all in this together. ☺
- Debemos almacenar comida qy bióticos
- Suggestion: if/when you eventually make a list of shelters for future disasters, make sure to clearly include for each location whether or not pets can be included at that shelter. One of the main reasons people don't evacuate is that they don't know where to go with their pets; even hotels will often not allow them in.
- A second exit for Marin City
- Helping low income folks to acquire go-bags.
- is the Marin community foundation involved in helping the county on those issues with grants?
- Marin Bike Coalition has that map of trails
- The County has received several grants from Marin Community Foundation to address climate change and equity.
- Thank you to all yall, this was very helpful and interesting and well-done. We appreciate the hardworking County staff. We wish the County leadership was less afraid of upsetting the NIMBY residents who no matter what will be upset with denser development.
- thanks for offering spanish
- Where's the Facebook-like Tool ?
- Another resource: Mill Valley has the "Steps, Lanes, and Paths" map, for cleared small walking trails (not usually seen on online maps) that can be used for evacuation. Other towns may have similar projects. https://www.cityofmillvalley.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=27475
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- Thank you so much!
- One last Stop allowing one house to be build ton 2 lots
- Gracias
- Thanks!

Marin County Housing & Safety Elements Community Workshop #1

Summary of Workshop Discussion

November 15, 2021

Introduction

In mid- 2021, the County of Marin began efforts to draft updates for the Housing and Safety Elements. State law requires the Housing Element be updated every 8 years. Through the Housing Element, the County must identify and plan for how the unincorporated County can accommodate at least 3569 units of housing, with a specific number of units for low and very low income, moderate income, and above moderate-income residents. State law also requires that the Safety Element be updated when the Housing Element is updated. The Safety Element is a plan that looks at geologic hazards, flooding, wildlands, and urban fires.

This was the second workshop held to engage the community in this project. The website, https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements, contains more information about the project and its upcoming activities.

Workshop Purpose and Format

On Monday, November 15, 2021, the County of Marin and its consultants, MIG, hosted a public workshop to inform the community about the planning process for updating the Housing and Safety Elements and collect input on their issues, concerns and potential solutions. Following guidance from public health agencies regarding gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop was held virtually using online video conferencing. City staff conducted robust community outreach to publicize the event. This included social media posts on Facebook, NextDoor, and Twitter. In addition, the workshop was promoted through the County's email notifications from the website. Eighty –four (84) people registered for the event and thirty one (31) people participated.

MIG planner Joan Chaplick served as the moderator and facilitated the meeting. Leelee Thomas, Marin County Planning Manager, provided remarks to set the context and introduced the County's project team. The workshop was highly interactive and included live polls, language interpretation in two other languages (Spanish and Vietnamese), and a larger discussion documented in real-time using a digital whiteboard tool. Participants could submit comments and questions throughout the meeting using the "Chat" feature. The Project Team answered questions throughout the meeting.

Agenda Topics and Engagement Activities included:

- **Safety Element and the County's response to Climate Change:** Participants were first asked respond to six demographic questions. Participants received a brief overview of the safety element's purpose. They were informed about the Marin County's current and future role in responding to climate change. Participants were asked respond to two

questions regarding hazardous events in their neighborhood. The presenters responded to questions and participant feedback was noted on a digital whiteboard that was shared with the larger group.

- **Environmental Hazards:** Presenters described the eight types of hazards and how Marin County is impacted by the hazard. In a large group discussion, participants were invited to share their issues and concerns, strategies and solutions, and questions using the chat feature. The presenters responded to questions and participant feedback was noted on a digital whiteboard that was shared with the larger group.
- **Vulnerability Assessment:** Presenters described the process for assessing risks for certain populations, groups and areas. Presenters shared that they are developing responsive policies for the various hazards.
- **Atlas:** Presenters demonstrated a mapping tool for the housing and safety elements to access information about area properties.
- **Housing Element Update:** Participants received a brief update of the housing element's outreach activities, and the ideas have been shared. Participants were also asked to share a word in the chat that described Marin County. Participants were invited to share issues and concerns, strategies and solutions, and questions.
- **Public Comment:** Participants were provided an opportunity to verbally share any comments near the end of the meeting during the public comment period.
- **Next Steps and Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:** Participants received a brief review and a preview of upcoming outreach opportunities.

Results from the Engagement Activities

The workshop opened with six polling questions intended to collect basic information about the participants. For polling questions, a number "n" is provided for the number of respondents for the question. Not all participants responded to each question. This number is the basis of percentages shown unless otherwise described.

Question 1 - Where do you live? N:17

- 35.5% - Unincorporated Marin County
- 52.9% - City within Marin County (includes Belvedere, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Larkspur, Novato, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Sausalito and Tiburon)
- 5.9% - I do not live in Marin County
- 5.9% - I work in Marin but live outside of Marin County

Question 2 - For those who responded they live in unincorporated Marin County, please tell us what part of the county you live in. N:14

- 21.4% - West Marin
- 7.1%% - Unincorporated San Rafael (Marinwood, Santa Venetia, Los Ranchitos, Lucas Valley)
- 0.0% - Unincorporated Novato (Black Point, Green Point, Atherton, Indian Valley)
- 14.3% - Unincorporated Southern Marin (Tam Junction, Marin City, Strawberry)

- 7.1% - Unincorporated Central Marin (Sleepy Hollow, Kentfield, Greenbrae, San Quentin Village)
- 50.0% - I do not live within unincorporated Marin County
- 0.0% - I don't know

Question 3 - Do you work in Marin County? N:18

- 38.9% - Yes
- 22.2% - No
- 38.9% - I do not work (retired, unemployed, other)

Question 4 - How long have you lived in Marin County? N:18

- 0.0% - Less than 1 year
- 0.0% - 1-5 years
- 0.0% - 5-10 years
- 94.4% - 10 + years
- 5.56% - I do not live in Marin County

Question 5 - What is your housing situation? N:18

- 55.6% - I own my home
- 27.8% - I rent my home
- 16.7% - I live with family/friends (I do not own nor rent)
- 0.0% - Do not currently have permanent housing

Question 6 - What is your age? N:20

- 0.0% - Under 18
- 10.0% - 18-29
- 10.0% - 30-49
- 25.0% - 50-64
- 55.0% - 65+

Question 7 - What's one word that comes to mind when you think about Climate Change and Marin County. *Participants were asked to test the chat by providing one word to describe living in Marin County. Open-end responses are in alphabetical order with number of mentions noted in parens.*

- Air quality
- Consumption
- Drought
- Emission
- Fire
- Fire cycle
- Fireplace wood smoke
- Flooding (3)
- Inaction
- Multi-hazard
- Not enough has been done
- Smoke
- Vulnerability
- Water
- Wildfire (2)

- Worry

Question 8 - In the past 5 years, which of the following hazards have you experienced at your home or neighborhood? N:20

- 25.0% - Flooding
- 0.0% - Landslide or subsidence
- 5.0% - Storm damage to your residence
- 20.0% - Damage or loss of trees due to high winds or storms
- 35.0% - Threat of wildfire
- 15.0% - None of the above
- 0.0% - Other

Question 9 - What has been your experience during extreme heat events in the last five years? N:21

- 66.67% - My home keeps me reasonably comfortable
- 28.57% - My home provides little relief for extreme heat
- 0.0% - I am forced to be outside (due to my job or lack of housing)
- 0.0% - The cooling centers provided by the County have offered some relief
- 0.0% - I'm able to temporarily re-locate during extreme heat
- 4.76% - None of the above

Summary of Comments Received for the Safety Elements

Participants were encouraged to share their comments and ask questions using the chat feature. These responses are organized by topic and as a response to a specific question asked by the presenter or facilitator. This made for a very dynamic meeting and yielded valuable input for the project team. The following is a high level summary of the key themes from the large group discussion. The notes from the digital white board are attached at the end of the document.

Hazard

Drought

- Drought is an endemic part of the historic climate of Marin.
- Use native plants that survive dry summers
- Point Reyes: The water table is low & sea water from the bay has increased the saline in the water to very unhealthy levels
- Point Reyes: Having to get water from a delivery program

Flooding

- Need more ways to capture water during rainfall and store in local cisterns
- Local ordinances could look at balancing the need to capture water with the need to provide for healthy streams.
- Hwy 1 (Shoreline Hwy)
- MMWD has a rain barrel and cistern rebate program
- Inundation of septic systems
- Marin City cut off dangerously by flooding

- Keep storm drain clear
- Study successful methods for building in flood planes
- May need to do more building on flood planes to reach RHNA numbers
- Providing floating housing to deter flooding

Extreme Heat

- Western Marin stays a little cooler and it is manageable without A/C
- Provide more assistance to get people off wood burning home heating
- Multi-unit projects design guidelines should include AC
- Could look at other means of controlling indoor temperatures
- Using insulation, air flow and building orientation
- New housing design needs to include HVAC systems that can address that.
- Use electric-based heat.

Sea Level Rise

- Take into account areas subject to sea level rise
- Avoid building in areas that are subject to increasing risk in coming decades
- Dispersion of toxic chemicals in soil
- How does wildfire risk/sea level rise factor into the identification of suitable sites, while keeping affirmatively furthering fair housing at the forefront of this work?
- The most exclusive communities are where there is the highest risk in our county

Severe Weather

- Mitigate wind impacts by under grounding utilities
- Consider providing air purifiers to clean indoor air to vulnerable populations

Wildfire

- Stop building in the WUI
- Wildland fire is not a risk, building fires are a risk
- Prescribed burns
- A program that prevent and mitigate the indirect impact of wildfires on residents, primarily regarding the air quality.
- Indirect impact of the bad air quality during wildfire seasons
- Affect at home businesses and the health & safety of children / teachers.

Landslides - None

Subsidence - None

Summary of Comments Received For The Housing Elements

Participants were encouraged to share their comments and ask questions using the chat feature. These responses are organized by topic and as a response to a specific question asked by the presenter or facilitator. This made for a very dynamic meeting and yielded valuable input for the project team. The following is a high-level summary of the comments and questions that were made.

Ideas

- Is there a map of suitable sites available for public review that the county has identified?
- Consider allowing backyard cottages to utilize electric or composting toilets and gray water systems that do not impact existing septic systems in West Marin.

- Consider utilizing new innovations in modular construction, solar panels, air flow, insulation and space utilization
- Make comfortable housing, reduces cost and impact on utilities.
- Possible homekey acquisitions, would those units count towards our RHNA goals?
- Re-visit building codes and other ordinances
- Has the county identified how many possible units of housing can be added as a result of SB 9 & 10?
- How will the county be meeting AFFH requirements?
- Consider expanding the effort to identify sources of funding to fund community land trusts and the use of innovative modular construction methods to reduce construction costs.
- Consider using some of the new infrastructure funds just signed into law
- Consider using some of the south facing slopes in Marin Open Space for substantial solar panel installations.

Issues & Concerns

- Existing conditions: risks, vulnerability before completion
- Answer various question on how to provide housing to various income levels with a equity lens
- How do plan to incentivize developers to build low truly affordable housing?
- Does unincorporated Marin County have any affordable housing overlay zones?
- Is land cost a factor for affordable housing development?
- What two projects are happening in Marin City?
- Marin City has only one road as the entrance & exit for residents is a major obstacle to the construction of additional housing units there.
- Will it also include Racially Concentrated Areas of Affluence, as defined by HCD?
- How will the county prepare people for the upcoming Climate changes?
- Reducing dependence on carbon-based energy versus some sacrifice of the beauty and natural values in the open space? A careful assessment could be made to see if there might be an appropriate use of solar-generated electricity.

Public Comment

There were three people who participated in public comment, below is a high level summary of their comments and question for the city's consideration.

- Multi-unit guideline - incorporate child care infrastructure
- To supply child care with mixed use/ creative uses
- What are examples of actions that the county takes, once potential sites are approved for affordable housing?
- Have funding available to match the dollars, County has a housing trust fund, funds are transferred for the board, variety of sources
- County staff there to support to support the work, specifically the HE
- Need the sites from the HE to have the development
- HE is for ALL income level , low income is the most difficult to plan

- Seem that there is a lot to juggle open space/ building codes/ ordinance/ legacies/ Disaster preparedness
- Wondering about how it is being prioritized?
- How to balance while also incorporating low income housing?
- Is Golden gate village family public housing included in the HE, Preservation?
- Focused on adding unit but evaluates any potential lose of affordable units : ex expire beat restricts
- Marin City evaluation for safety and housing?
- A lot of projects in the works

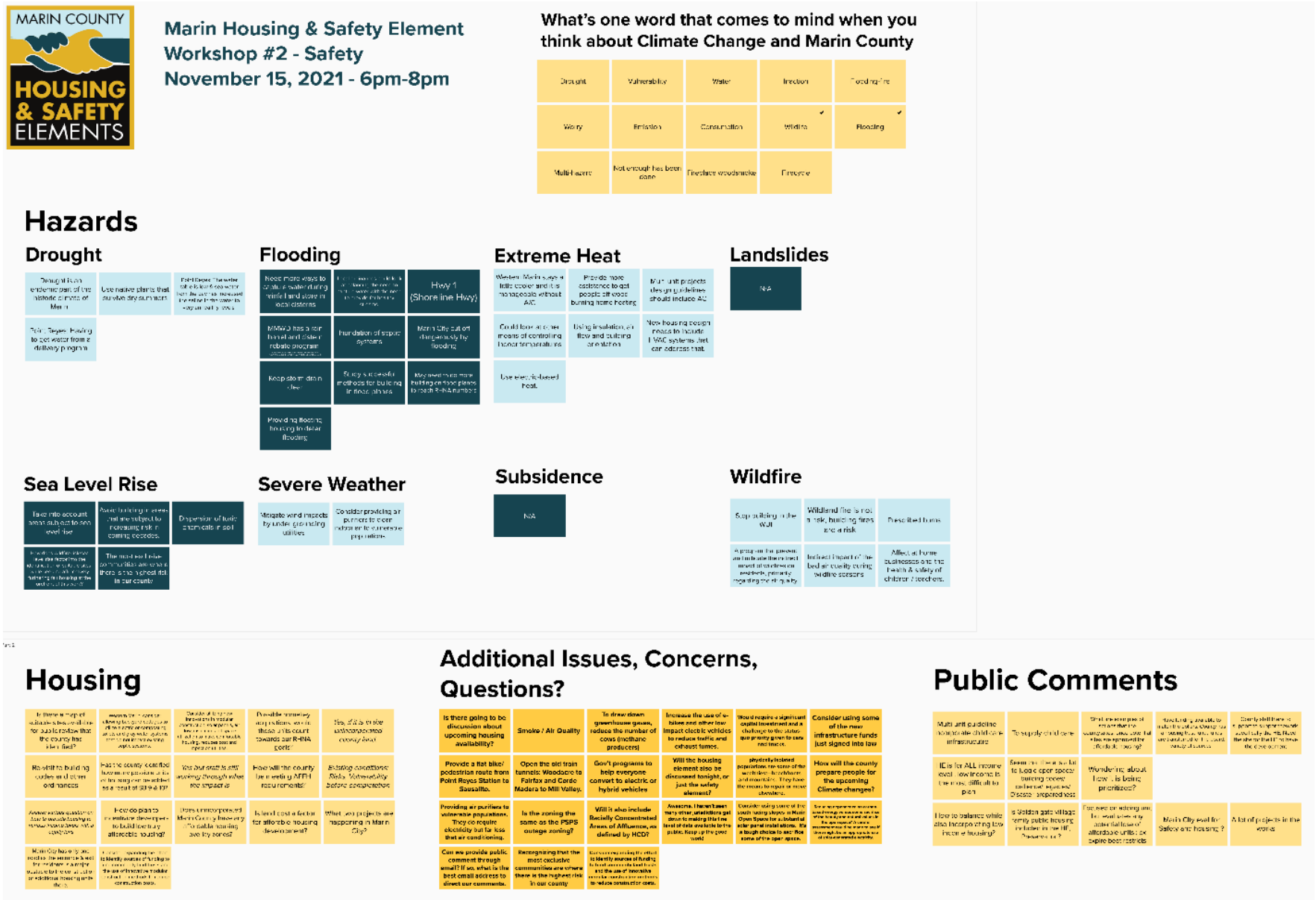
Next Steps

The City and MIG will share workshop results with the public and incorporate input into the development of the Marin County Safety and Housing Element. Participants were encouraged to share their responses to the survey on the website. The next workshop is scheduled for early spring.

Appendix

Wallgraphic

Chat


MARIN COUNTY
HOUSING & SAFETY ELEMENTS
Marin Housing & Safety Element
Workshop #2 - Safety
November 15, 2021 - 6pm-8pm
What's one word that comes to mind when you think about Climate Change and Marin County
Drought
Vulnerability
Water
Inaction
Worry
Emissions
Consumption
Wildfire
Flooding
Multi-Hazard
Not enough has been done
Fireplace woodstoves
Fire cycle
Hazards
Drought
Flooding
Extreme Heat
Landslides
Hwy 1 (Shore line Hwy)
N/A
Sea Level Rise
Severe Weather
Subsidence
Wildfire
N/A
Housing
Additional Issues, Concerns, Questions?
Is there going to be discussion about upcoming housing availability?
Smoke / Air Quality
To draw down greenhouse gases, reduce the number of cows (methane producers)
Consider using some of the new infrastructure funds just signed into law
Provide a flat bike/ pedestrian route from Point Reyes Station to Sausalito.
Open the old train tunnels: Woodacre to Fairfax and Corte Madera to Mill Valley.
Gov't programs to help everyone convert to electric or hybrid vehicles
Will the housing element also be discussed tonight, or just the safety element?
How will the county prepare people for the upcoming Climate changes?
Providing air purifiers to vulnerable populations. They do require electricity but far less that air conditioning.
Is the zoning the same as the PSPS outage zoning?
Will it also include Racially Concentrated Areas of Affluence, as defined by HCD?
Can we provide public comment through email? If so, what is the best email address to direct our comments.
Recognizing that the most exclusive communities are where there is the highest risk in our county
Public Comments
To supply child care
Wondering about how it is being prioritized?
A lot of projects in the works

Chat

The Chat comments attached have been modified to remove the names of participants.

- Language Interpretation
- Interpretación de idiomas
- Ngon ngu phien dich
- Select the globe icon to choose the language you want to listen to for this meeting.
- Seleccione el icono del globo del mundo para elegir el idioma que desea escuchar para esta reunión.
- Nhan vao dau hieu qua dia cau de chon ngon ngu cho buoi hop.
- Is there going to be discussion about upcoming housing availability?
- Live in Novato
- We are discussing a plan for housing in the future. If you have immediate housing needs, please email affordablehousing@marincounty.org
- Thank you
- What's one word that comes to mind when you think about Climate Change and Marin County
- Drought
- Vulnerability
- Water
- inaction
- flooding-fire
- Worry
- Emission
- consumption
- wildlife, flooding
- Multi-hazard
- not enough has been done
- Wildfire
- fireplace woodsmoke
- Flooding-firecycle
- https://emergency.marincounty.org/pages/evacuation
- Relatively speaking, western Marin stays a little cooler and it is manageable without A/C
- Need more ways to capture water during rainfall and store in local cisterns and the local ordinances could look at balancing the need to capture water with the need to provide for healthy streams.
- Thank you Alan. We will keep this chat and refer back to good recommendations like this one as we start thinking about updates to our Safety policies.
- Hwy 1 also f;oods
- Hwy 1 Shoreline Hwy also floods
- MMWD has a rain barrel and cistern rebate program: https://www.marinwater.org/sites/default/files/2020-09/Rain%20Barrel%20and%20Cistern%20Rebate%20Form.pdf
- smoke
- air quality
- Marin City cut off dangerously by flooding
- Inundation of septic systems
- Can we access the whiteboard, or are comments just getting recorded through chat?
- Stop building in the WUI. Wildland fire is not a risk, building fires are a risk
- keep storm drain clear
- Provide more assistance to get people off wood burning home heating and migrated to electric-based heat.
- Drought is an endemic part of the historic climate of Marin. Use native plants that survive dry summers

- In Point Reyes because of the drought our water table is so low and sea water from the bay has increased the saline in the water to very unhealthy levels and we are having to get water from a delivery program,
- prescribed burns please
- study successful methods for building in flood planes..as we may need to do more of that to reach RHNA numbers
- To draw down greenhouse gases, reduce the number of cows (methane producers)
- As we consider more housing, take into account areas subject to sea level rise and avoid building in areas that are subject to increasing risk in coming decades.
- For more on GHG reduction and moving to electric see https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/sustainability
- Increase the use of e-bikes and other low impact electric vehicles to reduce traffic and exhaust fumes. Would require a significant capital investment and a challenge to the status-quo priority given to cars and trucks.
- Consider using some of the new infrastructure funds just signed into law to open the old train tunnels Woodacre to Fairfax and Corde Madera to Mill Valley. Provide a flat bike/pedestrian route from Point Reyes Station to Sausalito.
- Mitigate severe weather (wind) impacts by under grounding utilities
- SLR concern: dispersion of toxic chemicals in soil
- Government programs to help everyone convert to electric or hybrid vehicles.
- Will the housing element also be discussed tonight, or just the safety element?
- It is important to include in the housing element a program that prevent and mitigate the indirect impact of wildfires on residents, primarily regarding the air quality. For example, new housing design needs to include HVAC systems that can address that. Additionally, family child care providers, for example, have their businesses at their own homes. The indirect impact of the bad air quality during wildfire seasons affect their businesses and the healthy and safety of children and teachers. It is important that the program address this need.
- We will be discussing the housing element after our safety discussion
- Great, thanks!
- Additionally, heatwaves are becoming more common. Therefore, multi unit projects design guidelines should include air conditioning, for example.
- Some of the physically isolated populations are some of the wealthiest—beachfronts and mountains. They have the means to repair or move elsewhere.
- As an alternative to air conditioning, we could look at other means of controlling indoor temperatures using insulation, air flow and building orientation.
- With Marin City being in an high fire and now a flood zone. How will the county prepare people for the upcoming Climate changes?
- Consider providing air purifiers to clean indoor air to vulnerable populations. They do require electricity but far less that air conditioning.
- +1 Anne
- Is the zoning the same as the PSPS outage zoning?
- Think about providing floating housing that can also deter flooding...
- This looks like a great tool. I don’t see it in the demo, but will it also include Racially Concentrated Areas of Affluence, as defined by HCD?
- Hi Taiwana. There are several projects being planned in Marin City in the coming months. Two are County sponsored and one is an Army Corp project. We have staff that are coordinating now to ensure we are not being redundant, but providing the information and outreach to involve Marin City residents. Additionally, our Department of Public Works is planning a second engineering project to improve draining near the bay shoreline.

- Awesome. I haven't seen many other jurisdictions get down to making this fine level of data available to the public. Keep up the good work!
- Consider using some of the south facing slopes in Marin Open Space for substantial solar panel installations. It's a tough choice to sacrifice some of the open space, but what is the greater good… reducing dependence on carbon-based energy versus some sacrifice of the beauty and natural values in the open space? A careful assessment could be made to see if there might be an appropriate use of solar-generated electricity.
- Is there a map of suitable sites available for public review that the county has identified?
- English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MarinCoHousingSurvey
- Español: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/marincohousingencuesta
- Tiếng Việt: https://forms.gle/SzALWFaoxLMvFgge7
- Consider-it: https://marinsafetyelement.consider.it/
- In Western Marin, consider allowing backyard cottages to utilize electric or composting toilets and gray water systems that do not impact existing septic systems. Consider utilizing new innovations in modular construction, solar panels, air flow, insulation and space utilization to make comfortable housing that reduces cost and impact on utilities. Would require a re-visit to building codes and other ordinances, but perhaps it is time to take another look at these constraints.
- Re: possible homekey acquisitions, would those units count towards our RHNA goals?
- Can we provide public comment through email? If so, what is the best email address to direct our comments?
- Housing: housingelement@marincounty.org
- Safety: safetyelement@marincounty.org
- Has the county identified how many possible units of housing can be added as a result of SB 9 & 10?
- www.marincounty.org/housingsafetyelements
- https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements
- Awesome. Sorry for all the questions, but how will the county be meeting AFFH requirements?
- Terner Center Study: https://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SB-9-Brief-July-2021-Final.pdf
- Thanks!
- I would like to speak if I can
- How do plan to incentivize developers to build low truly affordable housing
- Does unincorporated Marin County have any affordable housing overlay zones? That might make it easier for developers
- How does wildfire risk/sea level rise factor into the identification of suitable sites, all the while keeping affirmatively furthering fair housing at the forefront of this work? Recognizing that the most exclusive communities are where there is the highest risk in our county
- Consider expanding the effort to identify sources of funding to fund community land trusts and the use of innovative modular construction methods to reduce construction costs.
- What two projects are happening in Marin City?
- The fact that Marin City has only one road that serve as the entrance and exit for residents should be considered a major obstacle to the construction of additional housing units there.
- https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements

Marin County Housing & Safety Elements Community Workshop #3

Summary of Workshop Discussion

January 20, 2022

Introduction

In mid- 2021, the County of Marin began efforts to draft updates for the Housing and Safety Elements. State law requires the Housing Element be updated every 8 years. Through the Housing Element, the County must identify and plan for how the unincorporated County can accommodate at least 3569 units of housing, with a specific number of units for low and very low income, moderate income, and above moderate-income residents. State law also requires that the Safety Element be updated when the Housing Element is updated. The Safety Element is a plan that looks at geologic hazards, flooding, wildlands, and urban fires.

This was the third workshop held to engage the community in this project. The website, https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements, contains more information about the project and its upcoming activities.

Workshop Purpose and Format

On Thursday, January 20, 2022, the County of Marin and its consultants, MIG and VTA, hosted a public workshop to inform the community about the planning process for updating the Housing and Safety Elements, collect input on the site selection process and introduce a digital tool that will receive input on specific sites. Following guidance from public health agencies regarding gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop was held virtually using online video conferencing. City staff conducted robust community outreach to publicize the event. This included social media posts on Facebook, NextDoor, and Twitter. In addition, the workshop was promoted through the County's email notifications from the website. Two hundred and nine (209) people registered for the event and one hundred and ten (110) people participated. The meeting was also live streamed to YouTube.

MIG planner Joan Chaplick served as the moderator and facilitated the meeting. Leelee Thomas, Marin County Planning Manager, provided remarks to set the context and introduced the County's project team. The workshop was highly interactive and included live polls, language interpretation in one other language, Spanish, small group discussions documented in real-time using a google sheet, and a live demonstration of a digital tool that will receive input on specific housing sites. Participants could submit comments and questions throughout the meeting using the "Chat" feature. The Project Team answered questions throughout the meeting.

Agenda Topics and Engagement Activities included:

- **Housing Element Process Update:** Participants received a brief update of the housing element's purpose and requirements. Participants were also asked to share a word in the chat that described Marin County and respond to six demographic questions.

- **Candidate Housing Site Selection Process:** The Project Team walked through the guiding principles, strategies, and scenarios used in the preliminary site selection process. Following the presentations, participants were randomly assigned to ten small groups. Each group had a facilitator and note-taker, nine groups were facilitated in English and the last group was facilitated in Spanish. The Spanish group was influx due to deficient Spanish-speaking participants. Participants were invited to share their priorities in scenarios for housing site selection, any issues and ideas regarding site selection, and questions for future housing site selection.
- **Balancing Act-Public Engagement Tool:** Participants received a brief introduction and demonstration of a tool called Balancing Act that will receive input on specific sites. The tool would be posted on to the website and would help users create their own housing plan out of the list of potential housing sites for the Housing Element.
- **Next Steps and Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:** Participants received a brief review and a preview of upcoming outreach opportunities including office hours for Balancing Act.

Results from the Engagement Activities

The workshop opened with an open-end question and six polling questions intended to collect basic information about the participants. For polling questions, a number "n" is provided for the number of respondents for the question. Not all participants responded to each question. This number is the basis of percentages shown unless otherwise described.

Question 1 - Provide one word you use to describe living in Marin County. *Participants were asked to test the chat by providing one word to describe living in Marin County. Open-end responses are in alphabetical order with the number of mentions noted in parenthesis.*

- Building
- Community killing
- Complicated
- Congested (2)
- Crisis (2)
- Critical
- Difficult (2)
- Expensive (7)
  - For seniors
- Very full
- Fluffy
- Hot
- Inaccessible
- Inadequate (2)
- Inequitable
- limited
- Old
- overpriced
- privileged
- Racist
- ridiculous
- Strawberry
- Strawberry
- Terra Linda
- Tight (2)
- Unfair
- Unsustainable

Question 2 - Where do you live? N:65

- 61.5% - Unincorporated Marin County
- 35.4% - City within Marin County (includes Belvedere, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Larkspur, Novato, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Sausalito, and Tiburon)
- 3.1% - I do not live in Marin County

Question 3 - For those who responded they live in unincorporated Marin County, please tell us what part of the county you live in. N:59

- 35.6% - Unincorporated Southern Marin (Tam Junction, Marin City, Strawberry)
- 23.7% - I do not live within unincorporated Marin County
- 15.3% - West Marin
- 13.6% - Unincorporated Novato (Black Point, Green Point, Atherton, Indian Valley)
- 10.2% - Unincorporated San Rafael (Marinwood, Santa Venetia, Los Ranchitos, Lucas Valley)
- 1.7% - Unincorporated Central Marin (Sleepy Hollow, Kentfield, Greenbrae, San Quentin Village)
- 0.0% - I don't know

Question 4 - Do you work in Marin County? N:72

- 54.2% - Yes
- 27.8% - I do not work (retired, unemployed, other)
- 18.1% - No

Question 5 - How long have you lived in Marin County? N:72

- 83.3% - 10 + years
- 2.8% - I do not live in Marin County
- 9.7% - 5-10 years
- 4.2% - 1-5 years
- 0.0% - Less than 1 year

Question 6 - What is your housing situation? N:73

- 82.2% - I own my home
- 11.0% - I rent my home
- 4.1% - I live with family/friends (I do not own nor rent)
- 2.7% - Do not currently have permanent housing

Question 7 - What is your age? N: 71

- 0.0% - Under 18
- 2.8% - 18-29
- 15.5% - 30-49
- 32.4% - 50-64
- 49.3% - 65+

Summary of Comments Received For The Housing Elements

Participants were encouraged to share their comments and ask questions using the chat feature. These responses are organized by favored scenarios, comments, and questions. This made for a very dynamic meeting and yielded valuable input for the project team. The following is a high-level summary of the key themes from the nine break-out groups that surfaced during the discussion. A full transcription of the breakout notes from each group is attached.

Scenarios
There were comments about having a balance of all the scenarios because all topics are important and should be implemented with respect to all stakeholders, residents and future residents.

1. Ensure Countywide Distribution

- Accessible transportation and transit
  - Encourage collocating housing with public transit stops and major corridors
  - Concerns with increased traffic due to increased population because of housing
  - Create walkable and bikeable communities
  - Does the unincorporated area include any SMART train stops?
  - Has anyone contacted Caltrans for an assessment of the maximum capacity of the roadway?
- Want more education around development and requirements
  - What is the budget for building in existing property?
  - How does SB 9 (Urban Lot split) fit into the housing planning?
  - Where do you apply for housing programs (ADUs, JADUs, etc.)? Responsibility for development falls on the homeowner.
  - Do developers decide the kind of housing that gets built (Low-income, moderate, workforce, etc.)?
  - Isn't the true measure of success is getting additional affordable housing built?
  - Are there any requirements for ADA or senior housing?
  - What are the characteristics and constraints of the potential sites?
  - Do current projects or those approved show up as numbers in Balancing Act?
  - What are the AMI income levels for each level of affordability as part of this process?
  - What is the relationship between approved housing in the Housing Element v. actual construction of housing?
  - What is the budget for building on an existing property?
  - Where do you apply for this program?
  - Is there a way to limit the development of above moderate housing prior to meeting certain construction metrics for affordable housing?
  - Who gets to decide what type of housing is developed? - i.e. moderate, workforce, etc.?

2. Address Racial Equity and Historic Patterns of Segregation

- Be creative and protect equitable opportunities
- Provide more affordable housing
  - Provide homeownership opportunities
  - Address concerns of corporate ownership of a unit
  - Consider non-profit and for-profit developers processes to ensure a diversity of housing types
  - Continue to fund/support different types of development
  - Provide various housing types

    - Cost for development is high, fees, land costs, etc.
    - Consider "gifting" land through easements to let adjoining owners to add ADUs
- Address segregation and make the county more equitable and diverse
    - Concern about existing restrictive covenants
    - Rezone areas that are historically segregated
- Create accessibly housing for mixed level of income, racial, cultural, and ages
    - Ensure housing is safe for both residents and the environment
    - Provide adequate resources
    - Distribute a diversity of housing and people throughout the county
- Other underserved groups
    - Provide accessible and affordable housing for the workforce, seniors, people with disabilities (ADA), and low-income families
    - Has there been consideration of children of current residents that feel pressure to leave because of costs? How can we alleviate the pressure?
    - Consider Social and human health

3. *Encourage Infill and Redevelopment Opportunities*
- Increase density and infill
    - Concern about the increase in the number of people
    - Consider San Geronimo, Inverness, Fire House on Frontage Road in Terra Linda, St. Vincent's, Silveira Ranch, Marinwood shopping centers, Golden Gate Village, and Sacred Heart Church in Olema as potential sites
    - Consider moving San Quentin prison and redeveloping
    - How do the unoccupied homes play into the process? (Vacation rentals & Airbnb, West Marin)
    - Consider rezoning (agricultural land), building code amendments, convert commercial buildings, and amending regulation for services (Waste, septic, stream, etc.) as a component of this process
    - Consider affordable housing in potential infill sites
    - Develop Tiny Homes, ADUs, JADUs, mixed-use, mobile home developments, boat communities, Habitat for Humanity development, etc.
    - Develop on undeveloped land, parking lots, public golf courses, and church property
    - Develop community land trusts
    - Has the county surveyed large landowners about the options under discussion?
- Infrastructure
    - Locate services with housing
    - Increase infrastructure (water, waste, power, sewage, parking, schools, hospitals, police, firefighters, etc.) demand due to increased population because of housing is a concern
    - How will the infrastructure be improved?
    - What efforts is the County making to update septic policies/regulations?
    - How will the improvements be paid for?

4. *Consider Environmental Hazards*
    - Protect the environment
        - Mitigate flooding, sea-level rise, air pollution, and wildlife
        - Ensure environmental justice communities/ underserved communities are safe from hazards
        - Preserve and protect open spaces
        - Create more accurate fire hazard maps
    - Concerned about evacuation route access
    - Concerned about developing around Tam Junction, Marin Mill Street, Marinwood Plaza, Drake, and St Vincent / Silveira

5. *Process Concerns and Ideas*
    - Feel the County will move forward with whatever decision without resident consent.
    - Think that the law is counterproductive; requiring a certain number of units whilst making construction more difficult and expensive, then the county will be reprimanded for not reaching the housing unit goal.
    - Consider resident retention and preserve the quality of life
    - What are the next steps in the process?
    - Will the tools and materials be in multiple languages?
    - How will the public be involved moving forward?

Next Steps

The City and MIG will share workshop results with the public and incorporate input into the development of the Marin County Housing Element. Participants were encouraged to share their responses to the survey on the website. The next workshop is scheduled for early spring.

Marin County Housing & Safety Elements Community Workshop #3

Summary of Workshop Discussion

March 29, 2022

Introduction

In mid- 2021, the County of Marin began efforts to draft updates for the Housing and Safety Elements. State law requires the Housing Element to be updated every 8 years. Through the Housing Element, the County must identify and plan for how the unincorporated County can accommodate at least 3,569 units of housing, with a specific number of units for low and very low income, moderate-income, and above moderate-income residents. State law also requires that the Safety Element be updated when the Housing Element is updated. The Safety Element is a plan that looks at geologic hazards, flooding, wildlands, and urban fires.

This was the fourth workshop held to engage the community. The website, https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements, contains more information about the project and its upcoming activities. This workshop focused on the Housing Element.

Workshop Purpose and Format

On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, the County of Marin and its consultants, MIG and VTA, hosted a public workshop to inform the community about the planning process for updating the Housing Element. The focus of the meeting was to share information about potentials programs and policies for inclusion in the plan. The workshop was held virtually using online video conferencing. City staff conducted robust community outreach to publicize the event. This included social media posts on Facebook, NextDoor, and Twitter. In addition, the workshop was promoted through the County's email notifications from the website. One hundred and eighty-one (181) people registered for the event and one hundred and twelve (112) people participated.

MIG planner Joan Chaplick served as the moderator and facilitated the meeting. Leelee Thomas, Marin County Planning Manager, provided remarks to set the context and introduced the County's project team. The workshop was highly interactive and included Zoom polling, language interpretation in one other language, Spanish, Mentimeter polls, and real-time documentation on a digital whiteboard. Participants could submit comments and questions using the "Chat" feature throughout the meeting. The Project Team answered questions throughout the meeting.

Agenda Topics and Engagement Activities included:

- **Housing Element Process Update:** Participants received a brief update of the housing element's purpose and requirements. There was a presentation on the role and purpose of the Policies and Programs

- **Solicit Input on the Program Ideas and Priorities:** Participants received a presentation on potential policies and programs for the Housing Element. Throughout the presentation, participants were asked to share their ideas and comments in the chat and used the Mentimeter poll to rate potential policies or programs on a five-point scale, 1 being "No - Do not further develop" and 5 "Yes-Further develop this idea."
- **Next Steps and Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:** Participants received a brief preview of upcoming events.

Results from the Engagement Activities

The workshop opened with an open-end question and five polling questions intended to collect basic information about the participants. For polling questions, a number "n" is provided for the number of respondents for the question. Not all participants responded to each question. This number is the basis of percentages shown unless otherwise described.

Question 1: Where do you live? N:60

- 0% - I do not live in Marin County
- 28% - City within Marin County (includes Belvedere, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Larkspur, Novato, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Sausalito, and Tiburon)
- 72% - Unincorporated Marin County

Question 2: For those who responded they live in unincorporated Marin County, please tell us what part of the county you live in. N:54

- 2% - Unincorporated Central Marin (Sleepy Hollow, Kentfield, Greenbrae, San Quentin Village)
- 2% - I don't know
- 4% - Unincorporated Novato (Black Point, Green Point, Atherton, Indian Valley)
- 9% - Unincorporated San Rafael (Marinwood, Santa Venetia, Los Ranchitos, Lucas Valley)
- 9% - Unincorporated Southern Marin (Tam Junction, Marin City, Strawberry)
- 13% - I do not live within unincorporated Marin County
- 61% - West Marin

Question 3: Do you work in Marin County? N: 67

- 9% - No
- 42% - I do not work (retired, unemployed, other)
- 49% - Yes

Question 4: How long have you lived in Marin County? N:69

- 0% - I do not live in Marin County
- 3% - Less than 1 year
- 4% - 5-10 years
- 6% - 1-5 years
- 87% - 10 + years

Question 5: What is your housing situation? N:72

- 0% - Do not currently have permanent housing
- 1% - I live with family/friends (I do not own nor rent)
- 18% - I rent my home
- 81% - I own my home

Question 6: What is your age? N:70

- 0% - Under 18 years old
- 3% - 18-29 years old
- 9% - 30-49 years old
- 34% - 50-64 years old
- 54% - 65+ years old

Summary of Comments Received for The Housing Elements

Participants were encouraged to share their comments and ask questions using the chat feature. These responses are organized by favored scenarios, comments, and questions. This made for a very dynamic meeting and yielded valuable input for the project team A full transcription of the breakout notes from each group is attached in the appendix.

Questions:

- What methodology was used to allocate the 14,210 units within Marin?
- With the population declining why are the numbers believed to be accurate and meaningful?
- Will the link for the recording be emailed to everyone who registered for the live event?
- How do low-cost rentals get figured in and included in affordable housing?
- Can employees of local businesses have preferences?

Summary of Input on the Program Ideas and Priorities

The workshop opened with a description of potential programs, an open chat period for comments and questions, and nineteen (19) scaling questions to rate whether the programs should or should not be further developed for the housing element. For Mentimeter polling questions, not all participants responded to each question; a number “n” is provided for the number of respondents for the question. The visuals represent the Weighted Average of the scaling questions. In the comments below, an asterisk (*) is used to indicate the number of times the comments were repeated.

A. Increase Availability of Existing Units

- Short term rentals
    - Units include VRBO, Air BnB, etc.
    - Many voiced the desire to eliminate and or limit the number of short-term rentals******
    - A comment stated that “Corporations/ Conglobates have purchased vast amounts of short-term rentals housing in West Marin. The county needs to enforce residential zoning.”
    - Question: Is the county looking at regulating STR, identifying abandoned houses to be salvaged as well as new housing?

- Vacant Home tax
    - Many voiced the desire to have a tax on vacant homes******
    - Case Study: Oakland has a vacancy tax for any empty homes. The city earned $7M last year. SF is considering it.
    - How is the vacancy tax enforced?
    - How do you know that a property is vacant? Penalizing people who can't live there all the time seems tricky.
    - Can employees of local businesses have preferences?
- Other Ideas:
    - Look at underutilized industrial and commercial spaces to adapt into residential or mixed-use housing.
    - Use government super fund to clean Brownfields.
    - Consider each program independently.
    - Make tiny homes/ remodeling kits
    - Concerns about traffic congestion, limited infrastructure, and resources.
    - Build along the 101, near transportation, and existing development.
    - Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU): sometimes called a granny flat, junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU), or second unit.
        - Make it easier to create ADUs and JADUs*
        - Amnesty for legalizing existing units
        - Waive all fees
        - Incentive to come forward, bringing units to code
        - Guide people through the amnesty process
        - Need affordable rentals
        - See if we can add 500 or even more units without building a single home.

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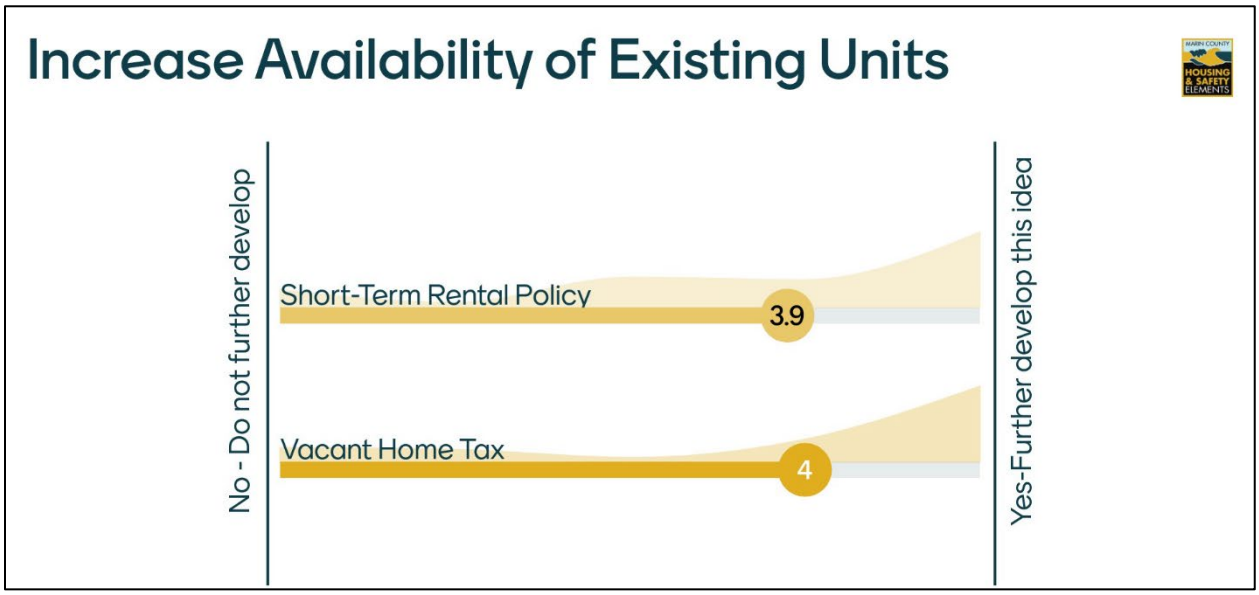

B. Tenant Protection

- Rent Stabilization Ordinance

    - No - Rent control ***
    - Yes - Rent control**
    - "Owner and tenant have to be protected. Tenants weaponizing rent control to extort owners or owners who abuse their tenants."
- Expand the Just Cause for Eviction Program
    - Support Expand the Just Cause Ordinance*
    - "Provide longer notice periods when tenants are displaced when units are demolished. Allow tenants to return to rebuilt units at the rent they were paying when displaced."
    - What does expanding the "just cause ordinance" mean?
    - How is it currently inadequate?
- Create a Tenant Commission
    - Why not a tenant-landlord commission? Discourage polarization?
    - Yes - Tenant commission **
        - It should be both tenant and landlord rights commission.
    - "Require landlords to be educated on their responsibilities as landlords so tenants are not taken advantage of."

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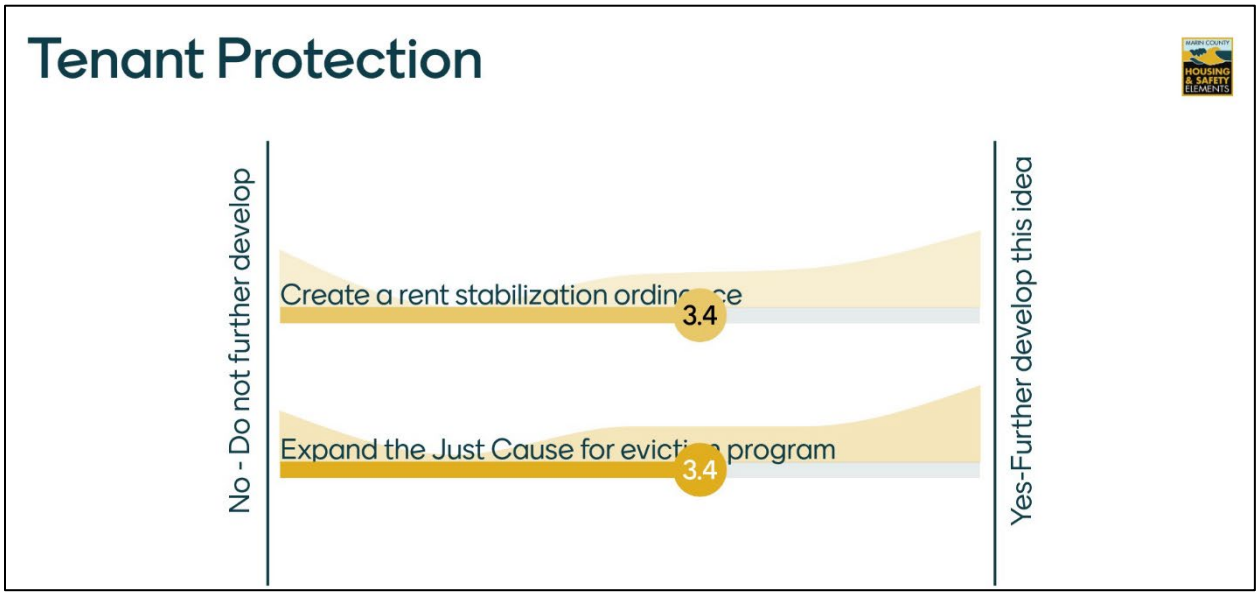

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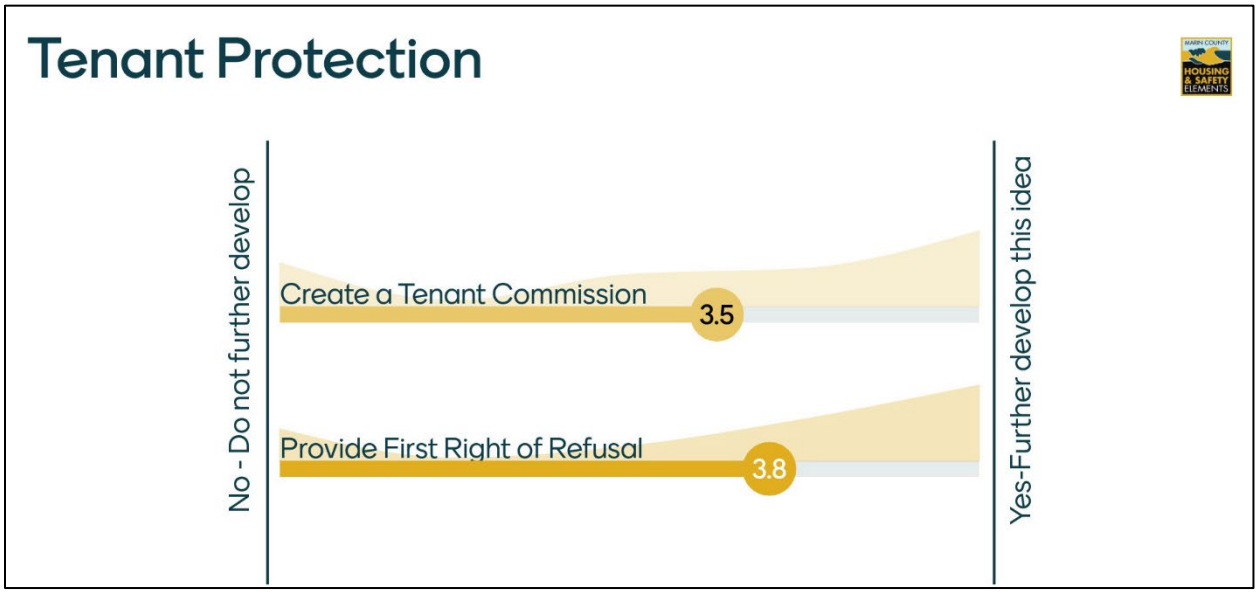

C. Special Needs Population – Seniors

- Promote participation in Home Match Program
  - Do the outreach through non-profits
  - Support the home match program
  - "I love the home match program. I know a young woman who lives in a home with a senior citizen. It was through Whistlestop."
- Increase assisted living opportunities
  - Support Senior housing subsidies for low income **
  - Support Seniors aging in place by modifying their homes
  - Support Senior communities
    - "Point Reyes and Mill Valley Redwoods have Successfully created lovely senior communities."
    - "Senior communities with activities for owners such as Robson in Texas or Arizona would be welcome."
  - Provide more Intergenerational Housing (shared/co-housing/co-living opportunities for senior and younger single adults)***
    - "Some seniors don't want to be around only other seniors, some like being in multigenerational communities."
- Create small lot/townhomes for seniors
  - Yes - Smaller lots *
    - Could small lots (1,200sf) with small homes for 800sf homes be available for purchase - similar to AB 803 starter home reg?
  - Yes - Tiny homes **
  - Fund specific programs using state grant funding.
  - Support caregiver cottages/ housing **
  - Create more senior housing and tiny homes***
    - For purchase and or renting

- In West Marin
- ADUs on family members' property
    - Are there subsidies for ADUs?
- Difficult with septic systems in West Marin
- Build single-level housing and provide elevators for seniors.
- "Could regulations similar to SB 9 provide for lots splits so seniors can provide another family space for a home but not have to take on the debt from building a second unit."
- "Could a low-cost loan, streamlined permitting and pre-approved plans for ADUs be made available for seniors?"

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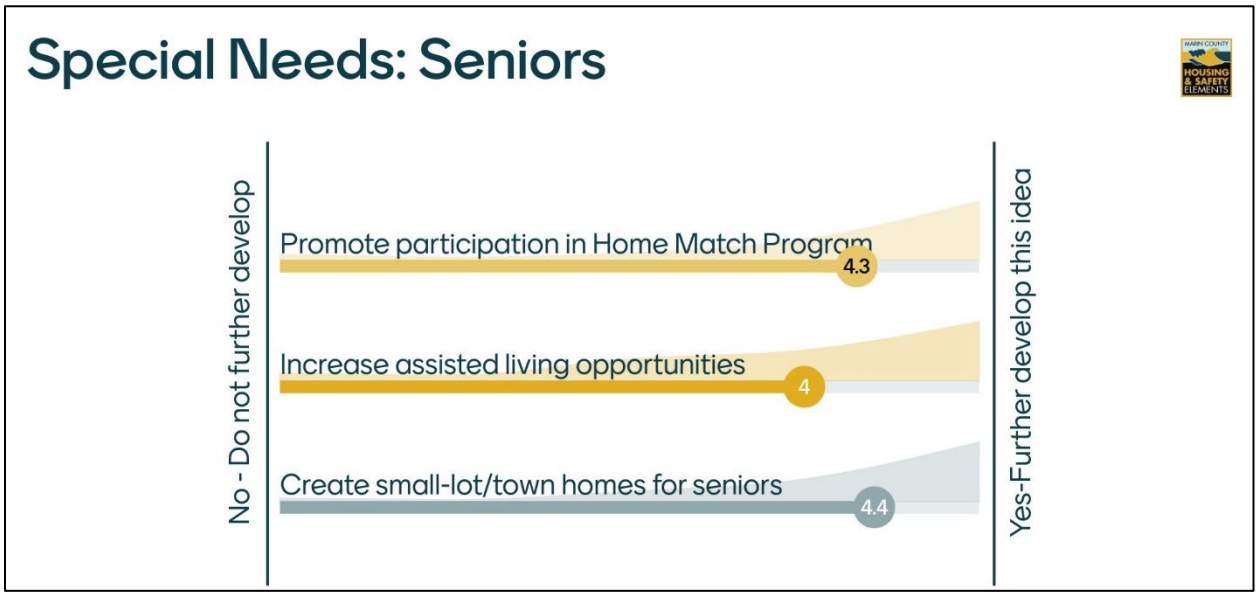

C. Special Needs Population - Farm Workers

- Develop a program for County to work with farm employers to contribute to an affordable housing fund or land trust***
    - Talk with the employer, farmworkers, and their families regarding needs **
    - Consider the duration of the stay and employment
    - Can we allow non-profits to manage the units so that there is decent and safe housing and provide AFFH?
    - How would you police that the farmworker housing is farmworkers?
    - "Dairy farms supply free housing for employees and their families. Need to help upgrade housing on farms"
    - Explore opportunities for renters to purchase with funding for land trusts, co-ops, to purchase and preference for "essential workers"
- Develop a set aside of percentage units at new affordable housing developments for farmworkers*
    - Are these seasonal workers?
    - Short-term rental?

- Other
    - Change 60-acre zoning
    - Commute Less
    - House caregivers and health support workers
    - Expedited review is important
    - Amend the Williamson act to create housing for non-farmworkers
    - "Farmworkers are the most essential workers"
    - Create a village out of groups of farmworker housing

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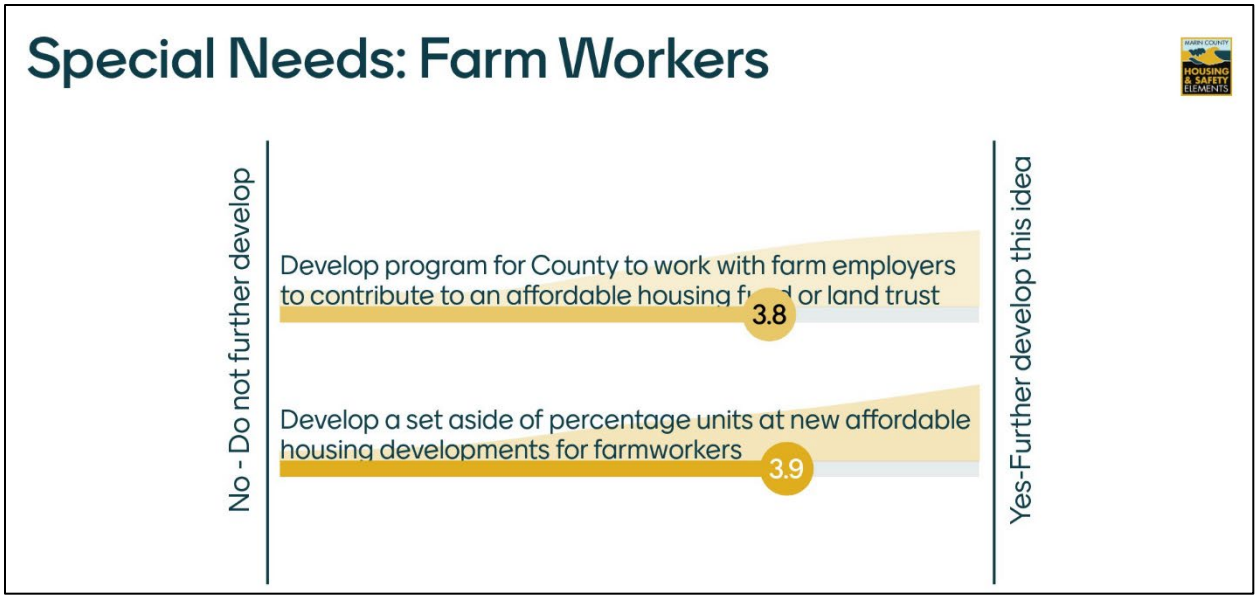

C. Special Needs Population - People with Disabilities

- Assistance with accessibility improvements
    - Aging people may be temporarily disabled.
    - Old buildings are problematic.
    - What about housing for people with developmental disabilities?
    - Are there plans for independent and supported living options?
- Expedited review for reasonable accommodation
    - Is there a deadline to decide?
- Incentives for universal design
    - ADA is a necessary regulation but can be weaponized.
    - All new construction has to be built with ADA and accessibility regulations.
    - Single-story housing units are both rentals and for purchase.
    - Regulations would be difficult to legalize many ADUs.
- Visitability requirements for multi-family housing
    - could you further define multi-family?
    - How many occupants or units?
    - Multifamily is governed by ADA and Universal Design Guidelines.

- Unsure it's a good idea to push multi-family housing in rural areas

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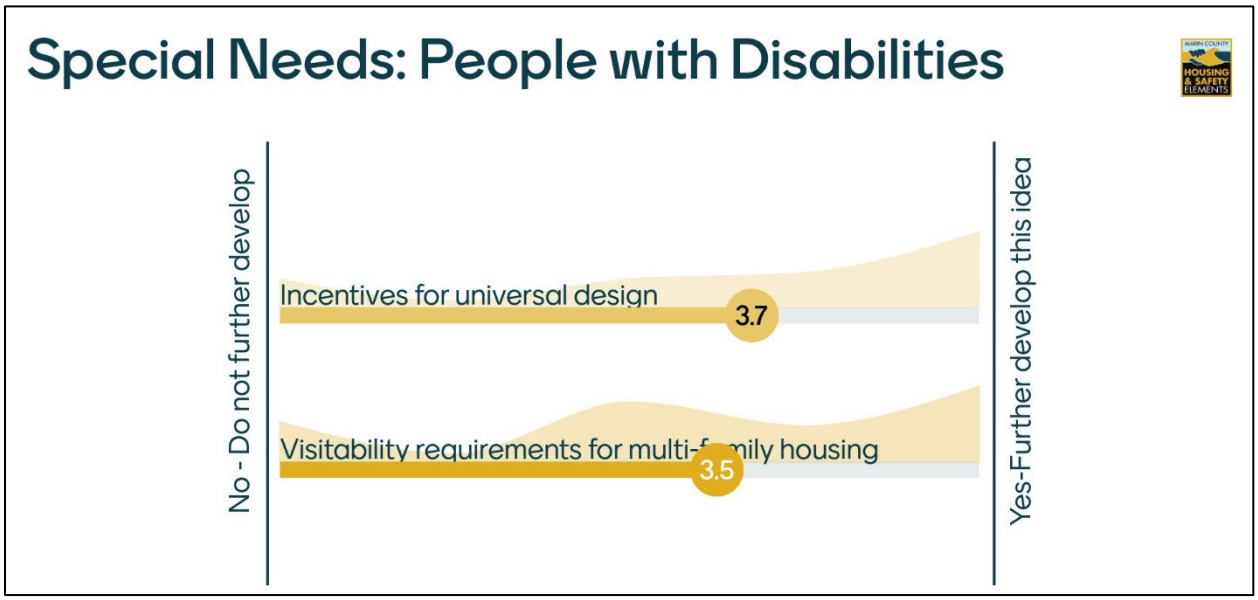

C. Special Needs Population - Persons Experiencing Homelessness

- Provide housing through Project Home Key
    - How does the county plan on preventing Project HomeKey from being turned down by the neighborhoods they're found in?
    - Use Lee Garner Park in Novato as a model for transition housing
- Support rapid re-housing options
    - Help alternative-housed individuals remain in their communities

    - Make the permits temporary
    - Need partnership support
- Provide Alternative housing types - tiny homes, etc.
    - Job trading and work placement program.
    - Offered permanent housing for people in hospitals
    - Can tiny homes be allowed in campgrounds or backyards?
    - Do not overpopulate and create health hazards in tent cities
    - Ask Homeless questions
    - Decriminalize "compostable toilets."
    - Treatment and substance abuse services (Mental & Health) as an adjunct to housing are essential***
    - Considerations for resources (water, sustainability, and drainage)

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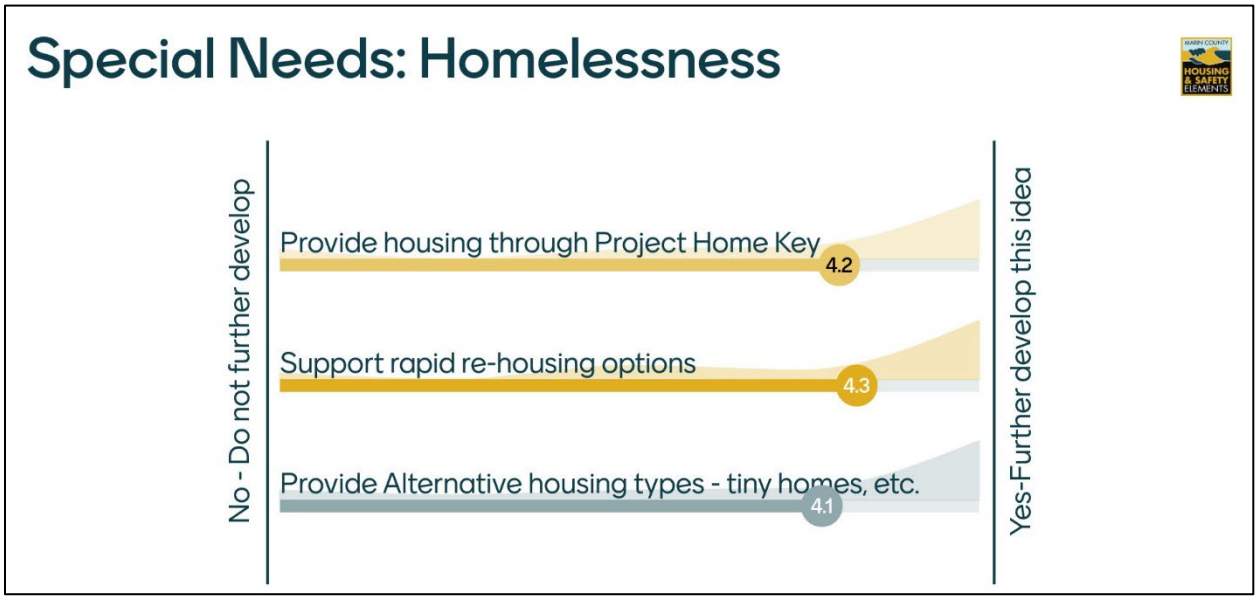

D. Other Program Ideas & Comments

- Affordable housing
    - Incentives for ADU production for Low-income populations?
    - Low-cost lending pool to produce units for low-income homeowners
    - Shallow rent subsidies for low-income residents
    - "Can the county increase the percentage of required affordable housing for projects?"
- Environmental concerns
    - Allow for a prescriptive septic design for set geographic areas to save money
    - Allows for shared septic systems for permanently deed-restricted unit development
    - Change flows to be reflective of 65g per day per bedroom now that we have low flow fixtures.
    - "How will traffic concerns be addressed given the risk of fire?"
    - Concerns with additional air pollution from added housing

- Homeless
    - Join housing and social services
- Infill
    - “How about infill housing over shopping centers that are already in transportation hubs?”
    - “Facilitate communities building septic systems to allow for infill”
    - “Need small sewer or package plants for infill projects instead of septic”
    - Keep West Marin Rural – tourism and recreation
- Local Preference
    - Clarify why Marin is not submitting local preferences
- Small Lots/Tiny homes
    - “Can the county buy some lots and put tiny homes on these?”
    - Build a sense of community using community bathrooms, and kitchens could in Tiny Home and Tent communities.
    - Legalize Tiny Houses countywide
- Streamlining
    - “Can by-right or streamlined permitting and increased density for all affordable projects be considered?”
    - Offer project management and approved ADU building plans
    - Support self-help housing so families can build their own homes using set plans and streamlined permit process
    - Streamline development applications should be applied to all forms of residential housing.
    - “Is there a county of how many ADUs are in code enforcement at this time?”
    - Potential “transaction tax on home sales to provide County funds for additional affordable housing?”
    - “County should take a more active role in creating flexibility in building housing.”
    - Need a flexible/ affordable housing market.
- Vacant home and short-term rentals
    - Stop/limit 2nd and 3rd homes, single homes, apartments, etc. rentals.
    - Raises the cost and left vacant
    - Does the county have a count on the number of abandoned houses?
    - Levy a tax on rentals and funding goes to housing ideas
- Other
    - Programs to transition people into different housing types --> meet housing needs throughout steps in life
    - How are things allocated? Fire risks, evacuation concerns, infrastructure, congestion, etc.
    - “County's role in financing?”

Next Steps

County staff will make a presentation on the Housing Element Proposed Policies and Programs at a Joint Session of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on April 12. The draft Housing Element will be available for public review during Summer 2022.

Marin Housing & Safety Element Workshop
April 4, 2021 - 6pm-8pm

What's one word that comes to mind when you think about safety and Marin County.

- Good
- Unprepared
- Fire exposure/ Risk ✔✔✔✔
- Water
- Climate Change/ Crisis ✔✔
- Delusional
- Clogged roads
- Quiet
- Evacuation ✔✔
- Traffic
- Drought ✔✔

Safety Element

- Explain the relationship b/w the Safety Element and the Housing Element.
- Do the safety issues need to be resolved before the housing element occurs?

Goals & Programs

Equity

- Residents (Homeowners, etc.) were included in some focus groups

Wildfire

- Unhealthy air is made worse with wood burning stoves used for home heating. ✔
- Ban wood burning stoves
- A robust program to help residents convert to heat pumps
- No one should be "left in the cold"
- No one should be breathing the wood smoke.
- Time to expand and mandate updating heating systems
- Do you include tourist traffic in evacuation route planning?
- How will wildfire safety be applied to proposed housing in the Atherton Corridor?

Disaster Preparedness, Response & Recovery

- What infrastructure is possible given fire risk?
- Traffic is already Congested
- Evacuation routes are important
- A plan to staff intersections and override the stop lights is important
- Stop lights & signs would quickly back up traffic for miles.
- Out pouring of cars would require alternate routes

Resiliency Planning

- Limit building to affordable housing only in West Marin? All at risk of wildfire
- How does EV infrastructure fit in disaster and resiliency planning?
- Who gets the building contracts?
- West Marin developers should agree to strict environmental considerations
- Environmental concerns need to be a component of any plans for new housing

Sea Level Rise

- Have they heard about Measure C- MWPA, all that is happening re. sea level rise
- Do people know what the real risks are and what is actually being done?

Severe Weather, Extreme Heat & Drought

- Are there any plans to remove vegetation that can fuel fires?
- Are there plans for allowing composting or incinerating toilets given drought and the climate crisis? ✔
- Live in a West Marin community that depends on groundwater wells for domestic water. Worsening drought is a real concern.
- How can new housing be approved here without knowing added impact to the groundwater supply in drought conditions?

What's the best way to get you information about emergency conditions?

- Text ✔✔✔
- Nixle
- Voice mail on landlines, in case the cell towers are down.
- Email

Additional Issues, Concerns, Questions?

- Community meeting notification in Novato?
- When and how were citizens informed about the resources and directed how to sign up?
- We need Affordable housing- what is the deadline to put in the proposal before state takes jurisdiction of this issue?
- Better publicity & notifications of this process sent out.

Public Comments

- What is the county going to do next? Homes are going at market rate but very expensive
- Collaborate with incorporated cities and towns
- Work closely with the Mwpa, and with ecologically sound practices
- What is the timeline?
- If there is going to have more housing therefore more people which is a bigger risk.
- Communicate with the cities since they are going through similar process'
- Make sure that all the efforts being made for fire prevention and safety taken into account
- About what the affordable housing is going to planned
- Are we going to be able to do this affordably and safely
- And they have to adhere to county rules as well
- How does environmental interests and ecological concerns fit?

Sites Road Shows Links

https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements/meetings

Housing Element Sites - Community Updates (January 26, 2022 - February 17, 2022)

- English: Presentation | Español: Presentación
- Kentfield (Design Review Board meeting): 01/26/22 - meeting minutes will be posted soon
- Tamalpais Valley (Design Review Board meeting): 02/02/22 - meeting minutes will be posted soon
- Strawberry (Design Review Board meeting): 02/07/22 - meeting minutes will be posted soon
- Unincorporated Ross Valley: 02/09/22| Video[External]
- Lucas Valley/Marinwood: 02/10/22 | Video[External]
- Santa Venetia/Los Ranchitos*: 02/15/22 | Video[External]
- Marin City* (Community Conversations meeting): 02/15/22 | Video[External]
- West Marin*: 02/16/22 | Video[External], Follow-up questions and answers[PDF], Preguntas y respuestas de seguimiento[PDF]
- Unincorporated Novato*: 02/17/ 22 | Video[External], Follow-up questions and answers, Preguntas y respuestas de seguimiento[PDF]
- San Geronimo Valley: 03/09/22 | Video[External], Follow-up questions and answers

Marin HE-SE Focus Groups
Top Level Findings

September 9th, 2021

Homeowners

- Living about 10-20 years in the current housing
- Found housing through real estate agents
- Somewhat satisfied - would like more options, the climate is changing
- Affordability is an issue, moving in fees, has to make multiple offers
- Limited access to public transit in Marin County
    - Reverse commute from SF is still bad, super commuters from outside Bay Area
- Would not move or be able to buy again in Marin now
- COVID: working from home more now, internet access/call reception (spotty)
- Feeling "stuck" in current home, unable to consider buying something else right now
    - Decided to invest in renovations since they feel unable to move/purchase something else
- Maintenance: poor street infrastructure, clogged water pipes causing flood issues
    - Whose responsibility is it for tree maintenance: HOA vs County?
- Wildfire and flooding are constant fears, house would not survive (older houses)
- No AC in older homes / single-family homes, homes get hot inside after 80 degrees
- Power outages - issue for boat homes
- Air Quality: residents are adapting, closing windows, getting air filters
    - Not getting notified, had to find information daily through apps/weather channels
    - Using masks, but hard to access/find, health concerns
- Insurance has gone up / concerns about this
- Programs from County - few were aware
- Suggestions for getting information to residents
    - Mailers, working with local businesses, emails, nextdoor, neighborhood associations (formal/informal), schools
- Suggestions for making housing more affordable
    - Transparency on purchasers (concerns of LLCs / Foreign buyers/speculators)
    - Limiting short-term rentals (AirBnB, etc)
    - Removing barriers to building in-law units (limited city/county staff to help with these processes - San Rafael as an example)
    - Increase property taxes on higher (millions) income homeowners/residents
    - Lower / subsidence property taxes for lower-income residents

Renters

- Wide range of length of time living in Marin (6 months - 50 yrs)
- Not able to buy a home / afford to buy a house
- Limited space (studios / small units / in-law units) - limit family growth
- Found housing through Craigslist and online searches and referrals

- Long-term renters had moved a lot around the County
- Barriers: affordability, strange rules, and added requirements from landlords (not feeling comfortable being home all day, not being able to have guests)
    - Most of their paycheck goes to housing, transportation, utilities, and not much left
    - Discrimination based on race/ethnicity by landlords
    - Limited transportation
    - Would rather live in East Bay (would feel more comfortable there)
- Some POC expressed they feel unwelcome or watched when they go shopping- prefer the East Bay where they people more welcome
- Improving housing:
    - Moving expenses are high
    - People would leave Marin County
    - Lose medical support system (resident on disability)
- Isolation, feeling secluded
- Residents don't know where to access programs
- Suggestions for getting information
    - Billboards, community boards, flyers
    - Seniors centers
    - Grocery stores
    - Schools
    - Craigslist, Next Door
- Suggestions for affordable housing
    - Developing co-op
    - Repurposing public spaces: church parking lots, other vacant spaces
    - Increase taxes on the rich
- COVID: feeling a lot more isolation, disconnected from community
- Air Quality: smoke impacting health concerns
    - Not getting notified - using apps, Google
    - Using masks, staying indoors (exercise, not walking dog)
    - Changing air filters, air purifiers
    - Impacting mental health/isolation
- Extreme heat events
    - Want cooling centers
    - Don't have a central cooling system in units
- Neighborhoods not organized, don't know their neighbors
    - Not much coordination or alarms for emergencies
- Limited cell reception, especially in case of emergencies

Similar Themes (Renters + Homeowners)

- Lack of affordability (rents, buying homes, living expenses in general)
- Lack of resources / information: not knowing who to go to for access, or where to get information
- A general feeling of dissatisfaction / just dealing with what they have / settle for what they can afford

- Residents would have to leave Marin if they have to move from current housing or in event of natural disaster, can't afford to rebuild/stay/find a new place within Marin
- Most neighborhoods are not coordinated or organized in case of natural disasters

CBO

- To some degree, they all work with Low-income residents; People of Color; Families with children; Adults and youth with special needs; Seniors; Other groups
- Finding housing
    - Long waitlists (up to 200 households)
    - Word of mouth/referrals are used
- Length of a search varies, case by case (could be a few weeks to a couple of months)
- CBOs providing support
    - Security deposits
    - Working with landlords
- Barriers
    - Lack of affordability
    - Undocumented residents have a had time securing housing
    - Substandard/unsafe housing
    - Lack of public transportation
    - Landlords trying to evict people, not keeping homes up to codes/repair needs
    - Challenges for sub-leaders
    - Farmworker housing is tied to work/employment
    - Homeowners often do not qualify for “low-income” programs/services
    - Changing housing is a challenge
    - Many workers are commuting from other counties, including CBO staff and clients
    - Limited housing stock: due to short term rentals and secondary homes
    - Other issues: waste systems, education for homeownership, renters rights
- Obstacles due to Covid
    - Rise in domestic violence / sexual violence
    - Poor performance in school (online)
- Opposition for affordable housing projects
    - Lack of sites for new housing
    - Concerns that increase diversity would make drought challenges worst
- Discrimination:
    - Against undocumented people
    - General unwelcomeness
    - NYMBYism
    - Racist / discriminatory comments/ covenants
    - Against disabilities (design of the housing is not helpful)
    - Seniors are unable to downsize because of limited affordable options
    - Need to have better relationships with landlords
        - Landlords discriminate against housing vouchers
        - Concerns about new residents disrupting the neighborhood

- County programs Support awareness
    - ADU/JADU programs are good, need to be expanded
    - Need inclusionary housing
    - People don't know they qualify for certain services
    - Zoning for camp groups
- Challenges to adding ADUs
    - Cost of construction/permits, staying up to code
    - Property taxes- tax relief if you have affordable rentals (incentives to rent affordable units, maybe have lower property taxes)
    - Land use policy limiting Increase density
    - Design/ infrastructure considerations for seniors (Ex: ramps, counter height)
    - ADUs being used for short term rentals
- Suggestions for making it easier to get information
    - Increase case management at CBO level (would like funding to support this)
    - Cultural considerations of staff supporting clients - Vietnamese communities, Spanish speaking communities,
    - Go where the people are
    - Closing digital divide: using WhatsUp and text to get information out
    - Increase staff to assist with application to services
    - Education awareness to people/public on ways they could retain their homes and stay in Marin
- Suggestions for making it more affordable
    - Universal basic income
    - One-stop shop to find resources (Events, public health information, etc.)
    - Intergenerational housing
    - Pathways to affordable homeownership with a racial equity lens, addressing decades of unequal access/racism
    - Innovative housing - Innovative ways to build things, 3D printed little homes / little neighborhoods, set a new image of what is acceptable housing
    - Fair Chance ordinance
- Safety/ Disaster Preparedness
    - Flooding and fire hazards
    - Bridge closures, earthquakes
    - Displacement due to natural disasters (people would not be able to stay in Marin)
    - Unable to afford hotels for evacuations / unable to stay in friends' home (limited space)
    - Generally unprepared and don't know who to ask for help
    - Can't afford AC, limited transportation to cooling centers
    - Seniors unable to care for themselves, more health risks, more isolation
        - Aging in place is difficult, people lose their support systems
    - Support
        - Grassroots project by and for low-income residents created emergency Go Buckets (75 buckets with supplies, masks, etc)
        - Organizations Directly working with communities

Community Survey – Housing Needs in Unincorporated Marin County

Marin County is in the process of preparing a housing plan, called the Housing Element, to address housing needs for people living in the County's unincorporated areas (not within the cities or towns). This survey is designed to have you share your ideas about housing needs today and in the future.

Your input will inform the Housing Element. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

Please tell us about your current housing circumstances.

1. What is your housing situation?

- ◯ I rent my home
- ◯ I own my home
- ◯ I live with family/friends, do not own or pay rent
- ◯ Do not currently have permanent housing

2. Where do you live? (Find where you live http://gis.marinpublic.com/lookup/JurisdictionLookup/)

- ◯ Unincorporated Marin County
- ◯ A city within Marin County (Corte Madera, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Ross, Sausalito, Tiburon, Novato. San Anselmo, San Rafael)
- ◯ I do not live in Marin County

3. If you responded that you live in Marin County, please tell us exactly where. (Select one)

- ◯ **West Marin**
  - ◯ Northern Coastal West Marin (Dillon, Tomales, Marshall)
  - ◯ Central Coastal West Marin (Inverness, Point Reyes Station, Olema)
  - ◯ Southern Coastal West Marin (Bolinas, Stinson, Muir)
  - ◯ Valley (San Geronimo, Woodacre, Lagunitas, Nicasio, Forest Knolls)
- ◯ **Unincorporated San Rafael**
  - ◯ Santa Venetia
  - ◯ Los Ranchitos
  - ◯ Other part of Unincorporated San Rafael
- ◯ **Unincorporated Novato**
- ◯ **Marinwood/Lucas Valley**
- ◯ **Unincorporated Southern Marin**
  - ◯ Marin City
  - ◯ Strawberry
  - ◯ Tam Valley/Almonte/Homestead
  - ◯ Other part of Unincorporated Southern Marin
- ◯ **Unincorporated Central Marin**
  - ◯ Kentfield/Greenbrae
  - ◯ Sleepy Hollow
  - ◯ Other part of unincorporated Central Marin
- ◯ **I do not live in unincorporated Marin County**

4. Do you work in Marin County?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I do not work (retired, unemployed, unable to work, or other)

5. How long have you lived in Marin County (city and unincorporated)?

- ◯ Less than 1 year
- ◯ 1-5 years
- ◯ 5-10 years
- ◯ 10 + years
- ◯ I do not live in Marin County

6. What is your age?

- ◯ Under 18
- ◯ 18-29
- ◯ 30-49
- ◯ 50-64
- ◯ 65 or older

7. What is your race/ethnicity?

- ◯ White / Caucasian
- ◯ Asian / Asian American
- ◯ Black / African Ancestry
- ◯ Hispanic / Latino
- ◯ Pacific Islander
- ◯ Native American, or Indigenous
- ◯ Two or more races
- ◯ I prefer not to say
- ◯ I prefer to self-identify: _____

8. What percentage of your income is spent on housing costs (including rent and utilities or mortgage, property tax, and homeowner's insurance)?

- ◯ Less than 30% of income
- ◯ Between 30-50% of income
- ◯ More than 50% of income
- ◯ Does not apply

9. How well does your current housing meet your needs?

- ◯ I am satisfied with my housing
- ◯ I would like to downsize but am unable to find a smaller unit
- ◯ I am unable to house additional family members
- ◯ My unit is substandard or in bad condition and I need my landlord to respond
- ◯ My unit is in bad condition, and I cannot afford to make needed repairs
- ◯ My unit needs improvements to make it easier to live with a disability
- ◯ None of the above

10. Select the top 3 housing priorities for unincorporated Marin County:

- ◯ Increase the amount of housing that is affordable to moderate, low, and very low- income residents
- ◯ Make it easier to build new housing in unincorporated Marin County
- ◯ Create programs to help existing homeowners stay in their homes
- ◯ Target efforts to address inequities in the housing market, including discrimination in renting
- ◯ Increase homeownership opportunities for moderate, low- and very-low-income residents
- ◯ Improve substandard housing conditions
- ◯ Other: _____

11. There is insufficient housing in my community for (please select all that apply):

- ◯ Families with children
- ◯ Low-income households
- ◯ Older adults (Seniors, Elderly)
- ◯ Single individuals
- ◯ Persons with disabilities
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Other: _____

12. Please identify any barriers to affordable housing:

- ◯ Lack of resources to help find affordable housing
- ◯ Limited availability of affordable units
- ◯ Long waitlists
- ◯ Quality of affordable housing does not meet my standards
- ◯ Other: _____

13. Please share any other comments you have related to housing in Marin County:

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Encuesta comunitaria – Necesidades de vivienda en el Condado de Marín, áreas no incorporadas

El Condado de Marín está preparando un plan de vivienda, llamado Elemento de Vivienda, para abordar las necesidades de vivienda de las personas que viven en áreas no incorporadas del Condado (fuera de las ciudades o pueblos). Esta encuesta está diseñada para que comparta sus ideas sobre las necesidades de vivienda hoy y en el futuro.

Su aportación ayudará a la creación del Plan de Vivienda del Condado. La encuesta tardará unos 10 minutos en completarse.

Cuéntenos sobre sus circunstancias actuales de vivienda.

1. ¿Cuál es su situación de vivienda?

- ◯ Alquilo mi casa
- ◯ Soy dueño de mi casa
- ◯ Vivo con familiares / amigos, no soy dueño ni pago alquiler
- ◯ Actualmente no tengo un hogar permanente

2. ¿Dónde vive? (Encuentre dónde vive aquí: http://gis.marinpublic.com/lookup/JurisdictionLookup/)

- ◯ Área no incorporada en el Condado de Marín
- ◯ Una ciudad dentro del Condado de Marín - Corte Madera, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Ross, Sausalito, Tiburón, Novato, San Anselmo, San Rafael
- ◯ No vivo en el Condado de Marín

3. Si respondió que vive en el Condado de Marín, díganos exactamente dónde vive. (Seleccione una opción)

- ◯ **Oeste de Marin**
  - ◯ Costa Norte del Oeste de Marín (Dillon, Tómales, Marshall)
  - ◯ Costa Central del Oeste de Marin (Inverness, Point Reyes Station, Olema)
  - ◯ Costa Sur del Oeste de Marín (Bolinas, Stinson, Muir)
  - ◯ Valle (San Gerónimo, Woodacre, Lagunitas, Nicasio, Forest Knolls)
- ◯ **Áreas no incorporadas de San Rafael**
  - ◯ Santa Venecia
  - ◯ Los Ranchitos
  - ◯ Otras áreas no incorporadas de San Rafael
- ◯ **Áreas no incorporadas de Novato**
- ◯ **Marinwood / Lucas Valley**
- ◯ **Áreas no incorporadas del Sur de Marin**
  - ◯ Marín City / Ciudad de Marin
  - ◯ Strawberry
  - ◯ Tam Valley / Almonte / Homestead
  - ◯ Otras áreas no incorporadas del Sur de Marín
- ◯ **Áreas no incorporadas del Centro de Marín**
  - ◯ Kentfield / Greenbrae
  - ◯ Sleepy Hollow
  - ◯ Otras áreas no incorporadas del Centro de Marín
- ◯ **No vivo en áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Marín**

4. ¿Trabaja en el Condado de Marín?

- ◯ Si
- ◯ No, trabajo fuera de Marin
- ◯ No trabajo (estoy jubilado, desempleado, incapacitado para trabajar, u otra razón)

5. ¿Cuánto tiempo ha vivido en el Condado de Marín (ciudad y no incorporado)?

- ◯ Menos de 1 año
- ◯ 1-5 años
- ◯ 5-10 años
- ◯ 10 años o mas
- ◯ No vivo en el Condado de Marín

6. ¿Qué edad tiene?

- ◯ 17 años o menos
- ◯ 18-29
- ◯ 30-49
- ◯ 50-64
- ◯ 65 años o más

7. ¿Con qué raza o etnia se identifica? (Elija todo lo que corresponda)

- ◯ Caucásico / Blanco
- ◯ Asiático / Asiático Americano
- ◯ Afroamericano
- ◯ Hispano / Latino
- ◯ Isleño del Pacífico
- ◯ Nativo Americano o Indígena
- ◯ Dos o más raza o etnias
- ◯ Prefiero no decir
- ◯ Prefiero identificarme a mí mismo: _____

8. ¿Qué porcentaje de sus ingresos se gasta en costos de vivienda (incluidos el alquiler y los servicios públicos, o la hipoteca, el impuesto a la propiedad y el seguro de vivienda)?

- ◯ Menos del 30% de mis ingresos
- ◯ Entre el 30-50% de mis ingresos
- ◯ Más del 50% de mis ingresos
- ◯ No me aplica

9. ¿Qué tan bien satisface sus necesidades su vivienda actual?

- ◯ Estoy satisfecho con mi vivienda.
- ◯ Me gustaría reducir el tamaño, pero no puedo encontrar una unidad más pequeña.
- ◯ No puedo alojar mi hogar a miembros adicionales de la familia.
- ◯ Mi unidad es deficiente o está en malas condiciones y necesito que mi arrendador responda.
- ◯ Mi unidad está en malas condiciones y no tengo el presupuesto para hacer las reparaciones necesarias.
- ◯ Mi unidad necesita mejoras para que sea más fácil vivir con una discapacidad.
- ◯ Ninguna de las anteriores

10. Seleccione las 3 principales prioridades de vivienda para las áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Marín:

- ◯ Aumentar la cantidad de viviendas asequibles para residentes de ingresos moderados, bajos y muy bajos.
- ◯ Facilitar la construcción de nuevas viviendas en las áreas no incorporadas del Condado de Marín.
- ◯ Crear programas para ayudar a los propietarios existentes a permanecer en sus hogares.
- ◯ Dirigir los esfuerzos para abordar las desigualdades en el mercado de la vivienda, incluida la discriminación en el alquiler.
- ◯ Aumentar las oportunidades para convertirse en propietario de vivienda para los residentes de ingresos moderados, bajos y muy bajos.
- ◯ Mejorar las condiciones de vivienda deficientes.

11. No hay viviendas suficientes en mi comunidad para (seleccione todas las opciones que correspondan):

- ◯ Familias con niños
- ◯ Residentes de bajos ingresos
- ◯ Adultos mayores (Mayores, Ancianos)
- ◯ Individuos solteros o viviendo solos
- ◯ Personas con discapacidad
- ◯ No sé
- ◯ Otro: _____

12. Por favor identifique cualquier barrera a la vivienda asequible:

- ◯ Falta de recursos para ayudar a encontrar viviendas asequibles
- ◯ Disponibilidad limitada de unidades asequibles
- ◯ Listas de espera largas
- ◯ La calidad de la vivienda asequible no cumple con mis estándares
- ◯ Otro: _____

13. Comparta cualquier otro comentario que tenga relacionado con la vivienda en el condado de Marín.

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Marin Housing Element: Housing Survey Results Summary

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Introduction

The County of Marin is updating their Housing Element, as required by law, to establish the conditions for more housing at all income levels to be developed across the unincorporated areas of the county with the goal of meeting the RHNA number assigned to Marin County by the state of 3,569 units.

The County has provided multiple opportunities for resident to weigh in on the update process for the Housing Element. The survey described in this summary was just one of the ways residents were able to share their experiences and needs for housing in Marin. The project website: https://www.marincounty.org/housingsafetyelements contains more information about upcoming activities.

Methodology

The County of Marin is conducting a variety of outreach activities to solicit community input. This survey was focused on the housing needs and desires for the county, and it was publicized in English and Spanish.

The County used the Survey Monkey platform for this survey, which was promoted extensively through County communication channels including post-card mail-outs, multiple email communications, and social media. Using both an online and paper format, the survey was shared with County residents via multiple Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and publicized through online workshops.

The CBOs who supported the outreach effort included:

- Community Action Marin
- Community Land Trust Association of West Marin
- Lifehouse
- Marin Community Foundation / West Marin Community Services
- Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative (MEHC)
- San Geronimo Valley Affordable Housing Association
- Vivalon (serves people that need paratransit)
- West Marin Senior Services

The survey period ran from October through December 20th, 2021. There were 728 responses completed in English and 90 responses in Spanish, for a total of 818 responses.

Key Findings

Highlights of the survey results include:

Top housing choices for Unincorporated Marin County

Participants were asked to identify their top three housing priorities (out of seven choices).

- 59% of respondents selected "Increase the amount of housing that is affordable to moderate, low, and very low- income residents"
- 47% of respondents selected "Increase homeownership opportunities for moderate, low- and very-low-income residents"
- 33% identified "Create programs to help existing homeowners stay in their homes"
- The remaining 4 choices were selected by 23% to 28% of the respondents

There is insufficient housing in my community for:

Participants were asked to select all that apply from seven choices. The top three choices were:

- Low-income households (59%)
- Families with children (35%)
- Older adults: seniors, elderly (34%)

Top barrier to affordable housing

Participants were asked to identify the top barrier to affordable housing of out five choices.

- 55% identified "Limited availability of affordable units"
- The remaining choices received between 5% and 18% of the responses.

The survey included 12 questions that were multiple choice. Where appropriate, the responses also included "other" as a choice where participants could write in their response. There was also a thirteenth question that provided the opportunity for participants to add any additional comments.

The following sections present the survey results for each question based on responses received in English, Spanish, and the combined total. There is also a summary of the key themes from the open-ended comments received for each question. A full compilation of the comments is available as an appendix to this document.

Survey Results

The complete survey results are summarized below.

The English survey had 728 respondents:

- 626 responses online
- 102 responses through paper surveys

The Spanish survey had 90 Spanish respondents:

- 22 responses online
- 68 responses through paper surveys

The following charts show both the English and Spanish responses, as well as the combined results. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. Not all participants responded to each question.

Question 1. What is your housing situation?

About 67% of respondents are homeowners, while 25% are renters. Most English respondents (75%) are homeowner while the majority of Spanish respondents (68%) are renters.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
I rent my home	144 (20%)	59 (68%)	203 (25%)
I own my home	540 (75%)	1 (1%)	541 (67%)
I live with family/friends, do not own or pay rent	33 (5%)	18 (21%)	51 (6%)
I don't have permanent housing	6 (1%)	9 (10%)	15 (2%)
Total	**723 English respondents**	**87 Spanish respondents**	**810 combined respondents**

Question 2. Where do you live?

About 54% of respondents live within unincorporated Marin County.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Unincorporated Marin County	425 (59%)	16 (19%)	441 (54%)
A city within Marin County (San Rafael, Corte Madera, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Ross, Sausalito, Tiburon, Novato, San Anselmo)	279 (39%)	70 (80%)	349 (43%)
I do not live in Marin County	19 (3%)	1 (1%)	20 (2%)
Total	**723 English respondents**	**87 Spanish respondents**	**810 combined respondents**

Question 3. If you responded that you live in Marin County, please tell us where exactly.

The results shown in chart below represent only the response options that received more than 5% of the results in at least one of the languages or in the combined count.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Unincorporated San Rafael: Santa Venetia	37 (5%)	3 (4%)	40 (5%)
Unincorporated San Rafael: Other part of Unincorporated San Rafael	26 (4%)	13 (16%)	39 (5%)
Unincorporated Novato	50 (7%)	1 (1%)	51 (7%)
Marinwood/Lucas Valley	36 (5%)	1 (1%)	37 (5%)
Unincorporated Southern Marin: Marin City	10 (1%)	8 (10%)	18 (2%)
Unincorporated Southern Marin: Tam Valley/Almonte/Homestead	96 (14%)	0 (0%)	96 (13%)
Unincorporated Central Marin: Kentfield/Greenbrae	62 (9%)	1 (1%)	63 (8%)
I do not live in unincorporated Marin County	186 (28%)	41 (51%)	227 (30%)
Total *(Not all responses are listed above)*	**779 English respondents**	**81 Spanish respondents**	**760 combined respondents**

Question 4. Do you work in Marin County?

About 47% of respondents work in Marin County, and 18% work outside the County. A significant portion of the English respondents (37%) do not work, are retired, unemployed or unable to work.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Yes	290 (44%)	63 (77%)	353 (47%)
No	128 (19%)	7 (9%)	135 (18%)
I do not work (retired, unemployed, unable to work, or other)	247 (37%)	12 (15%)	259 (35%)
Total	**665 English respondents**	**82 Spanish respondents**	**747 combined respondents**

Question 5. How long have you lived in Marin County (city or unincorporated)?

Most respondents (75%) in English and Spanish combined have lived in Marin County for over ten years.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Less than 1 year	10 (2%)	9 (11%)	19 (3%)
1-5 years	52 (8%)	18 (22%)	70 (9%)
5-10 years	69 (10%)	7 (8%)	76 (10%)
10 + years	516 (77%)	49 (59%)	565 (75%)
I do not live in Marin County	19 (3%)	0 (0%)	19 (3%)
Total	**666 English respondents**	**83 Spanish respondents**	**749 combined respondents**

Question 6. What is your race / ethnicity?

Of all the survey respondents, 70% identify as White / Caucasian, and another 16% identify as Hispanic / Latino.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
White / Caucasian	519 (79%)	1 (1%)	520 (70%)
Black / African Ancestry	4 (1%)	0 (0%)	4 (1%)
Asian / Asian Ancestry	30 (5%)	1 (1%)	31 (4%)
Hispanic / Latino	35 (5%)	81 (95%)	116 (16%)
Pacific Islander	8 (1%)	0 (0%)	8 (1%)
Native American, or Indigenous	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	6 (1%)
Two or more races	21 (3%)	0 (0%)	21 (3%)

I prefer not to say	52 (8%)	1 (1%)	53 (7%)
I prefer to self-identify	17 (3%)	1 (1%)	18 (2%)
Total	**660 English respondents**	**85 Spanish respondents**	**745 combined respondents**

Question 7. What is your age?

Most respondents (56%) are between the ages of 30 and 64 years old and 38% are over the age of 65.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
17 or under	1 (0%)	1 (1%)	2 (0%)
18-29	25 (4%)	16 (19%)	41 (5%)
30-49	142 (21%)	52 (63%)	194 (26%)
50-64	210 (32%)	14 (17%)	224 (30%)
65 or older	287 (43%)	0 (0%)	287 (38%)
Total	**665 English respondents**	**83 Spanish respondents**	**748 combined respondents**

Question 8. What percentage of your income is spent on housing costs (including rent and utilities or mortgage, property tax, and homeowner's insurance)?

One third of respondents (37%) spend between 30% and 50% of their income on housing costs, while another 19% of respondents spend over 50% of their income. In total, 56% of respondents stated that they spend over 30% of their income on housing costs. From the Spanish respondents alone, almost 60% of those who responded to the survey spend more than 50% of their income on housing costs.

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Less than 30% of income	260 (40%)	11 (13%)	271 (37%)
Between 30-50% of income	254 (39%)	18 (22%)	272 (37%)
More than 50% of income	95 (14%)	48 (59%)	143 (19%)
Does not apply	48 (7%)	5 (6%)	53 (7%)
Total	**657 English respondents**	**82 Spanish respondents**	**739 combined respondents**

Question 9. How well does your current housing meet your needs?

While 69% of the combined respondents stated they were satisfied with their housing, about 18% of the Spanish respondent selected that their unit is "substandard or in bad condition and need [their] landlord to respond."

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
I am satisfied with my housing	478 (73%)	26 (34%)	504 (69%)
I would like to downsize but am unable to find a smaller unit	25 (4%)	6 (8%)	31 (4%)
I am unable to house additional family members	35 (5%)	13 (17%)	48 (7%)
My unit is substandard or in bad condition and I need my landlord to respond	9 (1%)	14 (18%)	23 (3%)
My unit is in bad condition, and I cannot afford to make needed repairs	18 (3%)	3 (4%)	21 (3%)
My unit needs improvements to make it easier to live with a disability	21 (3%)	6 (8%)	27 (4%)
None of the above	72 (11%)	9 (12%)	81 (11%)
Total	**658 English respondents**	**77 Spanish respondents**	**735 combined respondents**

Question 10. Select the top 3 housing priorities for unincorporated Marin County.

Of the combined respondents, 59% agreed that increasing "the amount of housing that is affordable to moderate, low, and very low-income residents" was among their top housing priorities. The second highest selected option was to "increase homeownership opportunities for moderate, low- and very low-income residents," which was selected by 47% of the combined respondents. The third highest option selected among the English respondents was "Create programs to help existing homeowners stay in their homes" with 36% of English respondents selecting this option. Among the Spanish respondents, the third highest selected option, with 33% of Spanish results, was "Make it easier to build new housing in unincorporated Marin County."

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Increase the amount of housing that is affordable to moderate, low, and very low- income residents	382 (57%)	63 (73%)	445 (59%)
Make it easier to build new housing in unincorporated Marin County	180 (27%)	28 (33%)	208 (28%)
Create programs to help existing homeowners stay in their homes	238 (36%)	11 (13%)	249 (33%)
Target efforts to address inequities in the housing market, including discrimination in renting	213 (32%)	15 (17%)	228 (30%)
Increase homeownership opportunities for moderate, low- and very-low-income residents	313 (47%)	40 (47%)	353 (47%)
Improve substandard housing conditions	176 (26%)	24 (28%)	200 (27%)
Other (please specify)	170 (25%)	7 (8%)	177 (23%)
Total	**668 English respondents**	**86 Spanish respondents**	**754 combined respondents**

Summary of additional comments included:

- A desire to build more moderate and low-income housing
- Desire for more programs that support affordable homeownership
- Support for current residents to be able to stay in Marin
- Suggestions to keep higher density developments near transportation, in city centers, and where infrastructure for utilities already exists
- Desire to preserve the open space, parks, and agricultural land within the County
- Concerns about how the character of towns and neighborhoods might change with higher density
- Concerns for limited water due to drought
- Concerns for increased traffic due to more housing
- Hesitancy for increased density and more development

Question 11. There is insufficient housing in my community for (please select all that apply).

The top three choices by the combined responses were:

- Low-income households (59%)
- Families with children (35%)
- Older adults: seniors, elderly (34%)

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Families with children	202 (32%)	49 (62%)	251 (35%)
Low-income households	369 (58%)	53 (67%)	422 (59%)
Older adults (Seniors, Elderly)	235 (37%)	8 (10%)	243 (34%)
Single individuals	189 (29%)	10 (13%)	199 (28%)
Persons with disabilities	156 (24%)	7 (9%)	163 (23%)
I don't know	129 (20%)	4 (5%)	133 (18%)
Other (please specify)	108 (17%)	3 (4%)	111 (15%)
Total	**641 English respondents**	**79 Spanish respondents**	**720 combined respondents**

Note: Percentages will total over 100% since respondents were allowed to select multiple options.

Summary of additional comments included:

- Desire for more rental options
- Insufficient housing for local workers resulting in workers having to live outside of Marin County
- Lack of options for those experiencing and/or are at risk of homelessness
- Insufficient housing for middle-income families, single individuals, and older adults
- Support for more moderate- to low-income housing
- Concerns about how diversity has decreased over the years
- Desire to preserve open land space and parks within the county
- Concerns of expansion due to climate change impacts
- Sentiment that there was already sufficient housing in Marin County

Question 12. Please identify the top barrier to affordable housing.

The top barrier to affordable housing according to the respondents is the limited available of affordable units (55% of combined results, and 60% of English-only responses). Spanish respondents selected the lack of resources to help find affordable housing as their top barrier (64% of Spanish-only results).

Responses	English	Spanish	Combined
Lack of resources to help find affordable housing	64 (10%)	50 (64%)	114 (16%)
Limited availability of affordable units	376 (60%)	8 (10%)	384 (55%)
Long waitlists	32 (5%)	13 (17%)	45 (6%)
Quality of affordable housing does not meet my standards	30 (5%)	3 (4%)	33 (5%)
Other (please specify)	123 (20%)	4 (5%)	127 (18%)
Total	**625 English respondents**	**78 Spanish respondents**	**703 combined respondents**

Summary of additional existing barriers included:

- NIMBY ("not in my back yard") housing policies
- Insufficient water supply
- Lack of rental opportunities
- General lack of affordable housing
- Limited homeownership opportunities or inundated waitlists for homeownership
- Lack of affordable housing due to city regulations such as zoning, permit fees, etc.
- Low paying jobs and lack of living wages is a barrier of entry to living in Marin
- Desire to keep Marin County population small and build more densely in other places outside of Marin County such as San Francisco
- Pushback against building affordable housing
- Some respondents believe there are no barriers or that this is a marketplace issue

Question 13. Please share any other comments you have related to housing in Marin County

	English	Spanish	Combined
Total	**380 English respondents**	**50 Spanish respondents**	**430 combined respondents**

The following summarizes the key themes mentioned in the 430 comments:

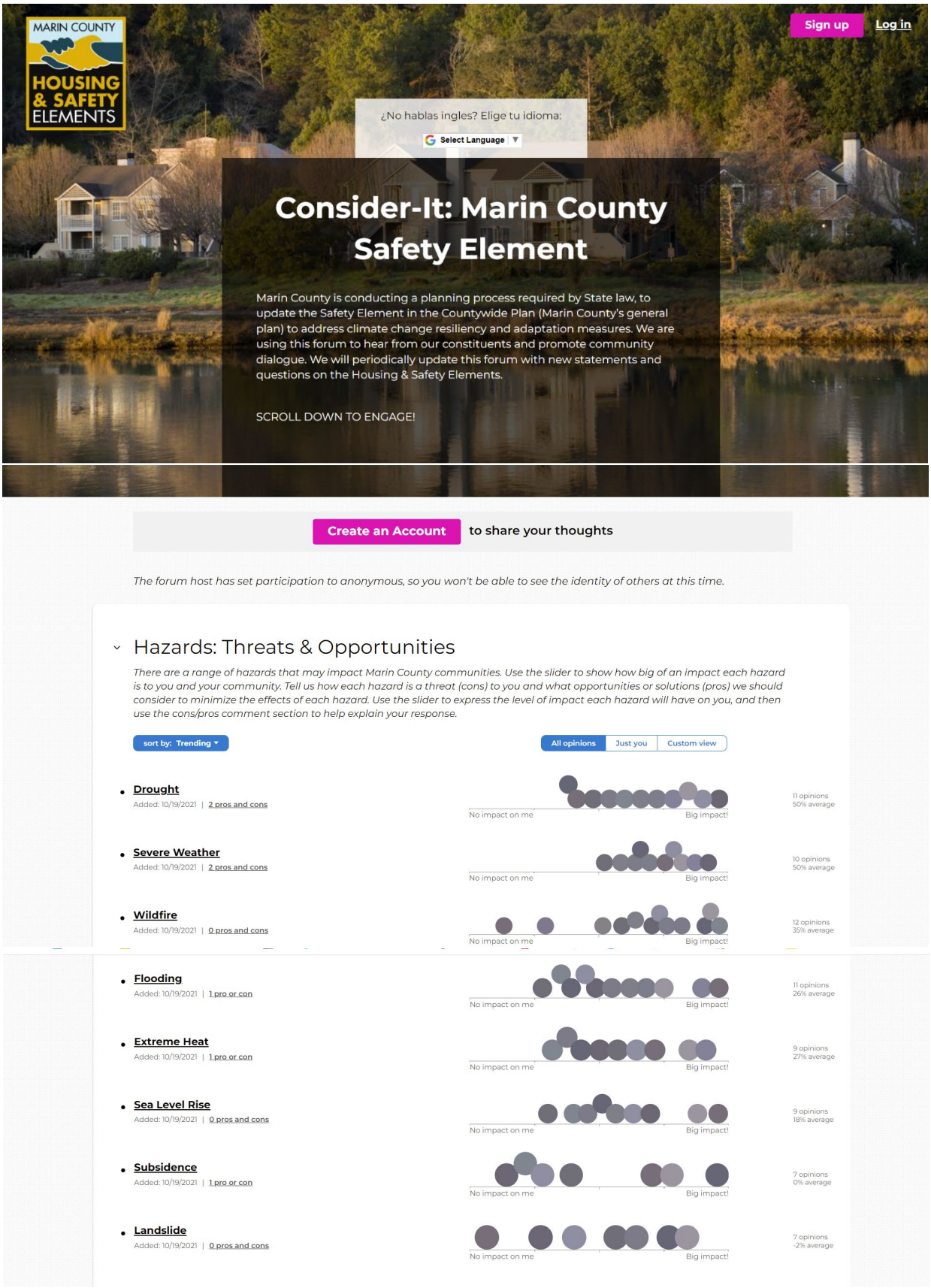
- Support for more low-income to middle-income housing
- Support for affordable units for seniors
- Support for additional workforce housing
- Frustration with housing barriers such as limited availability and long waitlists
- Concern for how additional units may affect the strained local water supply
- A desire for infrastructure issues such as limited water supply, transportation (increased traffic and road damage), and flooding concerns, to be addressed before building additional units
- Respondents shared that regulatory burdens slow down development
- Desire to keep existing open land space preserved
- A desire to keep Marin population less dense
- Concern for short term rentals and/or vacation rentals that take homes off the market for long term renters
- Concern over existing inequitable housing practices and discrimination

Appendix

Attached are additional documents, including:

- Charts summarizing English and Spanish results (in PowerPoint File)
- Summarized data for English and Spanish results, with list of additional comments (in Excel File)
- Full raw data from survey results (in Excel File)

Consider It Webpage



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Potential Ideas & Strategies

The statements below are early ideas for the public to consider, and some are ideas from other jurisdictions. Tell us if you support or oppose each statement. Leave your comments in the cons & pros section for each statement to help us understand why.

sort by: Trending ▾ | All opinions | Just you | Custom view

- **The County should provide incentives and/or subsidies to property owners for protecting their assets from environmental hazards.**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 1 pro or con
  Oppose – Support | 9 opinions 35% average
- **The County should establish an economic recovery fund that enables swift and equitable recovery from the impacts of environmental hazards.**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 1 pro or con
  Oppose – Support | 8 opinions 34% average
- **Marin County should focus on protecting the most vulnerable and highly impacted populations first from environmental and climate related impacts.**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 2 pros and cons
  Oppose – Support | 10 opinions 26% average
- **Property owners should be responsible for making modifications to structures in order to minimize damage from future hazards.**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 0 pros and cons
  Oppose – Support | 8 opinions 25% average

How prepared are you for an emergency?

Tell us how prepared or ready you are in case of an emergency caused by a natural disaster or environmental hazard impacting your home or community.

sort by: Trending ▾ | All opinions | Just you | Custom view

- **In case of an evacuation, do you have an alternative place to stay or cash for a hotel or other lodging?**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 0 pros and cons
  Not ready – Ready | 7 opinions 31% average
- **If you have to move or lose your home due to a natural disaster, could you afford to find another place to live within Marin County?**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 0 pros and cons
  Not ready – Ready | 7 opinions 26% average
- **Does your community have an emergency preparedness plan ready in case of a natural disaster emergency?**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 0 pros and cons
  Not ready – Ready | 7 opinions 25% average
- **How well prepared is your household for an emergency?**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 0 pros and cons
  Not ready – Ready | 7 opinions 21% average
- **Do you have an evacuation plan in place?**
  Added: 10/19/2021 | 0 pros and cons
  Not ready – Ready | 7 opinions -1% average

Marin County Housing Element
Candidate Housing Sites and Selection Process
Comments

Summary

Marin County conducted a robust process to share information and to solicit feedback on the process used to identify housing sites for inclusion in the Marin County Housing Element. The County is required by state law to prepare a plan which identifies sites where its assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 3,956 housing units at different income levels can be built. While the County does not build the planned housing, they must, along with the specific sites, provide the zoning and policies and programs to ensure these sites can be developed.

At a December 7th meeting, the Board of Supervisors provided direction on a set of guiding principles to guide the process. One of the principles directed for substantive public engagement. Between late January 2022 and mid-March 2022, the County provided a variety of opportunities and formats for the public to use to share their feedback through written and verbals comments and use of digital tools. They included:

Outreach Opportunity	Comment Methods
On-line community workshop January 20	Participants could ask questions and submit comments in the chat.
County-wide Roads Shows	Ten virtual meetings were conducted at Design Review Board, Community and neighborhood specific locations throughout the County. Depending on the meeting, participants could comment verbally and/or in writing using the chat feature.
Balancing Act Digital Tool*	On-line digital tool that allowed participants to balance the sites to meet a desired number of units. It also allowed for site specific comments. **County staff held 4 sessions of office hours to assist anyone who had questions about how to use the tool.*
Marin County Atlas	On-line map that showed natural hazards and constraints to be considered. Users could consult the details of a specific property and make site specific comments.

To make it easier for the team to review the comments, the attached tables were created to organize the written comments submitted using various tools. They are attached to this document as an appendix.

Marin County Housing Element: Candidate Housing Sites and Selection Process Comments Received via Email or Balancing Act Submissions – Key Themes

PCL—Incorrect or Inconsistent Categorization of Parcels: Parcels have been incorrectly or arbitrarily categorized in the Draft Candidate Housing Sites List.
INF—Limited Infrastructure: Sites have limited infrastructure and/or limited capacity to support sufficient infrastructure for more development.
SER—Insufficient / Limited Access to Schools, Services, etc. Sites lack sufficient access to or resources to support schools, proximity to jobs, shopping, and amenities, and other required services.
TRF—Traffic Congestion: Site unsuitable due to traffic congestion
PRK—Lack of Parking: Site unsuitable due to lack of parking
PTR—Lack of Public Transportation: Site lacks access to public transportation
ACT—Lack of Active Transportation Infrastructure: Lack of safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists
NMR—No More Room for Additional Development or Too Much Additional Development Proposed: Site has no more room/infrastructure capacity etc. for development or is already overdeveloped, or the amount of additional development proposed is too much for the site.
SEA—Threat of Sea Level Rise / Current Flooding: Area is prone to sea level rise and/or current flooding. Makes the entire site unsuitable, or development should be limited to levels above the sea rise/flood zone.
NAT—Impacts Natural / Agricultural Resources: development on site will impact natural and/or agricultural resources; located in rural area which is not appropriate for development
CUL—Impacts Cultural Resources: Impacts tribal site or other cultural resources
FIR—Fire Risk / Limited Access for Emergency Services: site unsuitable due to fire risk / limited access for exit or egress in case of fire / limited access for emergency vehicles
WAT—Lack of Water / Septic Water Issues: Not enough water currently or for more development; insufficient clean water and septic issues
HLT—Air Quality / Chemicals / Other Health Impacts: Additional development will impact air quality, add toxins to the environment, or otherwise create negative impacts on community health.
EQT—Inequitable Development / Need for Equitable Development: Affects equitable housing; either it will improve housing equity OR site already has a majority of public housing/low income units in area; or will not assist in providing equitable housing / improving housing equity.
GDL—Good location: Identified as good location for housing; may be some caveats

MARIN COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT: CANDIDATE HOUSING SITES AND SELECTION PROCESS
COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

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254 Lucas Valley Road Near Terra Linda Ridge	I'm taking this opportunity as a resident of Upper Lucas Valley in Marin to voice my views/concerns about the housing sites under consideration in my area: In general: I don't know what constitutes median vs low income, but in general I support add'l housing strategically placed and sensitively designed (to minimize negative impact on the environment and established communities) for essential workers such as school teachers, sheriff, police & fire dept and hospital staffers, many of whom currently commute long distances to work in the areas they serve. I'd like to see new homeowning opportunities (at below market rates) made available to these workers, as building more high-priced rental units serves no one but property owners.Sites under consideration in the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School – 1800; Marinwood Market – 136. These are both logical, less problematic sites for development, as they are walkable to the GG bus stop at/near Miller Creek & Marinwood Aves, with quick, easy access to the 101 fwy. I really hope to see sensitive urban planning on the St. Vincents site, so the beautiful open space currently grazed by cows does not become yet another soulless jungle of buildings standing shoulder to shoulder facing the freeway. Speaking as someone who's actually rooting for the Smart Train to not only survive, but thrive: part of any development of these sites should include a bike path/paths to connect either or both to the Civic Center Smart station. And/or a shuttle bus (it's too long to walk for commuters).530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) – 32. I've no knowledge/opinion re: this site. 7 Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58. 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall) – 254. My husband & I currently rent an office at 7 Mt. Lassen, so it's news to us that this site's under consideration. It's a beautiful, unique office setting that serves both the Upper and Lower Lucas Valley communities as a place of business to walk to! I'd hate to see that disappear!!! However, I wouldn't be adverse to seeing a portion of the current 7 Mt. Lassen structures converted to work/live spaces, if sensitively planned. Maybe 30%. My comments re: St. Vincents also apply to Jeannette Prandi Way. As long as new development is against the hills with access via Idylberry Rd, away from Lucas Valley Rd, and sensitively planned, I'm not totally adverse to new development. However the # of units proposed is too high!** Lucas Valley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. I don't know exactly where this is, but in principle I'm against it. **The problem with all new development close to Lucas Valley Rd is not merely degradation of the scenic route of LVR — but more importantly, adding traffic congestion to a wildfire interface area with a single ingress/egress. I'm an LVHA block captain, and was present and part of the fire evacuation on Sept 1st 2021... a learning experience. It's for this reason that I signed the petition against development in Lucas Valley. I believe that the current Northgate Mall could and should be a site for mixed-use development including low-to median income housing, yet is not on this list of proposed sites. It ticks all the boxes for access to transportation, schools, shopping, etc.	Email	X		X	X		X	X			X		X			X	X
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2800 West Novato Blvd., Novato	If you need MORE " VERY LOW AND LOW INCOME" and " MODERATE INCOME " sites closer to Novato, our property at 2800 West Novato Blvd has plenty of room and space. Thank you. We appreciate all your hard work here	Email																X

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4260 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Woodacre	Hello Supervisor Rodoni, This message is regarding the Housing Element site proposals. Like yourself, I was born and raised in West Marin County. My family has been ranching in Marin for 5 generations, and our love for the land and community runs deep. We understand that there is a need for more affordable housing in Marin, however; We oppose any development at 4260 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (TUHS). Development on said property would be a detriment to the Valley consider how the lack of public transportation, water access, septic/sewage and the increase of traffic would impact the surrounding area - community, environment and wildlife as a whole. There are many other places in Marin where housing can be developed and integrated into the surrounding area to the benefit of the community. We are asking you to conserve the land at 4260 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Thank you for your time.	Email				X		X				X		X	X			
530 Blackstone Drive (Marinwood / Lucas Valley)	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)		X		X				X		X	X	X	X		X	
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70 Oxford Drive, Santa Venetia	RE: APN 180-261-10 Address: 70 Oxford Drive. The undersigned is owner of this large (27.8 acres, or approx. 1,211,000 sf) parcel. As currently zoned A2B2 (minimum lot size of 10,000 sf), it is extraordinarily and technically suitable for numerous residences. To help the County and the State to meet their Housing target, we agree with and welcome the proposed suggestion of multiple possible residences on this acreage, but suggest the number be reduced to a maximum of five (5). This necessarily lower number would result in (A) lot sizes more consistent with the surrounding neighborhood, as specifically recommended in the Santa Venetia Community Plan; (B) smaller homes consistent with the affordability targets; (C) lot configurations more accessible (requiring less ground disturbance) and least likely to conflict with numerous environmental and cultural constraints extant on the site; and (D) a density nearly ten times less than the initial proposal, thus significantly less negative impact on the current traffic congestion on NSPR which is the sole access/egress to Santa Venetia.	Email	X			X				X		X						

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D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	I find it hard to believe that this many new housing units is even being considered! For the last three years we've been told that we can use only 60 gallons of water a day. And you want to add 1000 more houses in Los Ranchitos? Where does the water come from? Traffic is already insane, and this will add nothing but more gridlock.What about the fire hazards in densely populated areas? I find it absolutely insane that this could even be in anybody's minds. The people that live in this area chose it because of the zoning and the lot sizes. How can you just swoop in and say the "hell with you we're going to do what we want"? What happened to private property rights?	Email				X				X				X	X			
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	I write to express my great objections to the proposed housing element to rezone Los Ranchitos in unincorporated Marin County. It is not well thought out and will have many negative consequences. First, the infrastructure of water, fire protection, education do not support this proposal. Due to the hilly properties and limited egress/ingress greater density will create a major fire liability and risk. Already, only one insurer will write policies for this neighborhood. Second, Los Ranchitos lots were created and deeded to be 1 acre minimum parcels for single family housing. Increasing density here will destroy the rural nature of our neighborhood. Third, Los Ranchitos is a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). In addition to increased fire hazard, it will greatly affect the native animal habitats of turkeys, owls, deer, foxes and other animals. Fourth, The only way into and out of Los Ranchitos is Los Ranchitos Road. That road is already gridlocked during morning rush hours. The addition of more new housing units in Northgate and Terra Linda will greatly exacerbate traffic and gridlock under normal circumstances, and create a huge potential for loss of life in the event of major emergencies like fires and earthquakes. Adding housing to Los Ranchitos will only make a bad situation worse. Fifth, Los Ranchitos is currently zoned agricultural with numerous barnyard animals kept here. Increased density will adversely affect them as well. This housing element is not well thought out and will be detrimental to health and safety as outlined above. I urge that this plan not be adopted.	Email				X				X		X		X				

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E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	I am concerned since I never received this notice. I learned about it from one neighbor on Thursday 2/24. How were property owners in this area notified? How many homeowners have you contacted. I don't know any who has been notified except the neighbor that told me. Please give me the courtesy of a response. This is a lovely area but with many limitations & constraints for development – infrastructure limited ingress & egress on Lucas Valley Road schools etc. Additionally this is a WUI wildfire area. A recent minor fire caused limited area evacuations. I was evacuated and this small event caused alarming road congestion. In case of a more extensive fire it would be a disaster.	Email		X	X	X								X				

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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)											X					X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I am writing to urge you NOT to approve the Marinwood/Lucas Valley sites under consideration to satisfy the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. Developments at these six sites (St. Vincent's School, Marinwood Market, 530 Blackstone Drive, 7 Mt. Lassen, 2 Jeannette Prandi Way, and Lucas Valley Road near Terra Linda Ridge) would result in more than 2300 housing units. While I know that some of the proposed housing is intended for teachers and other critical workers and for low income housing, both of which are important and necessary, it seems like too much development for the infrastructure of this small area. Additionally, all of these proposed development sites are within the Miller Creek School District boundaries and the unfunded impact of these developments on the District would be disastrous. Since the District is currently funded using a Basic Aid Model, it gets no per pupil funding. This means that all the additional students these developments generate will not result in additional funding for the District.	Email		X	X					X							X	
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I found the online tools for commenting cumbersome and inscrutable, and much too time consuming to use. So, the following are my comments about specific housing allotment recommendations in Marinwood Lucas Valley. Marinwood Market - 136 100 or less: Best and necessary site for redevelopment, but it should be a mixed use development as was proposed by Bridge Housing some years ago. Housing number should be reduced to under 100	Email								X								
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I hope that the Marinwood Plaza/market site is again under consideration for housing. As you most likely know, some 15 years or so ago, the community shot down an excellent proposal from Bridge Housing. Except for the market, the property remains a derelict eyesore. Many of us in Marinwood would like to see the property improved, including a modest amount of housing development, along with community amenities such as a coffee shop, brew pub, or other gathering place, and other shops such as hair salon, co-working space, etc. It is close to public transportation, schools, and major employers most notably Kaiser. It's a far superior site for development than the St Vincents property which has myriad sea level rise and other environmental challenges, and very little other infrastructure. I hope the property will be on be on tomorrow's meeting agenda.	Email																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I see the maps and have concerns that things aren't matching. Then two of the sites are still contaminated from the former cleaners at Marinwood Market Plaza - St. Vincent's and Marinwood Market Plaza. So what happens with the housing planned in these locations?1936 units?	Email														X		
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I'm taking this opportunity as a resident of Upper Lucas Valley in Marin to voice my views/concerns about the housing sites under consideration in my area: In general: I don't know what constitutes median vs low income, but in general I support add'l housing strategically placed and sensitively designed (to minimize negative impact on the environment and established communities) for essential workers such as school teachers, sheriff, police & fire dept and hospital staffers, many of whom currently commute long distances to work in the areas they serve. I'd like to see new homeowning opportunities (at below market rates) made available to these workers, as building more high-priced rental units serves no one but property owners.Sites under consideration in the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School – 1800; Marinwood Market – 136. These are both logical, less problematic sites for development, as they are walkable to the GG bus stop at/near Miller Creek & Marinwood Aves, with quick, easy access to the 101 fwy. I really hope to see sensitive urban planning on the St. Vincents site, so the beautiful open space currently grazed by cows does not become yet another soulless jungle of buildings standing shoulder to shoulder facing the freeway. Speaking as someone who's actually rooting for the Smart Train to not only survive, but thrive: part of any development of these sites should include a bike path/paths to connect either or both to the Civic Center Smart station. And/or a shuttle bus (it's too long to walk for commuters).530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) – 32. I've no knowledge/opinion re: this site. 7 Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58. 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall) – 254. My husband & I currently rent an office at 7 Mt. Lassen, so it's news to us that this site's under consideration. It's a beautiful, unique office setting that serves both the Upper and Lower Lucas Valley communities as a place of business to walk to! I'd hate to see that disappear!!! However, I wouldn't be adverse to seeing a portion of the current 7 Mt. Lassen structures converted to work/live spaces, if sensitively planned. Maybe 30%. My comments re: St. Vincents also apply to Jeannette Prandi Way. As long as new development is against the hills with access via Idylberry Rd, away from Lucas Valley Rd, and sensitively planned, I'm not totally adverse to new development. However the # of units proposed is too high!** Lucas Valley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. I don't know exactly where this is, but in principle I'm against it. **The problem with all new development close to Lucas Valley Rd is not merely degradation of the scenic route of LVR — but more importantly, adding traffic congestion to a wildfire interface area with a single ingress/egress. I'm an LVHA block captain, and was present and part of the fire evacuation on Sept 1st 2021... a learning experience. It's for this reason that I signed the petition against development in Lucas Valley. I believe that the current Northgate Mall could and should be a site for mixed-use development including low-to median income housing, yet is not on this list of proposed sites. It ticks all the boxes for access to transportation, schools, shopping, etc.	Email			X	X		X	X			X		X			X	X

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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	Thank you for taking time to read over my thoughts on the new housing developments proposed for Jeanette Prandi Way, Mount Muir Court, Marinwood Plaza and 7 Lassen. As a Marin County native of 58 years and a Lucas valley resident of 26 years, I am surprised that these projects are so close to approval without adequate community outreach and input. There are many items of concern that I don't feel have been adequately answered for me to support these developments. At this time I am strongly opposed to these developments. I am respectfully requesting more time for our community to better understand these proposals and how we can collaboratively help the County solve its low income housing challenges.	Email																
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	The 2022 Marin County Candidates site for Unincorporated Marin and especially Marinwood/ Lucas Valley/Silveria Ranch is absurd. It targets just 5 square miles with 80% of the housing allocation for affordable housing in one community WITHOUT essential planning for schools, roads, government services, water, sewer and other essential services. Why "plan to fail"? Shouldn't a good faith effort to build affordable housing in our community also include a comprehensive plan for accommodating growth? It doesn't. This is why it should be rejected today. Instead, let's address the core questions for growth AND the financial impact of adding massive amount of largely non profit housing to a single community WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TAX BASE. Marinwood/Lucas Valley currently has approximately 2700 housing units for 6000 residents. The proposed housing sites could add 2300 apartments and 5500 residents who ALL WILL NEED schools, water, government services, transportation, access to shopping, etc. Shoulden't a proper plan for growth precede approval for housing? One of the sites listed is Marinwood Plaza, our communities ONLY commercial plaza within walking distance for thousands of residents. If the plan for 160 units is approved, this would squeeze out a vital community center to the detriment of all. This is not including the problem of TOXIC WASTE contamination clean up suitable for residential dwelling is a long way off despite community pressure on the Regional Water Quality Control Board who will not enforce its own clean up orders on the current owners. Despite the harsh criticism of the RHNA process, I believe there is a real community desire for more affordable housing in a community that will be planned appropriately, won't redevelop our neighborhoods and utilize open spaces like Silveira Ranch, St Vincents and other sites. While everyone I know supports the idea of more housing, not a single one wants a poorly conceived plan that forces large housing projects without considering the impacts. Reject the current RHNA plan until a comprehensive community plan with real public input can be drafted. PS. The "Balancing Act" tool is NOT a serious tool for community input. Less than 25% of the homes under consideration were ever included in the database. I do not find "our database could not handle the data" as a credible reason from the Community Development Department. If you want REAL success seek REAL community support.	Email		X	X					X		X				X		
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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	We have seen the preliminary list of potential housing sites for Marin County, including in unincorporated areas such as Marinwood/Lucas Valley, as developed by the ABAG (Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan), and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The plan includes 2,412 units within the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area (accounting for 68% of the 3,569 units within unincorporated Marin County). Sites under consideration in the Marinwood / Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School - 1,800; Marinwood Market – 136; 530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) - 32 7; Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58; 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall); 254 LucasValley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. We are not opposed to some moderate increase of housing units in the area. However, we have some serious concerns regarding these potential sites: (1) The Lucas Valley / Marinwood area currently has less than roughly 1,750 homes, spread across a roughly 3.5 mile valley corridor, almost all of which are single family dwellings, and the overwhelming majority of which are one or two story homes. There are no large multi-unit apartment buildings in this area. The overall magnitude of the increase in units in this area (2,412 units) is disproportionately large compared to the current housing density of the area. The proposed increase would more than double the overall number of housing units in the area. (2) The area to the south and west of St. Vincent's School (east of HWY 101) has been discussed as a potential development site for some time. Although multi-unit housing could easily be developed there, adding 1,800 units would completely overwhelm the property and this very large number of additional units represents an enormous growth for the area, on the same order of units as currently exist in all of Lucas Valley / Marinwood. To fit this large number of units, the development would likely include large three (or more) story structures, which do not currently exist anywhere in this area. (3) The site at 530 Blackstone Drive (current site of religious house) could easily fit a multi-unit development, however 32 units on this site is far too large for the size of the property, which is near the end of a small half-mile residential street, that currently has less than 50 total housing units. (4) The site at 7 Mt. Lassen Drive (currently two relatively small two-story office buildings) is far too small to fit 58 housing units without the new structure extending to three or more stories. (5) The site at 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (south of the Juvenile Hall) is currently an open space area with a loop path that is regularly used by nearby residents (including residents of the nearby senior housing development) as a recreational walking, bike riding, etc. area (and dog walking area). This open space area has been in existence for well over thirty years and is a very popular area regularly used by many residents of the adjoining neighborhoods. A potential development consisting of 254 units on this site would completely eliminate a treasured and much-used open space area and would likely require a multi-story (three or more stories) structure. Very few of the homes in this area of Lucas Valley / Marinwood are more than one story (almost all are one-story Eichler homes). Such a large development is completely out of character with the current land use in this area and should absolutely not be allowed to be developed on this site. (6) These potential new housing units would represent an extremely large additional burden to traffic density in the area. (7) These potential new housing units would overwhelm the current capacity at our three elementary schools and one middle school. (8) These potential new housing units would create a very large additional demand for water resources in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area which are currently very limited. The simple number (2,412) of potential additional housing units in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area is much too large and would represent an approximate doubling of the current housing density in the area. Each of the proposed developments presents issues regarding the size of new structures (including constructing multi-story structures in areas where there are currently none), and would present issues concerning current resource capacities (including traffic, schools, and water). Thank you for your consideration of these issues when making decisions regarding potential new housing developments in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area.	Email			X	X				X		X			X			

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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	While I am generally in favor of additional low-income housing in Marin, it appears that the proposals for development of Marinwood Avenue turn that are of our neighborhoods (I live across the street) into an area that exclusively low-income housing. Experiments with consolidating low- income housing in the 1960-80's proved to us that this does not work well. These areas become neglected bygovernment and residents alike. Is it possible to make these development more diverse?	Email															X	
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Hello and thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding Future Housing Sites in Marin County. I attended the local Housing meeting regarding Santa Venetia and Los Ranchitos on February 15th and live in the Santa Venetia area. Here are my comments from a Santa Venetia resident perspective: 1. The process, while advised by the Marin County Planning Department, is being run by a consulting agency that is not familiar with Marin County and the local areas & neighborhoods. 2. The number of assigned housing units to Santa Venetia, 422, ignores the following. Before housing site numbers are assigned and accepted, a "CEQA-lite" analysis should be performed to determine if the numbers and locations are practical from a CEQA perspective. We heard these concerns brushed off with the response that if any development is going to be done, a full CEQA would be completed before development could/would proceed. This would be an "after-the-fact" process, with the fact that the housing numbers and sites have already been assigned and accepted, and would be too late to be influential in the development process. a. There is only one practical vehicle road out of Santa Venetia to the freeway that is already heavily impacted by three schools, the one at the JCC, the Marin School, and Venetia Valley school, and a large pre-school. Traffic in & out of Santa Venetia is also already heavily impacted by the JCC, the Civic Center traffic, the Marin Lagoon traffic, the Veterans Memorial traffic, the Marin Lagoon Housing and the commercial enterprises along McInnis Parkway. b. Some of the sites selected are in wetlands areas, such as the McPhail school site next to North San Pedro Road. c. some of the sites selected are next to the Bay and subject to special development restrictions, such as the McPhail school site. d. The total number of housing units assigned to Marin County, and not just to the unincorporated areas, does not take into account the water needs. And we, Marin County as serviced by MMWD, are in the middle of a water shortage with future years looking to be worse due to Climate Change. 3. Using city limit boundaries to direct neighborhood focus and comment ignores the reality of the holistic nature of a neighborhood that crosses city limits and unincorporated boundaries. It is expedient, especially for an outside consulting firm not familiar with Marin County or Santa Venetia, but not realistic. This is especially true for the Santa Venetia area. Santa Venetia is heavily impacted by what the City of San Rafael does or does not due around the Civic Center, at the intersection of North San Pedro Road and Civic Center Drive, around Marin Lagoon Park, at the Marin Lagoon homes neighborhood, and at the Marin Ranch Airport. Using city limit boundaries is expedient but not accurate and realistic in appraising housing impacts to a neighborhood such as Santa Venetia. And restricting the geographical area that Santa Venetia residents can comment on and have input to, to not include what is inside the City limits of San Rafael for the areas noted above is violating our rights to comment on and have input to what is impacting our neighborhood. Thank you for the chance to comment	Email				X				X				X	X			
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Here in Santa Venetia, we are living with water shortages, traffic congestion, and our community's evacuation route was named the most dangerous in Marin and yet huge additional numbers of housing are proposed for this flood prone neighborhood. That's insane! We are not fooled by claims that these new residents won't drive everywhere. They will. We already know that every person of driving age in our neighborhood not only drives but owns a car, or truck. They line our streets, further restricting access routes. There are sites where housing can happen like at Northgate Mall, but not in our overcrowded flood zone.	Email				X				X	X			X				
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Hi, I would like to object to 251 N San Pedro as a site to build housing. There is a Child Center there serving many families. The ball field on the property is used by the children at the school and people in the neighborhood. There are very few ball fields for Little League. This ball field should not be taken away from ball players. I live in the condo complex next door. Parking is already limited for residents and guests. We can't absorb all the people people who would live there who have more cars then the give spots for them and their guests. If housing needs to be built in Santa Venetia why not 1565 Vendola Dr? The school property there has not been used for decades.	Email																X
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The County's draft candidate site list identifies Old Gallinas School and Ball Field as a candidate site for adding an extremely large number of what would have to be high-density housing units in a relatively small space. The NHA has received feedback from some of the residents in our neighborhood. The scope, size, and would-be density of this, alone, are shocking and of great concern to our neighborhood. Old Gallinas School and Ballfield would be a very poor choice/candidate for any significant housing development for multiple reasons: Please Don't Get Rid of Santa Venetia's Only Ball Field. To accommodate a project anywhere near the scope suggested in the draft list would require not only getting rid of the school buildings (which themselves are currently being used for essential child day care services), but also would require getting rid of (i.e., building on top of) the baseball field which currently comprises the majority of the property. This is the only ball field that Santa Venetia has, and it would be absolutely terrible if it were to be lost. Indeed, the Santa Venetia Community Plan specifically identifies as a major priority: "preservation of existing recreational assets in the community such as the…existing ball and play fields." This item was included in the Community Plan because numerous residents identified this specifically (including the Old Gallinas Ball Field, in particular) as a critical neighborhood asset to preserve. Surely, there must be better candidate sites that don't require eliminating the only ball field for an entire neighborhood (and eliminating a desperately-needed day care facility on top of that). Don't Exacerbate an Already Very Serious Traffic Problem. Adding numerous units of housing where the Old Gallinas School and Ball Field is—and, more broadly, adding hundreds of additional housing units to Santa Venetia—would significantly exacerbate an already very serious traffic problem in the neighborhood. Santa Venetia has one way in and out of the neighborhood, and that one road (N. San Pedro Rd.) often backs up significantly, particularly, but not only, during school drop off/pick up times. Even without the potential additional housing identified in the draft candidate site list, the traffic situation in Santa Venetia is already expected to get worse in the near and intermediate term, as San Rafael City Schools apparently intends to expand and increase enrollment at Venetia Valley School and the Osher Marin JCC also has plans to increase the size and enrollment of its school. As to Venetia Valley School, the County apparently has little if any control over development/expansion plans on SRCS school property. Both the current major traffic problems facing the neighborhood and the schools' expansion plans must be considered in evaluating the traffic impact, and ultimately the viability, of adding any material amount of additional housing to Santa Venetia. Simply put, adding hundreds of housing units to this neighborhood, as the draft candidate site list seems to contemplate as a possibility, would further exacerbate a bad traffic situation and, frankly, would not be sustainable for this community. Additional Housing Units Would Exacerbate Emergency Exit Problems. Adding Hundreds of Units of Housing to Santa Venetia Would Materially Impact the Character of the Neighborhood. If even a fraction of the potential housing contemplated as possible by the draft site candidate list were to come to fruition, it would involve adding large housing complexes that are overly-dense and out-of-character for the neighborhood, creating potential noise and quality of life problems for Northbridge and Santa Venetia more generally. The possibility of adding 186 units of housing to Old Gallinas School and Ball Field Site, alone, would be a drastic change for Northbridge and is of great concern to our community which is adjacent to the school/ball field. Any rezoning/approval of additional housing, to the extent it is deemed appropriate, should carefully limit development to something far less dense (i.e., something in line with the current, prevailing residential density in Santa Venetia)	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 87-89)			X	X				X		X	X	X				

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I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Re: Marin County Housing and Safety Elements Update, 2023 – 2031. The Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA) is an organization representing the interests of 1,700 – 1,800 households (4,474 residents per the 2019 census figures) who live in Santa Venetia. As an organization, we are dedicated to the enhancement and preservation of the character and quality of life of the Santa Venetia neighborhood. We do our best to represent our community and have an established reputation to be a voice for proper development. And in accordance with our mission statement, we, the Board Members of the SVNA, feel compelled to comment on this issue. We want to ensure that the Marin County Board of Supervisors receives an accurate impression from our community regarding the updated Housing Element and are writing today to summarize feedback we have heard from many of our members. Many residents of Santa Venetia, including members of the SVNA, attended the February 15 Zoom meeting where consultants representing the interests of the housing element initiative presented online tools for community feedback. We find these tools inadequate; rather than serving as an open platform for the BOS to receive realistic community input, they seem designed to provide information to housing element staff as to where to add more housing. The Housing Element recommends 422 additional units for Santa Venetia. There are currently fewer than 1,800 residences in Santa Venetia, so this represents an increase of approximately 25%— far more growth than the neighborhood has seen for at least two decades. This mandate seems utterly siloed from the worsening reality of global warming and climate change, (the existence of which was recognized both in the Countywide Plan and by the Marin County Civil Grand Jury) which is leading to catastrophic weather events such as fires and flooding. The upland parts of Santa Venetia not directly threatened by flooding are part of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and are subject to year-round fire danger. Like all of Marin, we are constrained by drought, and our water supply comes from tanks that are sited in the WUI. We are actively working actively to protect our homes; parts of Santa Venetia are now Firesafe Marin neighborhoods. Road access to Santa Venetia is highly constricted; we have daily traffic congestion that affects both egress and ingress. The remaining undeveloped parts of Santa Venetia include unstable hillsides that recently led to multiple landslides onto our roadway. All of the issues mentioned above are familiar to the Marin County BOS. They are also the same reasons that Santa Venetia has not experienced anything close to 25% growth in decades. There is no way to grow by 25% using market-rate housing on undeveloped parcels without compromising our safety. The Housing Element directly suggests that our personal safety, including safety from climate events, fire, and safe water supply, is secondary to their objectives of housing growth. One type of growth we believe is needed in Marin County is true low-income housing. By this we mean the type of housing that our current typical Santa Venetia resident could afford. We also support the right of residents to add accessory dwelling units (ADU) to their homes. However, it was clear that the Housing Element does not include plans for significant numbers of low-income housing. Instead, it promotes "market rate" housing, which we know means homes that will sell for millions of dollars each. We are effectively being asked to endanger ourselves to serve the interests of developers to sell multi-million- dollar homes to elite buyers from outside of the region. To paraphrase one of our SVNA members, "The County's first responsibility is for the health and safety of the existing residents of our neighborhood." We ask you to consider this as you move forward. If the intent of the Housing Element is to bypass CEQA process, as alluded to in the Zoom meeting on Feb. 15th, the existence of culturally sensitive resources, including shell mounds in Oxford Valley, still cannot be ignored. Damaging cultural resources of native peoples in order to comply with Housing Element goals would be inconsistent with Marin County values and our historical respect for our earliest Santa Venetia natives. Oxford Valley, the site of known shell mounds, has been designated for 45 "above moderate income" units. Other areas of Santa Venetia may not yet have been properly surveyed for these resources, and bypassing CEQA would also eliminate their protection. These are just a few of the concerns that we have. The SVNA has encouraged our members to send comment letters as well, citing their concerns about this update. Please include those concerns as concerns of the SVNA	Email				X				X	X			X	X		X	

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Inverness, Balmoral Way	(Comment edited for length)I am a resident of Old Inverness, specifically Balmoral Way. Please consider the following comments as you finalize your recommendations: The entire approach of this planning effort is misguided. The consultant seems to have arbitrarily plopped new housing onto a map of West Marin without considering County planning history, constraints on the land, or natural resources, let alone community input. This top-down and ill-informed approach is unlikely to succeed, certainly not without damaging community good will, neighborhood cohesion, natural resources and other values of importance. The sites to be developed should be chosen only after a thorough inventory of geology, water supply, slope and other relevant factors. The 2007 Countywide Plan conceived of the entirety of West Marin as a rural, agricultural and low-density region, serving the Bay Area's recreational needs. This reflects the large proportion of the undeveloped lands that are protected as national, state and county parks. Further it carried forward the zoning decisions of the Board of Supervisors in the 1970's, which put a high priority on agricultural and natural resource preservation. If not implemented with great care, this plan risks contravening the supervisors' vision for West Marin. It should not be carried out until the County as a whole considers the larger planning goals for the area. An "elephant-in-the-room" with the housing shortage is the effect of AirBnB. If the County could reign in this business, the housing supply would quickly rebound, with numerous benefits to the community. Additionally, any new regulations for implementing the current planning process must avoid the ironic outcome that the newly constructed residential sites will also be converted to vacation rentals. Indeed, I suggest the County begin its effort to increase housing supply by tackling this behemoth before undertaking the kind of process it is currently engaged in. Assuming willing sellers of residential properties can be found on Balmoral Way, developers will find they are unsuitable for high density projects. Most of the lots slope steeply downhill to a floodplain of Second Valley Creek to the north or a smaller riparian zone to the south. The California Coastal Commission has jurisdiction over the whole neighborhood; this circumstance will render any permitting process lengthy, difficult and expensive. No sewers are available in Inverness. The Coastal Commission has already reacted negatively to the prospect of increasing the number of septic systems due to the likelihood that more leachate will be detrimental to the already-poor water quality of local streams and Tomales Bay. The Inverness Public Utility District is already struggling to meet the current demand for water. This past summer, we were forced to accept severe limits on usage. With the uncertainty that climate change is bringing, it would be risky to assume that the 2021 drought is unlikely to be repeated. Inverness is unsuitable for low-income housing. First, the price of undeveloped land is decidedly high. Additionally, there are few jobs to be had in West Marin and the availability of public transportation for commuting to jobs in east Marin is almost nil. Accordingly, any new residential construction should be geared for moderate to high income residents. The Inverness Community Plan, (adopted in 1983)(ICP) provides little support for the concept of substantially increasing housing and for good reasons: The Plan states that even then, there was insufficient water for new connections. There is no potential for municipal wells on Inverness Ridge and although wells were stated to be feasible in the alluvial fans, the Coastal Commission is unlikely to allow them. Grading of Inverness's hilly lots in preparation for construction would significantly increase sedimentation of our creeks and the Bay. The Old Inverness neighborhood is already close to complete buildout. The entire town of Inverness has poor transportation resources. As noted above, public transportation is not readily available. The ICP notes that the "likelihood of improved transit service to and from the Inverness Ridge Planning Area is remote at best." The roads are narrow and, in many cases, do not allow two-way traffic. Moreover, there is only one road leading in and out of the town, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. In the increasingly likely event of a wildfire, serious and potentially dangerous congestion and traffic is likely to occur during an emergency evacuation. Additional population would exacerbate this risk. In sum, adding substantial quantities of new housing to Inverness would require a significant revision to the Countywide Plan and the Inverness Community Plan, policy changes at the Coastal Commission and greatly increased sanitary facilities. Even if these hurdles can be overcome, the lack of water resources and the emergency evacuation challenges would require a significant reduction in the scale of the	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 16-19)	X	X		X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	
Inverness, Balmoral Way	I am writing about the draft list of "underutilized residential housing" in Inverness, specifically those listed on Balmoral Way in Inverness. I am the property owner of 5 Balmoral Way. Imagine my surprise to see my own property (and my house which was fully rebuilt in 2015 with full permits from the county) included on this list as "underutilized residential housing." I was even more surprised to see all of my neighbors' homes on Balmoral Way (in which my neighbors live) to be similarly listed. Obviously the folks who came up with these addresses on Balmoral Way made a significant factual error that needs to be corrected by deleting the Balmoral Way addresses from the list. This isn't about NIMBY -- this is simply a factual matter that the listed addresses are not underutilized housing sites. Balmoral Way is a small, one-lane, private, dirt road with no empty lots. Each lot is already built on and fully-utilized. Each lot has a steep incline. All lots are near the water of Tomales Bay and highly constrained in terms of septic system expansion. While perhaps we residents of Balmoral Way should consider it an honor to be listed as the epicenter of underutilized residential units in Inverness, alas, it is an error by those who compiled the list and is divorced from reality. In summary, as a simple factual matter, the housing stock on Balmoral Way in Inverness is fully-built-up and fully-utilized and should not be listed as "underutilized"; all the Balmoral Way addresses on the "underutilized" list should be removed. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request to correct clear and obvious factual errors in the county's data.	Email	X							X					X			
Inverness, Cottages at Point Reyes Parcel	Re: Cottages at Point Reyes Seashore parcel, Inverness. This parcel is inappropriate for proposed development for two very serious reasons: 1) it is in a high fire danger zone, and 2) is prone to floods and landslides. 1: The adjacent hundred+ acres of private and public bishop pine forest is long untended and seriously overgrown with brush and dead trees, and has not burned in almost 100 years. Wildfire in the canyon would directly threaten our family homes and all our neighbors on Pine Hill Road, Kehoe Way and Vision Road, in addition to all of the residents of Seahaven on the north. 2: The canyon was damaged in the 1982 storms, which unleashed large amounts of mud and rock, and woody detritus, into the bottomlands, and it is unstable as far as landslide danger (take note of the problems on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. above). Without any doubt, these events will be repeated in the future. For these reasons alone, this is one of the least appropriate areas for future housing. Douglas (Dewey) Livingston	Email									X	X		X				
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	I think that the proposed low cost housing sites and sizes and the solution is not thought out ! For instance , the 98 homes in Woodacre would create a huge traffic problem and also be inappropriate . The Olema location and proposal would ruin the nature of Olema ! And Dennis Rodoni lives in Olema ! The west Marin area has been protected for a reason ! The nature and small town is the reason that we are all here ! I've lived here for 46 years and believe that it would be more appropriate to absorb the housing on properties that are all ready developed and make it attractive for homeowners to build ADUs Please revise the thinking around this important topic of affordable housing !	Email								X		X						

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K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	(Comment edited for length) I am a Marin County native, longtime resident of Sleepy Hollow, and a former member of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Directors. I am also a licensed real estate appraiser, and an MAI-designated member of the Appraisal Institute, although I write this letter as a concerned private citizen. This letter pertains to the revised housing element, in particular the San Domenico School site, but these points apply equally to all proposed West Marin sites. Sound urban planning supports higher density development along existing highway corridors, and "low" and "very low" income housing should be constructed near employment centers and in areas with adequate public transportation and adequate infrastructure, including shopping, hospitals, schools, etc. None of the West Marin sites offer these basic amenities. In particular, the Sleepy Hollow site at the end of Butterfield Road on the San Domenico School campus is slated for 90 units, of which 56 are "low" and "very low" income. There are several serious problems with the plan, most notably the bulk and size of a 90-unit development in a low-density, semi-rural location. The major issues are as follows: 1. The Sleepy Hollow site (San Domenico campus) is zoned for a minimum density of 1 dwelling unit (d/u) per 10 acres. The San Domenico parcel is +/-551 acres, so the maximum allowable number of units is 55 units, and probably far less, once slope is factored in. The current allocated number of 90 units far exceeds the County's own General Plan. 2. The height and bulk of a 90-unit development is incompatible with the low-density and semi- rural character of Sleepy Hollow, where the existing zoning is one acre minimum lot size. Assuming 1,000 square feet per unit, the building will be a minimum 90,000 square feet. Assuming 4 stories (well above the current allowed height restriction) and an 85 foot width, the length would be +/-265 feet, far larger than any current commercial building in Fairfax or San Anselmo with the exception of Safeway and Rite Aid in Red Hill Shopping Center. Onsite parking would certainly be required because the location is 100% auto-dependent. A minimum of 5-7 acres abutting County Open Space would be permanently lost. 3. A development of this size would likely require a significant sewer upgrade. Other infrastructure upgrades might also be necessary to handle an additional 90 households. There are +/-785 existing homes in Sleepy Hollow, so 90 units is a 10% increase in households overnight. A cost benefit analysis should be conducted to see if the project even pencils out. And certainly, an EIR will be necessary. 4. The proposed location is in the wildlife urban interface (WUI) with elevated wildfire risk. Butterfield Road is only road in and out of Sleepy Hollow, and evacuation of residents in case of wildfire has been a major safety concern of the Sleepy Hollow Board for many years. The "Achilles Heel" of Sleepy Hollow is single point of ingress/egress. 5. There is inadequate public transportation to support a 90-unit development, particularly if 56 are "very low" and "low" income units. These households may lack a car, and the location is 100% auto-dependent. 6. The Sleepy Hollow location is over 5 miles to the nearest employment center in San Rafael, and is three miles from the nearest supermarket which is "upscale" (Good Earth) and expensive. It is over one mile to the nearest school, which is currently operating at near full capacity. 7. Of the proposed 90 units, 56 are "very low" and "low" income households, or over 50%. The median HH income is Sleepy Hollow is $255,000, and the average housing price is around $2 million. What formula is used to determine the number of "low" and "very-low" income households that go into a location?	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 99-101)	X		X		X	X		X		X		X		X	X	
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	I live in Sleepy Hollow. I am concerned about the San Dominico site (which proposes adding 90 housing units to a community with ~800 households) for two main reasons. 1) Safety. Butterfield is a one way in one way out road. In case of evacuation, increasing the households by over 10% is troubling. Cars at the far end of Butterfield tend to speed. Adding more cars at the very end of the road significantly increases the risk of cars speeding. 2) Traffic. There is almost no public transportation on Butterfield. San Dominico already has a strict traffic commitment with the community because traffic is so bad. This would make it worse. There are three schools which adds to the traffic on Butterfield. Best practices for increasing housing is to do infill in urban areas. This is the opposite. It's building far away from public transportation and freeway access. What makes the most sense is to build as close to highway 101, bus terminals, Smart, etc.	Email				X		X						X				
L - 26500 Main Street (Tomales)	Your proposal to place 186 low-income units on this site is not fair nor does it make sense for the following reasons: You will take away a little league ball field currently used by the nearby communities. t may displace the early development center on the site. he immediate area already supports a section 8 housing community at the corner of North San Pedro and Schmidt Lane. This development will put an unfair burden on the surrounding neighborhood. here is a site at McPhail School down the road on North San Pedro that accommodate the same number of units without removing the little league field and have less visibility to the nearby neighborhood.A s stated in another comment, Bon Air shopping center could accommodate most if not all of these units.	Email			X					X								
Lucas Valley	I do not support the proposed quantity of housing proposed for Lucas Valley. I am concerned about water resources, evacuation congestion in a fire, lack of services for new people in the area, increased road congestion and increased wildfire risk. This is not a NIMBY response. The Rotary Village is a great example of affordable housing for seniors that is near our community which is lovely. Expanding this type of housing would be welcome. Highrises are not welcome as they do not fit-in with our area. greatly reduced quantity of one or two story homes would be welcome. Why are we targeted with such a large percentage of the proposed housing? This is not an equitable plan. thought the Governor wanted housing in urban centers where services were available. Your plan does not meet this key criteria.	Email			X	X				X		X		X	X		X	
Lucas Valley	I have resided in Upper Lucas Valley since 1986. Part of the appeal when I purchased here was the rural setting. Although I understand the need for housing, high density housing is inappropriate for Marin, i.e. large multi-unit structures. I welcome the addition of single family residences as many younger people need homes here desperately. I'm not sure where they would be situated in this area, but am open to suggestions. When George Lucas proposed affordable housing further down Lucas Valley Road, the main concern was the lack of transportation, grocery stores, and the other necessities. It made no sense. Another suggestion would be to make it possible for seniors to give (not sell) their larger homes to their children, purchase smaller homes and retain their property tax base. Most people in that position don't/can't move because buying a smaller home for $1+ million brings with it property taxes they would find unaffordable. The only way it is currently possible is to sell your existing home and buy a cheaper one. When thinking of housing, perhaps the smart thing to do is build an area of affordable homes in the 1100-1500 square foot range for seniors. That would free up many, many existing homes for growing families.	Email			X			X									X	
Lucas Valley	I just want to officially voice my opposition to the development of additional homes in the Lucas Valley area. While I support the development of affordable housing in Marin County, protecting our undeveloped green spaces is an even higher priority. Instead, I believe areas that have already been developed (green space replaced with concrete) such as towns in southern Marin or places like Northgate Mall would be better options for new housing. Our undeveloped green spaces are priceless and irreplaceable!	Email								X		X						
Lucas Valley	It's come to my attention the HOA to which I belong is objecting to proposed increased housing in Lucas Valley. I would like to inform you that the Lucas Valley HOA is not uniform in this opinion. There are members, such as myself, that would welcome additional housing in Lucas Valley. While I found some of the HOA's arguments moderately persuasive (especially with regard to access to public transportation), I believe the need for more affordable housing in Marin trumps all of their points. I encourage you to keep Lucas Valley on your radar for proposed housing sites, and to find ways to encourage and incentivize more public transportation in our community.	Email						X									X	X

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Lucas Valley / Marinwood	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)		X		X				X		X	X	X	X		X	
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	All of the Lucas Valley sites are in the wildland urban interface (WUI) zones that contradict Governor Newson's priorities to shift housing away from rural wildfire-prone areas and closer to urban centers.	Email										X		X				
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	Due to FIRE danger and Drought please stop more construction in Mount Marin and Lucas Valley.	Email												X	X			
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I am against housing development down Lucas valley and Marinwood. The weather here gets windy starting in spring and ends in the late fall. The surrounding mountains can catch on fire as we had a small one last year. With the drought we are already under rationing. A spark can create a fire and the wind will carry it all over the place. There are no exits except Lucas Valley road and in case of a fire it will be difficult for all to evacuate. Most locations you are considering are in heavily populated areas. Where would we go i n case of a fire? 101 will be impacted. Yes we need affordable housing, not more multi million dollar homes. If the water department would consider building a desalination plant off the bay of San Francisco it would help us out. We are in global warming and more cars on the road and more pollution will set us back. What about the empty land space between Novato and Petaluma?	Email				X				X				X	X	X	X	
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I am extremely concerned about the proposed new developments in the Lucas Valley Marinwood area, especially when taken together with other large new development projects in the nearby vicinity. I realize California has a housing issue. However, destroying existing communities is not the solution. The number of added housing units in the LVM area alone will utterly destroy our school system. The Miller Creek School district currently serves about 2000 students. Just one proposal would add 1800 homes and possibly triple our student needs. Where will these children go to school? Similarly, almost 250 homes in the Prandi location would increase the Lucas Valley Elementary school population by a similar 200%. This will overwhelm our schools, and other community services. If there is another huge build at the Northgate site, also in the Miller Creek School district, it's even worse. I'm also worried about many environmental considerations that seem to be ignored. One has only to look at the debacle of the Talus development to see that these plans are not in the interest of the community or environment. These were not affordable homes for teachers and firefighters, but large expensive homes with big lots. Now we have a razed hillside, threats to our creek, destruction of few remaining heritage trees and wildlife habitat and one giant fire hazard with an enormous pile of dead trees and brush. This is what happens when projects are rammed through without proper review and oversight. Traffic increases will be a nightmare. In an emergency, how do we escape with the gridlocks that will occur? Lucas Valley Road and 101 are already jammed with cars especially at commute times. We are in continuing drought, unlikely to ever improve thanks to climate change. Where does the water come from for this new population? A few of the proposed sites make sense but this large scale unbalanced load into our small community does not. Any development should be tailored to fit the need (ie truly affordable housing, not a token 5%) and address community concerns. It's time for our community to have a say in protecting our schools, neighborhood, the environment, and our safety. (Photo attached) Is this what we want Lucas Valley to look like? What an eyesore and environmental disaster for a few houses for rich people (and richer developers). Look at the giant pile of flammable dead heritage trees!	Email			X					X		X		X			X	
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I am writing in regards to the proposed multi unit housing in Unincorporated Marin County. I'm against using open space to build housing. The site in the open space on Lucas Valley Road should be used for a community park or sports center for the community. Kids need a place to go that could include Basketball, Swimming, Playstructure and lawn for families. I understand the need for additional affordable and Multi-Family housing in Marin, but why Open Space? The County should be looking to improve areas that need improvement, not use open space to pour concrete and build multi level boxes. What about repurposing and improving small strip mall areas all along the freeways? These building have small space and often times run down retail shops and turning those in to thriving shops with housing above. Several responsible counties and cities have successfully done this. Why can't Marin think this way? I don't understand it. Open space should remain open space or for public park use. Dilapidated buildings should should be improved to include affordable housing for the better of the community.	Email										X						
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I moved to San Rafael specifically to get out of the city and to avoid over congestion, traffic and over development. The proposed additional housing in Marinwood and Lucas Valley will detract from the exact reason I moved here. Over development of north bay is an issue - and just because there is land does not mean it should be developed, which will permanently change the character of the community and landscape. I was unable to sign the petition against the new development, so sending this email instead. Thanks.	Email				X				X		X						

MARIN COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT: CANDIDATE HOUSING SITES AND SELECTION PROCESS
COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

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Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I see the maps and have concerns that things aren't matching. The Housing Distribution Scenario says: Ensure Countywide Distribution - really? It looks like a disproportionate amount of it is in unincorporated Marinwood/Lucas Valley - 3,569 units to be exact. And some things to remember: We are a fire danger area now that we have had a fire evacuation this last summer. And what happens to road traffic during an evacuation? And it they don't drive, what happens to them? And what about the Water Shortage in Marin County with conservation being the ONLY SOLUTION so far? It is my understanding that the builders of these units won't have to pay property tax. So what does THAT do to our schools? Fire Department? EMT? And who picks up the tab....Marinwood/Lucas Valley homeowners? And do we pick up the tax tab for ALL THE UNINCORPORATED AREA of 3,569 units? Encourage Infill and Redevelopment Opportunities: Can the residents of these residents drive? Are they close to services, jobs, transportation and amenities? I don't think so, especially if they can't drive.	Email			X	X		X						**X**				
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	The 2022 Marin County Candidates site for Unincorporated Marin and especially Marinwood/ Lucas Valley/Silveria Ranch is absurd. It targets just 5 square miles with 80% of the housing allocation for affordable housing in one community WITHOUT essential planning for schools, roads, government services, water, sewer and other essential services. Why "plan to fail"? Shouldn't a good faith effort to build affordable housing in our community also include a comprehensive plan for accommodating growth? It doesn't. This is why it should be rejected today. Instead, let's address the core questions for growth AND the financial impact of adding massive amount of largely non profit housing to a single community WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TAX BASE. Marinwood/Lucas Valley currently has approximately 2700 housing units for 6000 residents. The proposed housing sites could add 2300 apartments and 5500 residents who ALL WILL NEED schools, water, government services, transportation, access to shopping, etc. Shouldn't a proper plan for growth precede approval for housing? One of the sites listed is Marinwood Plaza, our communities ONLY commercial plaza within walking distance for thousands of residents. If the plan for 160 units is approved, this would squeeze out a vital community center to the detriment of all. This is not including the problem of TOXIC WASTE contamination clean up suitable for residential dwelling is a long way off despite community pressure on the Regional Water Quality Control Board who will not enforce its own clean up orders on the current owners. Despite the harsh criticism of the RHNA process, I believe there is a real community desire for more affordable housing in a community that will be planned appropriately, won't redevelop our neighborhoods and utilize open spaces like Silveira Ranch, St Vincents and other sites. While everyone I know supports the idea of more housing, not a single one wants a poorly conceived plan that forces large housing projects without considering the impacts. Reject the current RHNA plan until a comprehensive community plan with real public input can be drafted. PS. The "Balancing Act" tool is NOT a serious tool for community input. Less than 25% of the homes under consideration were ever included in the database. I do not find "our database could not handle the data" as a credible reason from the Community Development Department. If you want REAL success seek REAL community support.	Email		X	X					X		X				X		
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Lucas Valley / Marinwood	We have seen the preliminary list of potential housing sites for Marin County, including in unincorporated areas such as Marinwood/Lucas Valley, as developed by the ABAG (Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan), and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The plan includes 2,412 units within the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area (accounting for 68% of the 3,569 units within unincorporated Marin County). Sites under consideration in the Marinwood / Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School - 1,800; Marinwood Market – 136; 530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) - 32 7; Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58; 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall); 254 LucasValley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. We are not opposed to some moderate increase of housing units in the area. However, we have some serious concerns regarding these potential sites: (1) The Lucas Valley / Marinwood area currently has less than roughly 1,750 homes, spread across a roughly 3.5 mile valley corridor, almost all of which are single family dwellings, and the overwhelming majority of which are one or two story homes. There are no large multi-unit apartment buildings in this area. The overall magnitude of the increase in units in this area (2,412 units) is disproportionately large compared to the current housing density of the area. The proposed increase would more than double the overall number of housing units in the area. (2) The area to the south and west of St. Vincent's School (east of HWY 101) has been discussed as a potential development site for some time. Although multi-unit housing could easily be developed there, adding 1,800 units would completely overwhelm the property and this very large number of additional units represents an enormous growth for the area, on the same order of units as currently exist in all of Lucas Valley / Marinwood. To fit this large number of units, the development would likely include large three (or more) story structures, which do not currently exist anywhere in this area. (3) The site at 530 Blackstone Drive (current site of religious house) could easily fit a multi-unit development, however 32 units on this site is far too large for the size of the property, which is near the end of a small half-mile residential street, that currently has less than 50 total housing units. (4) The site at 7 Mt. Lassen Drive (currently two relatively small two-story office buildings) is far too small to fit 58 housing units without the new structure extending to three or more stories. (5) The site at 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (south of the Juvenile Hall) is currently an open space area with a loop path that is regularly used by nearby residents (including residents of the nearby senior housing development) as a recreational walking, bike riding, etc. area (and dog walking area). This open space area has been in existence for well over thirty years and is a very popular area regularly used by many residents of the adjoining neighborhoods. A potential development consisting of 254 units on this site would completely eliminate a treasured and much-used open space area and would likely require a multi-story (three or more stories) structure. Very few of the homes in this area of Lucas Valley / Marinwood are more than one story (almost all are one-story Eichler homes). Such a large development is completely out of character with the current land use in this area and should absolutely not be allowed to be developed on this site. (6) These potential new housing units would represent an extremely large additional burden to traffic density in the area. (7) These potential new housing units would overwhelm the current capacity at our three elementary schools and one middle school. (8) These potential new housing units would create a very large additional demand for water resources in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area which are currently very limited. The simple number (2,412) of potential additional housing units in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area is much too large and would represent an approximate doubling of the current housing density in the area. Each of the proposed developments presents issues regarding the size of new structures (including constructing multi-story structures in areas where there are currently none), and would present issues concerning current resource capacities (including traffic, schools, and water). Thank you for your consideration of these issues when making decisions regarding potential new housing developments in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area.	Email			X	X				X		X			X			

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Lucas Valley / Mt. Muir Court	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)		X		X				X		X	X	X	X		X	
Lucas Valley, Grady Ranch Development	Addendum to LVHA Housing Statement: EIR Traffic Impact Report Needed For Emergency Evacuations on Lucas Valley Road. The recent wildfire emergency evacuation of Upper Lucas Valley in 10/12/21 caused a logjam of traffic on the only road out, the 2-lane Lucas Valley Road. It has belatedly been brought to our attention that the Grady Ranch development, currently in works (224 housing units), also has Lucas Valley Road as their only exit in a wildfire emergency. When the units are complete, they could add another 300 - 500 cars in an emergency (footnote 1 below). Adding even hundreds of more vehicles onto Lucas Valley Road from the 338 new potential housing units projected, could prove disastrous (footnote 2 below). In addition, any traffic study in an EIR report would also have to take into consideration the potential for a significant number of ADU housing units within the corridor. Lucas Valley Road already seems to have all the traffic it can handle during an emergency evacuation. The LVHA would therefore request that a traffic study be done in advance of earmarking any significant number of additional housing units along the Lucas Valley Road corridor.	Email				X				X				X				
Lucas Valley, Mt. Muir Court	Thank you for taking time to read over my thoughts on the new housing developments proposed for Jeanette Prandi Way, Mount Muir Court, Marinwood Plaza and 7 Lassen. As a Marin County native of 58 years and a Lucas valley resident of 26 years, I am surprised that these projects are so close to approval without adequate community outreach and input. There are many items of concern that I don't feel have been adequately answered for me to support these developments. At this time I am strongly opposed to these developments. I am respectfully requesting more time for our community to better understand these proposals and how we can collaboratively help the County solve its low income housing challenges.	Email																
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I am extremely perturbed that plans are being made to build housing in within the wetlands and flood zone contained in the old Silveira ranch and St Vincent's properties. This wetlands will become increasingly important as the sea level rises and flood zones will be even less inhabitable year round. This will leave any housing there soon uninhabitable but some builder richer and some county officials who only went through the motions of actually providing affordable housing. This issue was already explored and sanity prevailed in leaving the wetlands to be wetlands. Any housing, affordable or otherwise, should be built on appropriate land, not a flood zone which will damage any housing built on it.	Email									X						X	
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I am writing to urge you NOT to approve the Marinwood/Lucas Valley sites under consideration to satisfy the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. Developments at these six sites (St. Vincent's School, Marinwood Market, 530 Blackstone Drive, 7 Mt. Lassen, 2 Jeannette Prandi Way, and Lucas Valley Road near Terra Linda Ridge) would result in more than 2300 housing units. While I know that some of the proposed housing is intended for teachers and other critical workers and for low income housing, both of which are important and necessary, it seems like too much development for the infrastructure of this small area. Additionally, all of these proposed development sites are within the Miller Creek School District boundaries and the unfunded impact of these developments on the District would be disastrous. Since the District is currently funded using a Basic Aid Model, it gets no per pupil funding. This means that all the additional students these developments generate will not result in additional funding for the District.	Email		X	X					X							X	
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I found the online tools for commenting cumbersome and inscrutable, and much too time consuming to use. So, the following are my comments about specific housing allotment recommendations in Marinwood Lucas Valley. St Vincent's School - 1800: NO Because there is little infrastructure at St. Vincents, including access to schools and public transportation, this is a poor site for development. Certainly not 1800 units which is an entire community. The only housing at St. Vincents should be limited to students (dorms) and staff.	Email		X	X			X		X								
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I hope that the Marinwood Plaza/market site is again under consideration for housing. As you most likely know, some 15 years or so ago, the community shot down an excellent proposal from Bridge Housing. Except for the market, the property remains a derelict eyesore. Many of us in Marinwood would like to see the property improved, including a modest amount of housing development, along with community amenities such as a coffee shop, brew pub, or other gathering place, and other shops such as hair salon, co-working space, etc. It is close to public transportation, schools, and major employers most notably Kaiser. It's a far superior site for development than the St Vincents property which has myriad sea level rise and other environmental challenges, and very little other infrastructure. I hope the property will be on be on tomorrow's meeting agenda.	Email		X							X	X						
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I oppose 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. .West Marin is maxed out on development because of fire concerns, small roads, septic. The proposed development at the west side of whites hill is the headwaters of the Lagunitas creek which is our coho salmon nursery. It's a floodplain and is unsuitable for development. The infrastructure needed for a development would harm our fragile ecosystem. If Marin County decides to do what the State is demanding, then why not put the entire buildout on the St. Vincents property which is right next to the freeway and could handle the increase in population. We would like to see all the building be for homeless and low income people - like all the people who commute from Vallejo and Richmond to serve us daily because they can not afford to live in our county. Many other properties in Marin would be more suitable.	Email															X	X

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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I think we should spend our time, energy and money on housing the homeless and low income people at the property near St. Vincents just south of Novato. As you may have noticed, people who work in our communities, but can not live here because of the cost, commute from Richmond and Vallejo and we see the traffic jams every day at commute times. I have heard of a toll coming for Hwy 37, making it even more costly for people who can not afford to live here.	Email																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I'm taking this opportunity as a resident of Upper Lucas Valley in Marin to voice my views/concerns about the housing sites under consideration in my area: In general: I don't know what constitutes median vs low income, but in general I support add'l housing strategically placed and sensitively designed (to minimize negative impact on the environment and established communities) for essential workers such as school teachers, sheriff, police & fire dept and hospital staffers, many of whom currently commute long distances to work in the areas they serve. I'd like to see new homeowning opportunities (at below market rates) made available to these workers, as building more high-priced rental units serves no one but property owners.Sites under consideration in the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School – 1800; Marinwood Market – 136. These are both logical, less problematic sites for development, as they are walkable to the GG bus stop at/near Miller Creek & Marinwood Aves, with quick, easy access to the 101 fwy. I really hope to see sensitive urban planning on the St. Vincents site, so the beautiful open space currently grazed by cows does not become yet another soulless jungle of buildings standing shoulder to shoulder facing the freeway. Speaking as someone who's actually rooting for the Smart Train to not only survive, but thrive: part of any development of these sites should include a bike path/paths to connect either or both to the Civic Center Smart station. And/or a shuttle bus (it's too long to walk for commuters).530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) – 32. I've no knowledge/opinion re: this site. 7 Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58. 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall) – 254. My husband & I currently rent an office at 7 Mt. Lassen, so it's news to us that this site's under consideration. It's a beautiful, unique office setting that serves both the Upper and Lower Lucas Valley communities as a place of business to walk to! I'd hate to see that disappear!!! However, I wouldn't be adverse to seeing a portion of the current 7 Mt. Lassen structures converted to work/live spaces, if sensitively planned. Maybe 30%. My comments re: St. Vincents also apply to Jeannette Prandi Way. As long as new development is against the hills with access via Idylberry Rd, away from Lucas Valley Rd, and sensitively planned, I'm not totally adverse to new development. However the # of units proposed is too high!** Lucas Valley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. I don't know exactly where this is, but in principle I'm against it. **The problem with all new development close to Lucas Valley Rd is not merely degradation of the scenic route of LVR — but more importantly, adding traffic congestion to a wildfire interface area with a single ingress/egress. I'm an LVHA block captain, and was present and part of the fire evacuation on Sept 1st 2021... a learning experience. It's for this reason that I signed the petition against development in Lucas Valley. I believe that the current Northgate Mall could and should be a site for mixed-use development including low-to median income housing, yet is not on this list of proposed sites. It ticks all the boxes for access to transportation, schools, shopping, etc.	Email			X	X		X	X			X		X			X	X
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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Public Feedback - Marinwood/St Vincents housing proposal: I was only recently made aware of the current preliminary proposal for housing allocation to the unincorporated areas of marin county. As a current resident who grew up in Marinwood Lucas Valley - left the county - and returned to raise my family here - I cannot more strongly oppose the sheer volume of proposed housing for the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas. This location (Marinwood/Lucas Valley) is already underserved by commercial services and has a lack of job opportunities. It is a small bedroom community sandwiched between the commercial hubs of San Rafael and Novato. Any significant shopping or professional services require a vehicle trip to either the city of San Rafael or to the city of Novato. The added burden of the new development proposals would grossly increase the negative environmental impacts that the lack of nearby commercial services already causes. Furthermore the 101 interchanges both North and South already can barely handle the traffic that exists. More housing in this area without addressing current school campus, sport field, open space, park and community center availability and other critical services would have a significant negative impact on the community and not balance the Supervisors stated goal of 'equitable distribution' throughout the county. The schools within the Miller Creek School District are also nearly at capacity. Many of the campuses operate with nearly a third of classrooms being in 'portable' classrooms and have had to take over outdoor recreation areas for portable classroom locations. Our youth sports also already operate at a deficit of field/court availability relative to the active youth that participate. I urge the planning department and the board of supervisors to re-evaluate the Marinwood/Lucas Valley area and not look to force nearly 60% of the county's unincorporated housing allotment into our small bedroom community.	Email			X	X				X		X						
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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	We have seen the preliminary list of potential housing sites for Marin County, including in unincorporated areas such as Marinwood/Lucas Valley, as developed by the ABAG (Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan), and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The plan includes 2,412 units within the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area (accounting for 68% of the 3,569 units within unincorporated Marin County). Sites under consideration in the Marinwood / Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School - 1,800; Marinwood Market – 136; 530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) - 32 7; Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58; 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall); 254 LucasValley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. We are not opposed to some moderate increase of housing units in the area. However, we have some serious concerns regarding these potential sites: (1) The Lucas Valley / Marinwood area currently has less than roughly 1,750 homes, spread across a roughly 3.5 mile valley corridor, almost all of which are single family dwellings, and the overwhelming majority of which are one or two story homes. There are no large multi-unit apartment buildings in this area. The overall magnitude of the increase in units in this area (2,412 units) is disproportionately large compared to the current housing density of the area. The proposed increase would more than double the overall number of housing units in the area. (2) The area to the south and west of St. Vincent's School (east of HWY 101) has been discussed as a potential development site for some time. Although multi-unit housing could easily be developed there, adding 1,800 units would completely overwhelm the property and this very large number of additional units represents an enormous growth for the area, on the same order of units as currently exist in all of Lucas Valley / Marinwood. To fit this large number of units, the development would likely include large three (or more) story structures, which do not currently exist anywhere in this area. (3) The site at 530 Blackstone Drive (current site of religious house) could easily fit a multi-unit development, however 32 units on this site is far too large for the size of the property, which is near the end of a small half-mile residential street, that currently has less than 50 total housing units. (4) The site at 7 Mt. Lassen Drive (currently two relatively small two-story office buildings) is far too small to fit 58 housing units without the new structure extending to three or more stories. (5) The site at 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (south of the Juvenile Hall) is currently an open space area with a loop path that is regularly used by nearby residents (including residents of the nearby senior housing development) as a recreational walking, bike riding, etc. area (and dog walking area). This open space area has been in existence for well over thirty years and is a very popular area regularly used by many residents of the adjoining neighborhoods. A potential development consisting of 254 units on this site would completely eliminate a treasured and much-used open space area and would likely require a multi-story (three or more stories) structure. Very few of the homes in this area of Lucas Valley / Marinwood are more than one story (almost all are one-story Eichler homes). Such a large development is completely out of character with the current land use in this area and should absolutely not be allowed to be developed on this site. (6) These potential new housing units would represent an extremely large additional burden to traffic density in the area. (7) These potential new housing units would overwhelm the current capacity at our three elementary schools and one middle school. (8) These potential new housing units would create a very large additional demand for water resources in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area which are currently very limited. The simple number (2,412) of potential additional housing units in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area is much too large and would represent an approximate doubling of the current housing density in the area. Each of the proposed developments presents issues regarding the size of new structures (including constructing multi-story structures in areas where there are currently none), and would present issues concerning current resource capacities (including traffic, schools, and water). Thank you for your consideration of these issues when making decisions regarding potential new housing developments in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area.	Email			X	X				X		X			X			
Muir Woods Lodge (Tam Valley)	After much thought and consultation with some neighbors, I'd like to submit the motel that is across from the Holiday Inn – the Muir Woods Lodge – as a possible housing site. You may know that the previous motel next door – with the big sign that says "Fireside" was converted to housing some years ago. If the Muir Woods Lodge is similarly converted, it would not create much additional traffic, as the patterns are already established.	Email																X
Nazareth House (San Rafael)	Additionally, there are also at least two other projects (the 670-unit Northgate and 100-unit Nazareth House developments) which are within our school district but not in unincorporated Marin. Likewise, neither of these developments, both within the Miller Creek School District, will generate per pupil funding for either the Miller Creek K-8 schools or the San Rafael High School district. That means that even though there will be many more students to serve, there will be no additional funding with which to do so. Additionally, these developments generate little to no parcel tax money and some are even exempt from the meager development fees which means the District would receive no money at all to build additional classrooms or to hire additional teachers to serve all the additional students that would be generated.	Email			X													
No Location Specified (Countywide)	All should be near public transportation and shopping. Walking is good for all of us	Email						X	X									
No Location Specified (Countywide)	Any & all housing proposed in Marin county should be near public transportation and shopping. Adding additional cars to the area doesn't make environmental sense so low cost housing should be in convenient locations	Email			X			X										
No Location Specified (Countywide)	Any and all housing sites should consider availability of public transportation and availability of services, ie, grocery stores and pharmacies. It makes no sense to put any housing in out of the way sites where more cars are put on the road. Housing closer to hwy 101 is appropriate.	Email			X			X										
No Location Specified (Countywide)	As I am sure, many of our concerns may have already been asked but there is a need better communicate the information to the community. The follow are questions/ concerns: Who performed the study to identify potential areas for the housing sites? What determines the income used for each Housing category (ie local income, county income, housing prices)? How will residence commute from there new homes? Mass/public transportation? Where will retail commerce be located? Will the county exercise Eminent Domain Power? Effect to local taxes, for local bond issues created as a result increased population (Schools, roads, sewers, law enforcement, fire protection …. other county servicers)?	Email		X	X			X						X	X		X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I am responding to the request to voice my opinion of where to build 3,569 additional housing units in unincorporated Marin. If this is not the proper email address, please forward the appropriate one to me. My concern is not WHERE to put additional housing, but where WATER resources will come from. We have been under drought and water conservation regulations for more years than not in the past 10 years alone. Why would Marin consider building ANY new homes when there are not enough resources for those that are already here? Also, with the State allowing easy addition of ADUs on existing properties, it appears that some housing needs will be unwittingly filled that way (along with additional strain on resources)	Email				X									X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I am urging you to not proceed with the presently proposed Housing Element plans in incorporated Marin County. While affordable housing is a concern, so is sustainability. I do not believe the current plan balances these needs adequately. Please allow time for a more thoughtful discussion with more public engagement before proceeding.	Email										X						
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I am very concerned about the large number of homes that the state is requiring Marin to build, with no local control. We are already short of water. Where do they think we will the supply for more homes. As a minimum any new building should only be done with companion infrastructure improvements to handle it such as water, traffic, local schools, etc. I believe there should be push back to the state legislature regarding push to urbanize many parts of our county without thought or planning for the effects of such building.	Email		X	X	X				X					X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I do not think there should be housing put into rural meadows but should concentrate on areas that are near existing commercial or developed areas that are not being used. Why change Marin to be like other congested counties that have houses Everywhere willy-nilly and people have to have cars and use gas to get anywhere they need to go? Marin County has a beautiful and peacefulness in the open meadows and hillsides. Please don't jeopardize the county by putting the housing along open space meadowlands and hillsides.	Email										X						
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I find your proposals rushed and not well thought out. I am in favor of taking a more thoughtful and balanced approach.	Email																

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No Location Specified (Countywide)	I fully support measures to increase housing in Marin County, especially those targeted for low income housing. I reject the disguised racism and NIMBY attitude present among naysayers, even if it were to depress my own home's value. I support both racial and economic diversity as a strength of our community. It's unconscionable that wealthy Marin residents want the best schools, but don't want low paid teachers to be able to afford to also live here. This goes double for housecleaners, yard workers, and other very low wage workers who have to spend a significant portion of their income commuting. Let's stand up to the madness of a vocal few and do the right thing.	Email															X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I like how an unelected board (ABAG) comes up with this huge number and threatens the county with a big stick. Never mind the additional water resources that would be needed for all these new residents in a drought prone area.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	Marin Housing authority, It seems like the enthusiasm to push this through the County is ignoring a grievous situation. Already, even with water limitations, the County is poorly prepared to grow without greater water resources. This is truly the 'elephant in the middle of the room'. No expansion on this scale can possible be discussed without responsible delivery of adequate water. Thank you for considering my voice.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	My primary concern is the same one I always have: how will increasing housing affect the environment? A number of sites would require cutting down trees or building close to streams. We need MORE trees, preferably native oaks, to protect soil, reduce moisture loss, & provide shade. Open space is NOT wasted space. Talking about affordable housing sounds good, but I keep seeing huge vanity houses being built. There's a 4,000 ft2 just down the road from me that stands empty most of the time. All that construction required scarce building materials and created lots of air & noise pollution. Is slapping an affordable-housing tag on these projects just another sneaky way for people to invest in real estate? How does packing people into fire-prone areas make sense? What about drought and the impact of more construction & people? Why not buy back or forbid the ownership of 2nd & 3rd homes? Why not build housing in strip malls? Disrespecting the environment is how we got into this mess.	Email										X		X		X	X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	My view is that the changes proposed will change the character of this lovely region	Email										X						
No Location Specified (Countywide)	The county of Marin has reached peak density due to water and transportation constraints. Minimal new housing should be constructed in Marin County. The housing problem is a statewide problem and it should be addressed at the state level. New cities should be constructed along the Hwy. 5 and 99 corridors near the planned high speed rail lines. The state also needs to build treatment centers for the mentally ill and the drug addicted individuals that are currently living on the streets. These centers can also be placed where land and resources are less expensive. The current uncoordinated county by county plans will only decrease the quality of life and increase expenses for all.	Email			X	X		X		X					X		X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	We are being asked to find housing numbers 19x what we were asked in the last planning cycle. Why? If this is because ABAG is, once again trying to tie Marin housing numbers to SF through their "sphere of influence" concept, this has already been disproven, since Marin is not a bedroom community to SF. ABAG needs to understand that they cannot just wave their magic wand, and buildable lots appear! Affordable Housing needs are real, and Marin has been a very expensive place to live, both in housing costs and in cost of food, gas and everything else, so we are not a very affordable place to live, even once housed. ites with sea level rise issues should not be considered for new housing. Period. Building housing for the disadvantaged in these areas is not social justice, or even good planning. Parking on site is a must in Marin, regardless of any loopholes in SB9. Especially on the hills, where the streets are sub-standard, parking on the streets has already created impossible access for fire and other emergency vehicles, or even 2-way traffic. This has been caused by the County neglecting to demand the roads be improved before development went in. These are death traps in the event of the fire we know will come some day! Planning has allowed development to continue on substandard roads, particularly on hills. This poor planning has created fire traps throughout the county that people will not be able to evacuate from. These sites should also not be further developed, especially for those in need, without adding the infrastructure that will insure the safety of the residents, ie adequate roads that can handle an evacuation. Other infrastructure needs to be updated to handle increased demands, such as sewers, to meet the unplanned expansions mandated by SB (How will we meet these and who pays for these? While we are planning for housing for those who are not already residents, how are we planning to meet the needs of the residents? Re: sea level rise impacting existing housing and major roads, and fire. While we are redesigning these we may have opportunities to find new housing sites. I hear the Strawberry Seminary has sold its property. There is a vast opportunity for any kind of housing to go there. This is well above sea level and wide open. I am wondering how many affordable units are going in there, where there is so much space to build? The old San Geronimo Golf course is another site that is wide open, though further from town Cost of land is higher here than most other places, plus the cost of building materials is high. Marin has World Class scenery that is enjoyed by everyone in the Bay Area, and beyond. We have a responsibility to our environment that other counties do not. We also have a high amount of traffic going to west Marin, and Muir Woods is the most visited National Park. Neighborhoods where traffic is already gridlocking poses problems for emergency vehicles, and should be carefully evaluated before increasing density. I do not believe we can ever build enough Affordable Housing to fill the demand of everyone who wants to live here. The main cause of housing crises is that wages have not kept up with housing costs, effectively keeping out anyone who is not wealthy. This disproportionately locks out people of color. Since Marin is effectively "built out", we should be looking at infill housing San Rafael's Canal area was built a long time ago with lightly built apartments. These nave been heavily used and probably are about to need replacing. This whole area probably need to be redeveloped with plenty of opportunity for affordable housing. With so many people working from home, we have the opportunity to repurpose office buildings Same with shopping centers. Novato has many that could be redone. Since state monies that pay for Affordable Housing, anyone from anywhere in the state is eligible for housing built here, as I have heard. We have Buck $$. Marin should be building housing for teachers, healthcare workers, fire fighters and police that can be designated for members of our own community. Remodeling existing apartments or turning existing into apartments, instead of always building new. I am all for more affordable housing. I was a single mom of 2 in Marin, for 20+ years and I know first hand how difficult it is to survive here if you are low income. It just is not set up for that, and haas continued to get more expensive. I never saw a dime of assistance from Buck, so I very much doubt it is being used to help the poor, as it was intended. We should use this to help, as outlined above. Ask the State for some of its surplus $$ to reestablish the school bus system. Ditto for low lying roads/utilities, etc. Almost 30% of traffic AM/PM is from parents driving their kids to/from school Increase access to affordable child care along with housing. I would welcome an opportunity to work on a brainstorming committee to come up with new housing strategies system.	Email		X		X	X				X	X		X	X		X	
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No Location Specified (Countywide)	We should not be approving any more new developments without increasing our water supply.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (East Marin)	Please keep the housing developments in east Marin as our beloved former politicians planned in the early 1960's as detailed in the documentary "Rebels with a Cause".	Email										X						
No Location Specified (San Geronimo and Nicasio)	Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing to thank you and the County staff for the outstanding work you have been doing on the new Housing Element for Marin County. I especially appreciate the community education and outreach by the County to actively engage residents during these past few months. The workshops on the Housing Element and the Balancing Act tool offered important information on the unmet need for affordable housing and also the criteria that could to be used as guides in the decision-making process. I also want to thank Leelee Thomas and the entire Community Development Agency staff for the virtual workshop on February 16th for unincorporated West Marin. More than 100 people attended, many with purposeful, well-informed questions. Leelee and staff responded to all of the questions in a knowledgeable, meaningful and insightful manner. In addition to housing sites, It was good to hear that County staff are working to try and find solutions to some of the most vexing issues that impede and discourage the creation of affordable homes: septic issues, waste treatment and grey water systems, and building code and zoning restrictions. I very much appreciate your dedication and support of affordable housing in Marin. We all have a lot of work to do. Attached are my ideas about possible sites for affordable housing sites in the San Geronimo Valley and Nicasio. (Note: attachment apparently not included)	Email															X	

MARIN COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT: CANDIDATE HOUSING SITES AND SELECTION PROCESS
COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

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No Location Specified (San Geronimo Valley?)	Increasing the potential for 200+ more cars getting through the SFD corridor during rush hour? Traffic is already a nightmare morning and night. Adding houses to a community struggling to maintain homeowners insurance due to wildfire vulnerability? This is really poor thinking and poor planning. I support seeking SOME alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations but there are possibilities along the 101 corridor that make much more sense. Please think forward instead of short sightedly.	Email				X								X				
No Location Specified (West Marin)	I agree with and adopt as my own the comments submitted by the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC), and request that you add my name in support of EAC's position. And additionally, and by all means, Marin County MUST maintain the zoning (A-60) and all other policies designed to protect and enhance agriculture in West Marin. (Note: unable to identify EAC comments which are referred to.)	Email										X						
No Location Specified (West Marin)	I am extremely concerned about more housing going up in West Marin due to fire danger and the already impossible likelihood of getting out of Marin from West Marin due to the lack of roads to get out. How can more housing be considered when there are only a couple ways out and if traffic in Fairfax is bottled up and the ONLY way out is going east then valley residents are screwed. Housing should only be considered in areas nearest the freeways. The golf course should only be for open space and recreation. Fire danger is a serious threat.	Email				X						X		X				
No Location Specified (West Marin)	In West Marin we are on septic systems. It is horrendously expensive to get anything done here., costing up to $ 100,000 easily for a simple system.Then the County is imposing annual extra fees for people who have non standard systems of any kind. It makes this unfeasible for all but the most wealthy. I and many of my neighbors would be amenable to putting an ADU on our property BUT for the septic issues. There are alternatives - electric toilets, or other things that could be researched. Also, the County must come up with an affordable septic pricing. Plus, the contractors have no incentive to keep their costs in line, even with their proposals. I have heard time and again, how Questa got a bid, must have been the lowest bid, then they went over budget, (by $15, 000 or $ 20,000) and to get the house signed off, approved, and be able to move in, the homeowner paid the extortion, I mean, bill. The County could at least provide a service where homeowners could put their comments in about septic contractors for prospective septic owners to see. Thanks for listening.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (West Marin)	The consideration of this site (275 Olive Avenue) raises a concern that other similarly inappropriate sites may also be up for consideration in other parts of Marin. Would it be possible to get a list of any sites that are within 500 feet of a wetland? I studied wetland habitat restoration planning in graduate school, and was under the impression that CEQA/CWA sect 404 prevented projects from being built on top of or close to wetlands.	Email										X						
Northgate Development (San Rafael)	Additionally, there are also at least two other projects (the 670-unit Northgate and 100-unit Nazareth House developments) which are within our school district but not in unincorporated Marin. Likewise, neither of these developments, both within the Miller Creek School District, will generate per pupil funding for either the Miller Creek K-8 schools or the San Rafael High School district. That means that even though there will be many more students to serve, there will be no additional funding with which to do so. Additionally, these developments generate little to no parcel tax money and some are even exempt from the meager development fees which means the District would receive no money at all to build additional classrooms or to hire additional teachers to serve all the additional students that would be generated.	Email			X													
Novato, Atherton Corridor	Hello. Thank you for the information and materials regarding the Housing Element on the website. I have reviewed all of the materials and have the following questions the answers to which will help me and others comment and provide input in a more informed way. Because of the 1,000 character limit, this is the 1st of 3 emails with 9 total questions. The Draft Candidate Sites Inventory charts you have provided do not break-out extremely low-, very low-, and low-income units. The Housing Element Site Inventory Guidebook under Government Code Section 65583.2 (the "Guidebook") seems to require this, and Marin County's FAQ 15 breaks down the 3,569 total into those 3 categories plus moderate and above moderate. Can you please provide that more defined breakdown of all 5 categories by site? 1. It would be very helpful to have a chart for the Draft Candidate Sites Inventory that lists the units under each of the four scenarios. Is that something you have? Can you please provide it? 2. Under Part A, Step 3 please provide the infrastructure availability or plans for the Atherton Corridor sites. 3. Under Part A, Step 6 please provide the factors considered to accommodate low and very low-income housing for all of the sites. 4. Under Part B, for the Atherton Corridor sites, please provide the evidence that the site is realistic and feasible for lower income housing. 5. Is there a master plan for all of the low-income housing, up to 516 units, for the Atherton Corridor? Does any plan consider sidewalks, traffic lights, parking spaces and public transit? How many buildings and floors on each site are envisioned? 6. Under Part C, the capacity analysis, and in particular Step 2, what were the factors to calculate the realistic capacity of the Atherton Corridor sites including redevelopment of the non-vacant sites? 7. Under Part D, why are the non-vacant sites in the Atherton Corridor considered "obsolete" or "substandard" or otherwise meet the required criteria? 8. Under Part D, Step 3A, what is the basis for finding that the current residential use for the Atherton Corridor sites is unlikely to be continued? I would appreciate your response to my 9 questions in advance of the planned call for the Novato Unincorporated area on February 17.	Email	X	X													X	
Novato, Atherton Corridor	How would you feel if the County identified your home as the possible site for rezoning to accommodate high-density housing but neglected to notify you??? And then justified its inaction as inconsequential because the properties are only under preliminary consideration. That's what happened in the Community Development Agency's Feb. 17 presentation. I call it arrogant, insensitive, high-handed and totally inappropriate. Furthermore, the process of identifying these properties is opaque at best. It is irresponsible to proceed while disregarding the infrastructure necessary to support new homes, particularly in our drought-stressed, fire-endangered landscape. It's not the kind of government that respects its citizens. I am particularly troubled that the planning for the Atherton unincorporated areas ignores the Fireman's Fund 1000-home development in Novato less than a mile away. Dumping 1400 homes into this concentrated area spells disaster and will overwhelm the San Marin-Atherton interchange.* The "Guiding Principles" you adopted in December include "environmental hazards," but they recklessly disregard the practicalities of building on these sites and the adverse impact on the local environment, It's time to go back to the drawing boards and this time develop a reality-based plan that honors your constituents. *Construction of 101 in the Novato Narrows has taken 20+ years! Nothing should proceed until CalTrans is on board with a plan and dollars committed!	Email	X	X						X		X		X				
Novato, Unincorporated	We live in unincorporated Novato and the consensus of my neighborhood is that we do not wish to have our area re-zoned to accommodate low-income housing. What's unique about our area is that we still have some room to support the local wildlife and insects. Since moving here in 2014, we've witnessed a decline in the bee, bumblebee, and butterfly populations. The Monarchs will soon be gone too due to dwindling food resources. They are key to the health of our ecosystem, and every time a property is developed for housing, the plants needed to support these creatures are destroyed. Fencing also hurts the trails and pathways necessary for the animals to get much-needed food and water. We do not want you re-zoning anything. We want to keep our neighborhoods as they are. We already struggle with water issues. Please do not make our areas more accessible for development. We do not want what little beauty is left here destroyed.	Email										X			X			

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O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	(Comment edited for length) Sustainable TamAlmonte has the following comments and recommendations regarding the merits of the above referenced Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites listed in the 2023-2031 Housing Element DRAFT Candidate Housing Sites List. Due to the unique characteristics of the area, encouraging residential development, especially high-density development, at the above referenced Sites would increase the risk of undue harm to the environment and undue hardship, illness, injury and/or death to the current and future residents. The Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita commercial lowlands, in which the above referenced sites are located, experience the most number of environmental constraints and hazards of any area in Unincorporated Marin. Both the Marin Countywide Plan's EIR and the 2012 Housing Element's SEIR demonstrate that development at these sites would exacerbate the existing dangerous conditions and add new significant adverse environmental impacts (which) magnifies the probability that a tragedy would ensue and the multiple mitigations that a developer would need to fulfill would cause development costs to soar. These factors make the sites unsuitable for affordable housing. The only acceptable course of action is to eliminate the sites from the inventory. Below is a list of the unique natural features, hazards, and limited resources in the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita lowlands that constrain development and population growth and substantiate our argument. For a quick overview of these constraints, please view the attached table. I. Dangerous Traffic with Unacceptable Level Of Service – LOS "F" Of Local Roadways:. II. Flooding, 100 Year Floodplain, Impending Sea Level Rise III. Filled Marsh Areas With High Seismic Activity, Liquefaction, Subsidence and Mud Displacement. IV. Air Quality & Noise: Increased Risk of Residents Developing Serious Illness Due to Living Near Major Roadways. V. Hazardous Materials: For additional information regarding potential health impacts to workers and future residents who may be exposed to hazardous soil conditions, related to past uses, in Tam Junction and Manzanita, please follow the below link to read the comment letter by Technical Expert Matt Hagemann. VI. Endangered Special Status Species. VII. Insufficient Services & Public Transit. VIII. Historic Wetlands and Baylands Corridor. IX. Historic Marshland That Could Be Restored. 160 Shoreline Hwy and 260 Redwood Hwy Frontage Rd. are historic marshland. X. High Density Development Is Not Consistent With the Traditional Character Of The Local Semi-Rural Communities. Conclusion: The County now has sufficient information to understand that the proposed Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Sites are inappropriate for inclusion in the 2023-2031 Housing Element Candidate Housing Sites Inventory. Not only would construction of housing on these sites exacerbate the already existing problems but doing so when the County admits in the Marin Countywide Plan EIR and 2012 Housing Element's FSEIR that significant adverse unavoidable impacts would result from such construction defies logic. Moreover, there can be no benefit that would override the impacts of environmental harm and severe illness, injury or loss of life from building on the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites, which are laden with environmental constraints and dangerous hazards. The best course of action would be for the County to revise the list to reflect the current problems with traffic, seismic activity, hazardous soil conditions, air and noise pollution, water supply, flooding, and impending sea level rise and to find that no new residential development in the Tam Junction & Manzanita areas is appropriate. Such action would be consistent with the Board of Supervisors' sensible decisions.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 123-151)	X			X					X	X		X			X	
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O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	I am in complete support of all the points made in Sustainable Tam Almonte letter of 2/24/22. Building in the proposed area is ill advised, and appears to be illegal.	Email								X	X							
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	I am writing to endorse the attached letter from Sustainable TamAlmonte to the Marin County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission regarding the merits of the proposed Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites listed in the 2023-2031 Marin County Housing Element DRAFT Candidate Housing Sites List. The need for housing our homeless is desperate but building residential space at Tam Junction is just NOT logical. The idea of building along Shoreling/ Highway 1 is very questionable. It is already a populated area with minimal sidewalks and access to needed resources. Thank you for your consideration of the attached letter	Email	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	We oppose new housing in the areas mentioned in Tam Junction due to flooding and traffic and possible fires, can't get out of here now. Tell Scott Wiener and his friends to move on.	Email				X					X			X				
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Yesterday afternoon, I had the pleasure of speaking with Ms. Clark about the wisdom (actually, the lack of it) in the choice of potential sites around Tam Junction. Last night, I participated in the "roadshow" and, as a result, I am asking for your help in following up on one matter. During the presentation by Jose Rodriguez, he mentioned that one of the "Guiding Principles" for the BOS is the consideration of "environmental hazards". It doesn't take long to recognize the hazards of sea level rise, a long history of flooding and traffic in our neighborhood, among others. But, in addition, Mr. Rodriguez made an interesting rejoinder to a question about whether certain sites can be included in this study if such sites have been previously reviewed and rejected. He was not too clear but he suggested that the State of California has some "requirements" if a previously rejected site is again brought up for analysis. I asked him to specify (1) which of the four Tam Valley sites have already been considered and rejected, and (2) what are the state's requirements (if any)--that are different or additional--that would apply to such sites. He did not have the information available to answer either question and it didn't appear to me that there would be much of an effort to research those questions and disseminate the answers. Hence, this email. Do you know the answers? If not, would you please put in motion an effort to discover the answers? It may not be dispositive, but then again, it may be important.	Email				X					X	X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	(Comment edited for length) Please find attached the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group's response to the proposed Housing Element update. Background: The San Geronimo Valley Planning Group was formed in 1972 to help elect Gary Giacomini to the Board of Supervisors in order to gain the critical third vote necessary to kill the 1961 Countywide Master Plan, which had envisioned 5,000 new homes and 20,000 additional residents for the San Geronimo Valley alone. While the plan was updated in 1982 and 1997, its central premise has never changed: preserving our Valley's rural character and protecting our natural environment. This commitment - along with that of many other community members - also helped permanently preserve more than 2,300 acres of open space in our beloved Valley. We have been trying to apprehend the efforts of Marin County to meet the state- mandated "housing elements" through the rezoning of existing parcels. We are very concerned that few Valley residents are aware of the potential impact of this housing mandate on our community and that the Planning Group was not included in the process from the beginning. Apparently, pressure from the State has made it a top- down County effort. The Planning Group adamantly opposes the proposed, potential locations within our community identified below. High school property - We are alarmed by Candidate Housing Site P, the proposal to build 98 above-moderate-income units through rezoning the high school property next to the Ottolini/Flanders' Ranch at the bottom of White's Hill on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Our Community Plan clearly spells out that the use of this property should remain as agriculture or open space; the high school district agreed. Our reasons are numerous. 1. It would be a visual blight, destroying not only the aesthetics of the entrance to our Valley but also jamming suburbia into the inland rural corridor. 2. It would be a dangerous location, creating a separate enclave with an entrance off a very busy highway, and removing one of the few places where traffic can safely pass slower traffic. 3. Because this property is not within the boundaries of any of our four villages, it would destroy the essence of our Valley's character, creating, in essence, a new, completely separate village of above market-rate houses. Moreover, there is no sewage or water infrastructure at this location. 4. It is an environmentally poor choice, being a wetland area, a swamp in the winter, and within the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek watershed. Former golf course club house property. Candidate Housing Site R-1. This open space, referred to as the Commons, must remain open space and not also become a "new village" location. In addition to being the likely site for a new firehouse, this is an essential area for community gatherings, and provides needed parking for and access to Roy's Redwoods, Maurice Thorner Open Preserve, and the two, newly conservation easement-protected meadow parcels (former front and back nine). The Planning Group does favor affordable housing in the Valley. We want our residents and their children to be able to afford to remain in our community and to maintain our diverse population. But the current plan seems to be solely a County "numbers game," meeting only the requirements of the State for 3,569 units in unincorporated Marin. The parcels in the Valley are identified for families earning more than $132,000 annually. For an individual, this would be the equivalent of $62.50 an hour. The Valley is a rural community. The minimum wage in California is $14 an hour. Anyone who works a full- time job should be able to afford decent housing. This plan does not provide that. The County must focus on the real need for affordable housing, with more emphasis and incentive on legalizing existing units and making it easier to create second units, ADUs and JDUs. A stronger effort is needed by the County to find appropriate parcels within our existing villages. Potentially, this might include the current location of the County fire department, which, if/when it's vacated, could be an excellent location for affordable multi-family housing. There are others. A time constraint shouldn't be the deciding factor in zoning parcels for housing. There has to be more thought put into this and community involvement shouldn't be limited to a flawed survey. We request the County hold an in-person meeting for the community as soon as possible, preferably in the multi-purpose room at Lagunitas School. Additionally, the Planning Group would like to work with you to find a way to provide more affordable housing units within our community while continuing to maintain and protect the rural character and natural resources that make our Valley such an attractive place to live and raise a family.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 234-236)			X	X	X			X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	1: can we use the Lagunitas school parcel that is before the Spirit Rock parcel? 2: If Spirit Rock is built on can it be hidden from road? 3: The visual view when you enter the Valley is gorgeous and should be maintained. 4: Lagunitas school campus has lots of unused space.	Email										X						X
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	98 houses on the San Geronimo Valley floor is a terrible idea. It would ruin the beauty of the valley which Valley residents have worked so hard over the years to preserve.Please help us … we would be most grateful if you could find other sites for these needed homes. Grateful for your attention to this.	Email								X		X						

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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Already leaving here is problematic early in the morning and many folks work and go to school over the hill and have to go then. You would be adding probably 200 or so cars to the problem for starters. As it is I no longer go to Point Reyes on the weekends because its an extremely busy place full of tourists and the locals cant park and get to services. Dennis, I have written to you before regarding the San Geronimo Valley Golf Course and you can see now that what was once a beautiful sward of land full of animals and birds and yes golfers is now a sea of weeds and fallen trees. And yes, people walk there on the paths and I guess through the tick invested grasses as well. And now you want to put up 98 (!) houses and destroy another piece of the Valley? And what about fire and earthquake considerations. If that corridor gets blocked in an emergency we would all try to get out through Lucas Valley or perhaps Highway One but regardless its scary to think of those situations. And I was here when we fought to keep that high school and all the other developments a NO GO. Successfully might I add and I believe the plan states that land was to stay agricultural. And how are you going to get all those folks home insurance? I already know people who have been denied coverage here and several of those companies I believe want to leave California altogether. Surely you can find another spot to meet whatever criteria is mandated some place else. I dont know if you even bother to read these letters but I do want to go on record objecting wholeheartedly to this.	Email				X						X		X				
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Dear Mr. Rodini please do your best to represent the better interest of all Valley residents and don't let 98 new houses be Built-in the area East of Woodacre along San Francisco Drake. The San Geronimo Valley has one road in-and-out and Our septic systems and fire protection issues are at stake! Please say no!	Email				X								X	X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Hello Dennis, I am writing as a long term resident in Woodacre with some concern regarding the 50 acre parcel alongside SFD Blvd and the Flanders ranch property. Please include all San Geronimo residents in any planning that might go forward on this horrendous possibility for 98 homes. We are already struggling with water issues, fire issues, septic issues, road access in emergencies, current Fairfax traffic jams. We already have a valley floor jammed with County infrastructure - water dept, fire dept, PGE substation, noise and lights all times of day and night. I certainly hope this possibility will become part of many public forums on your agenda for this small and fragile valley. Since the last fire on White's Hill, nothing has been done to remove the battery box from the long-broken highway sign which may have sparked that fire. I think, in speaking to my neighbors, the SGV feels a bit neglected by your office and I sincerely hope that can be rectified.	Email				X				X				X	X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I am a homeowner in Woodacre since 1972. I am of the opinion that there are some places that shouldn't be developed. I include all of western Marin in that category, but for the moment I will comment on the proposed development of 98 homes just west of White Hill on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Entering the valley, one's first impression is the beautiful rural landscape that is becoming rare in California. That experience would be negatively impacted by any development in that area. 98 Homes would mean around 200 automobiles adding to the congestion in Fairfax and San Anselmo and create a great deal more air pollution than already exists. That area is not only a seasonal wetland, but is in the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek Watershed. Construction and habitation of that area would cause irreparable harm to wildlife, including endangered salmonids and many other species. I support development along the 101 corridor.	Email				X				X		X		X	X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I am a resident and homeowner in Forest Knolls, where I live with my husband and 5 year old. I'm responding to signs I saw posted today along SFD near Dickson Ranch, in regard to the building of 98 homes on that property. I have searched online and cannot find any more information about this proposal. I would like to add my comment that you please proceed very cautiously-- while I really recognize the need for more housing and more affordable housing in Marin, I have a couple of big concerns-- environmental impact (including air quality, native species habitat preservation and restoration, and light pollution. I also have some concern about SFD as the only way into and out of the valley, in case of emergency (and, just in terms of general traffic congestion, and air pollution). So my comment is to please very carefully consider these matters before proceeding. Thank you!	Email				X						X		X		X		
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I am dead set against the proposal to develop 98 new houses on the 50 acre High School property. Such a large development is exactly the kind of change the valley has fought against for decades. Such a large development would change the Valley's pastoral character enormously and negatively. I believe the Valley's population stands around 3,500. If 4 people were to live in each house of such a new village, the valley's population would increase over 10% overnight. I would support fewer than half such units of low-income housing if they were located in dispersed fashion, and wouldn't have such a negative aesthetic consequences.	Email								X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I believe West Marin has reached its carrying capacity for new homes, especially in regards to water, roads, septic and fire safety. Are we going for maximum buildout? What happens after we add 3500 homes the State of California tells we have to do? What happens in 2031 when they say we have to do it again? I watched the zoom meeting with Leelee Thomas on February 16, and she said it's either the carrot or the stick. I did not see any carrots in the equation, only threats. The proposed 98 houses in the heart of the San Geronimo Valley is an ill conceived proposal. It does not take into consideration that the plot of land is the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek which is a coho salmon nursery. It's a flood plain when we get substantial rain - if you have ever driven by in a downpour, the entire area is a web of small streams before it gets to the main stream channel about 500 feet from there. I believe the infrastructure needed for those houses would not only be an eyesore, but also a detriment to our fragile ecosystem.	Email		X		X				X	X	X		**X**	**X**			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I could not access the Balancing Site work area so I am submitting these comments here. SGV is am amazing place to be due to low development. I have had the benefit of living here 25 years. What is being proposed in both of the areas of the School property and at the Gold Course are for higher end homes. Higher end homes are not a help for our community. We need homes for families with kids, We need Senior housing. We don't need another 127 above moderate income homes. Have some vision. Create a place with a grocery store, deli, and place for people to meet. Create Senior housing. Have ability to share vehicles. This area could become a hub for our community to use and support. It is also a sensitive environmental area. It used to be where water would spread out when it rained and slowly sink into the ground providing water all year round for the fish. More concrete and asphalt = more runoff. This vision of 98 separate high end homes here is not fitting to the rural area of our valley. It is just going to bring in more people who want a rural lifestyle from other areas and NOT give our locals homes. Every day, people, and families are looking for homes. Renters are being pushed out. It is unaffordable to live here. Solve the problem we have now, housing for our locals. Not bring more people here. Also, the place being considered at 6900 Sir Francis Drake is a privately owned place. Owned by a family that owns quite a bit of property in the Valley as it is. I certainly hope public monies are not going to rehab this property.	Email								X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I do not support 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd in the San Geronimo Valley. It would destroy our Valley's rural character and the beauty we prize in that view shed. I support seeking alternative Valley sites not visible from Sir Francis Drake Blvd to meet our affordable housing obligations.	Email								X		X						
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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I do not support new housing on the 50-acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. This important rural gateway property to the valley and nearby Pt Reyes National Seashore should remain in agricultural use as part of the historical Flanders Ranch. I support seeking alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations. Our community will vigorously oppose such inappropriate development.	Email								X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I hate to hear that 98 houses are going to be built on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. I do support seeking alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations, and hope that some compromise can be reached that won't destroy the beautiful approach to West Marin or further stress our limited resources. I know we are lucky to have remained untouched by "progress" for so long but oh boy I hope our luck holds a bit longer. Anything you can do to stop this unwelcome and depressing development will be much appreciated.	Email								X		X			X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I have lived in Woodacre for over 40 years. I love the contry feel and woodsy environment. I highly object to the proposed low income housing development on Flanders property. I am your constituent, and voted for you when you were running for office. Please stop any expansion, re- zoning or building projects that will bring more residences to the Valley. I travel down San Geronimo Valley drive every day as, I work in San Rafael. When I get to the corner of Sir Francis Drake, I would be looking at the very piece of land across SFD, that the houses will be built on. As I understand the proposal, 100 houses will be built on 50 acres. The new development will also add to traffic on SFD by quite a bit. Please, let's keep the beautiful rural nature of the Valley as it is now.	Email				X				X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I hope you're well and please allow me to begin by thanking you for your leadership on a range of issues important to San Geronimo Valley residents. While I know the recent report about possible locations for additional housing in the county is quite preliminary (and conducted by a third party that does not speak for Marin County residents), it makes sense that concerned citizens speak loudly and early on this topic. Please know that I do not support 98 houses on the 50 acre high school property facing Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. It would destroy our Valley's rural character. It would destroy the beauty we prize in coming over White's Hill. It would create a new, unnecessary and unwanted village. Most important, it would add a possible 200 additional vehicles and possibly up to one thousand daily vehicle trips in and out of the valley to an already congested road. Anyone trying to get to Highway 101 at 8:00 am already knows that the traffic is horrible as you enter Fairfax. This would add to that exponentially. Anyone living on or near SFD Blvd. knows that the weekends are equally tough with many tourists heading to and from the coast. While I support affordable housing I believe there are better ways and better locations to accomplish this.	Email				X				X		X						

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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I oppose 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. .West Marin is maxed out on development because of fire concerns, small roads, septic. The proposed development at the west side of whites hill is the headwaters of the Lagunitas creek which is our coho salmon nursery. It's a floodplain and is unsuitable for development. The infrastructure needed for a development would harm our fragile ecosystem. If Marin County decides to do what the State is demanding, then why not put the entire buildout on the St. Vincents property which is right next to the freeway and could handle the increase in population. We would like to see all the building be for homeless and low income people - like all the people who commute from Vallejo and Richmond to serve us daily because they can not afford to live in our county. Many other properties in Marin would be more suitable.	Email				X				X		X		X	X		X	
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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I support adding housing in appropriate locations. I do not believe the west side of White's Hill, on Tamalpais School property is appropriate. The area is prone to flooding and is vital for supporting the flow of water in the creeks that are used by salmon. Also, the county plan has been to add housing on the 101 corridor, leaving west Marin rural. As a member of the Valley Emergency Response Team, I am concerned about adding so many more cars on the road, ensuring a bottleneck in the event of an emergency evacuation.	Email									X	X		X				
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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I think that the proposed low cost housing sites and sizes and the solution is not thought out ! For instance , the 98 homes in Woodacre would create a huge traffic problem and also be inappropriate . The Olema location and proposal would ruin the nature of Olema ! And Dennis Rodoni lives in Olema ! The west Marin area has been protected for a reason ! The nature and small town is the reason that we are all here ! I've lived here for 46 years and believe that it would be more appropriate to absorb the housing on properties that are all ready developed and make it attractive for homeowners to build ADUs Please revise the thinking around this important topic of affordable housing !	Email				X				X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I'm not sure if this is accurate, but we have heard a site for 98 new homes is being proposed at the base of Whites Hill. We can only hope this is not true as that would be disastrous for the area and environment, and truly spoil the natural surroundings	Email										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	It has come to my attention, either from neighborly chats or from other sources, there is a potential plan taking shape to add housing to the San Geronimo Valley. Specifically close to 100 houses on the land we refer to as "Flander's Field", where there was once a plan for a high school. That plan didn't materialize, as this valley began to be more declarative and assertive in stating the vision for this area, and guidelines for what is / is not acceptable development. When I moved to the valley 25 years ago, I thought it might be a place to stay for a couple of years. But after understanding this community better, and listening to our elders, I came to understand and appreciate what our environmental advocates have been fighting for and diligently guarding. This is the reason I still live here today. In my home town, I watched as the cherry trees toppled, the apple orchards fell, and the planting fields gave way to urbanization and development. It still breaks my heart whenever I drive through and see the Police Station, Post Office, County Buildings and parking lots where I once played with my friends and frolicked with my dog. I am filled with such gratitude to live here in the San Geronimo Valley, comforted in knowing this place is truly special. Magical. I now take up the fight to preserve our natural beauty and the ecosystems that depend on limits to growth. My neighbor refers to entering the valley as the "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang effect", where the wheels of the car roll up under you and you start to float along in the last part of your journey home. Please help us keep this natural beauty as opposed to a Shitty Shitty first impression entering this sacred place. Also, this would impact and devastate what little is left of our natural habitat for spawning salmon...I've witnessed and taken part in many debates and county board meetings to force the stoppage of building homes due to this deleterious impact. 98 homes will be a huge battle, but taking a cue from our long term residents, environmental groups, and our elders, I can't stand back and watch this happen. I look forward to understanding both of your positions on this subject. Signed, a long time Marin tax payer, diligent voter, and newly commissioned soldier in the fight to preserve my surroundings	Email										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Please don't approve this development! It is way too big and is in a terrible location. It will destroy the beautiful view that every Valley resident welcomes on their return home to the SG Valley. Yes we need some affordable housing, but not on this parcel, and not at market rate. The Sir Francis Drake corridor in San Geronimo should remain rural. This huge development would create a new, unnecessary and unwanted village.	Email								X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Please don't support the development of 98 units on former Flanders Ranch land in the San Geronimo Valley. This site stands at the gateway to the SGV and the headwaters of the watershed which houses our endangered salmonids. It is an especially sensitive location, both aesthetically and ecologically, and should be protected from all development. Just a couple of years ago, you and the BOS attempted to do a very good thing for Marin County and the SGV by purchasing the golf course, in order to protect it permanently from development and to give endangered salmonid populations a place to recover. Probably, in a few years' time, some public entity—possibly Marin County—will resume the pursuit of these goals when TPL sells the land. If the County allows a new village of several hundred people to be built, with all the ecological disturbance that entails, just a short distance upstream from the salmonid sanctuary, it will jeopardize this important environmental restoration project. I believe the 98 units are envisioned to be targeted to buyers of "above moderate" income. If so, then this suggests that the homes will be too expensive to count as the sort of affordable housing that the voting public sympathizes with. We don't want a SGV that is even more exclusive (economically speaking) than it already is—especially not at the expense of the ecology, aesthetics, etc. Please do all you can to keep the old Flanders Ranch area completely open and agricultural. Thank you very much.	Email										X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Please understand that our history and values are not supportive of mass development in the San Geronimo Valley. We value our rural character for aesthetic reasons but equally for safety. We must protect egress for fire primarily. In addition we do not have the infrastructure and resources to support 98 new homes. This ideal would be better served along the 101 corridor. Thank you for consideration of supporting no development of the open fields adjacent to Flander's property.	Email		X						X		X		X				

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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Remove the high school site from any consideration for housing. It is not supported in our Community Plan (see excerpts below). In addition, this is the critical view shed that every Valley resident experiences and "welcomes" on their return "home" to the San Geronimo Valley as they negotiate the curve, going west, at the bottom of White's Hill leaving the eastern urbanized corridor (where over 90% of Marin residents live), behind. This priceless Valley view encompasses the entire Ottolini/Flanders ranch and the Spirit Rock Meditation Center property from the meadows on the flats, to the uplands and ridge that seems to disappear going west towards the Nicasio pass. High School Site Issues: The development currently proposed would create the equivalent of a "new" village and its location next to SF Drake Blvd. would destroy the Valley's rural character. Increased traffic would overwhelm Drake Blvd. in route to and from the eastern urbanized corridor and 101. The north east section of San Geronimo Creek, which is home to coho salmon and steelhead trout, appears to be in this area. If confirmed, protection of this area could impact proposed development. FYI - Historically, this 50 acre school site was originally owned by the Ottolini/Flanders Ranch family. It was condemned for use of a planned High School -- part of the '61 Master Plan calling for 20,000 residents and 5000 homes. This '61 Master Plan was scuttled in 1972/73 after the newly elected Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the new County Wide Plan. Subsequently, the BOS began the development of highly successful Community Plans for designated areas in West Marin. At one point, (the '80's I think) the Tamalpais school board considered selling it's 3 unused school sites. Two were in the eastern corridor and one was in the Valley. The board appointed a committee to study the situation and make a recommendation. It was composed of Kate Blickhahn (Drake High School Superintendent), Dale Elliott of Forest Knolls and me. They implemented our recommendation to sell the two sites in the eastern corridor and preserve the Valley site for agriculture. The Flanders family subsequently worked out a lease (still in effect) with the District so their cattle could use it for grazing as was done when they owned it. Two proposals to create an orchard never materialized	Email				X				X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	The proposed 98 new houses on the 50 acre parcel in the San Geronimo Valley was just brought to my attention. I am not opposed to more housing, but I am opposed to how and where they will be built i(n a cluster creating a new community as well as changing the landscape as you enter The Valley). There have been other projects in the past that are woven into the existing communities. The low cost neighborhood next to the Trailer park is a fine example. I am assuming that this Federal money is to be used for our lower income population? I have lived in the Valley for 50 years at which time we voted against sewer lines and natural gas in order to keep housing developments from taking place. Will a project this large take that into consideration? I will be sure to be adding my input as this project moves forward. Dennis, as old acquaintance I'm hoping that we can find time to discuss this more, I am no longer 'asleep at the wheel'….Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.	Email		X						X		X			X		X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is a terrible idea! I can tell you that it will become another problem like Victory Village. You can't just plunk down a totally different community (with different needs and mind-sets) inside another unique community. And what about water !??!?!?!?! I do not support 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. It would destroy our Valley's rural character, the beauty we prize in that view shed and create a new, unnecessary and unwanted village. I support seeking alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations	Email								X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This proposal make no sense for multiple valid reasons. Please do what you can to reject it.	Email								X								
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	While I support adding housing in WMarin, I believe the White Hill location is not appropriate for the reasons below: This clearly goes against our Community Plan. It is an area prone to flooding As a result of the above, it interferes with the watershed that provides the creeks that support the endangers steelhead. It will place untold stress on an already precarious road evacuation during wildfire season. the Valley is already under major stress with failing septics, with no help on the horizon as has been blocked by the Planning Group. The Valley and it's homeowners are about to be handcuffed by the new stream side ordinances, making repairs and maintenance near impossible, so the added burden of 68 homes is such a double standard. The rural character of the Valley will be visually destroyed. .I am curious why this information has been held from the public and the very short window of public comment which further punctuates your desertion, the same way you mid-handled the Golf Course debacle. Please respond with a confirmation of my very strong objection to this location.	Email								X	X	X						
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	(Comment edited for length) Please find attached the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group's response to the proposed Housing Element update. Background: The San Geronimo Valley Planning Group was formed in 1972 to help elect Gary Giacomini to the Board of Supervisors in order to gain the critical third vote necessary to kill the 1961 Countywide Master Plan, which had envisioned 5,000 new homes and 20,000 additional residents for the San Geronimo Valley alone. While the plan was updated in 1982 and 1997, its central premise has never changed: preserving our Valley's rural character and protecting our natural environment. This commitment - along with that of many other community members - also helped permanently preserve more than 2,300 acres of open space in our beloved Valley. We have been trying to apprehend the efforts of Marin County to meet the state- mandated "housing elements" through the rezoning of existing parcels. We are very concerned that few Valley residents are aware of the potential impact of this housing mandate on our community and that the Planning Group was not included in the process from the beginning. Apparently, pressure from the State has made it a top- down County effort. The Planning Group adamantly opposes the proposed, potential locations within our community identified below. High school property - We are alarmed by Candidate Housing Site P, the proposal to build 98 above-moderate-income units through rezoning the high school property next to the Ottolini/Flanders' Ranch at the bottom of White's Hill on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Our Community Plan clearly spells out that the use of this property should remain as agriculture or open space; the high school district agreed. Our reasons are numerous. 1. It would be a visual blight, destroying not only the aesthetics of the entrance to our Valley but also jamming suburbia into the inland rural corridor. 2. It would be a dangerous location, creating a separate enclave with an entrance off a very busy highway, and removing one of the few places where traffic can safely pass slower traffic. 3. Because this property is not within the boundaries of any of our four villages, it would destroy the essence of our Valley's character, creating, in essence, a new, completely separate village of above market-rate houses. Moreover, there is no sewage or water infrastructure at this location. 4. It is an environmentally poor choice, being a wetland area, a swamp in the winter, and within the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek watershed. Former golf course club house property. Candidate Housing Site R-1. This open space, referred to as the Commons, must remain open space and not also become a "new village" location. In addition to being the likely site for a new firehouse, this is an essential area for community gatherings, and provides needed parking for and access to Roy's Redwoods, Maurice Thorner Open Preserve, and the two, newly conservation easement-protected meadow parcels (former front and back nine). The Planning Group does favor affordable housing in the Valley. We want our residents and their children to be able to afford to remain in our community and to maintain our diverse population. But the current plan seems to be solely a County "numbers game," meeting only the requirements of the State for 3,569 units in unincorporated Marin. The parcels in the Valley are identified for families earning more than $132,000 annually. For an individual, this would be the equivalent of $62.50 an hour. The Valley is a rural community. The minimum wage in California is $14 an hour. Anyone who works a full- time job should be able to afford decent housing. This plan does not provide that. The County must focus on the real need for affordable housing, with more emphasis and incentive on legalizing existing units and making it easier to create second units, ADUs and JDUs. A stronger effort is needed by the County to find appropriate parcels within our existing villages. Potentially, this might include the current location of the County fire department, which, if/when it's vacated, could be an excellent location for affordable multi-family housing. There are others. A time constraint shouldn't be the deciding factor in zoning parcels for housing. There has to be more thought put into this and community involvement shouldn't be limited to a flawed survey. We request the County hold an in-person meeting for the community as soon as possible, preferably in the multi-purpose room at Lagunitas School. Additionally, the Planning Group would like to work with you to find a way to provide more affordable housing units within our community while continuing to maintain and protect the rural character and natural resources that make our Valley such an attractive place to live and raise a family.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 234-236)			X	X	X			X		X					X	
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	1: can we use the Lagunitas school parcel that is before the Spirit Rock parcel? 2: If Spirit Rock is built on can it be hidden from road? 3: The visual view when you enter the Valley is gorgeous and should be maintained. 4: Lagunitas school campus has lots of unused space.	Email										X						

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R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I could not access the Balancing Site work area so I am submitting these comments here. SGV is am amazing place to be due to low development. I have had the benefit of living here 25 years. What is being proposed in both of the areas of the School property and at the Gold Course are for higher end homes. Higher end homes are not a help for our community. We need homes for families with kids, We need Senior housing. We don't need another 127 above moderate income homes. Have some vision. Create a place with a grocery store, deli, and place for people to meet. Create Senior housing. Have ability to share vehicles. This area could become a hub for our community to use and support. It is also a sensitive environmental area. It used to be where water would spread out when it rained and slowly sink into the ground providing water all year round for the fish. More concrete and asphalt = more runoff. This vision of 98 separate high end homes here is not fitting to the rural area of our valley. It is just going to bring in more people who want a rural lifestyle from other areas and NOT give our locals homes. Every day, people, and families are looking for homes. Renters are being pushed out. It is unaffordable to live here. Solve the problem we have now, housing for our locals. Not bring more people here. Also, the place being considered at 6900 Sir Francis Drake is a privately owned place. Owned by a family that owns quite a bit of property in the Valley as it is. I certainly hope public monies are not going to rehab this property.	Email								X		X					X	
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I just want to add my voice to ask you not to support the new San Geronimo housing being considered. The environmental and infrastructure impact will be horrible !	Email		X								X						
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Hello and thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding Future Housing Sites in Marin County. I attended the local Housing meeting regarding Santa Venetia and Los Ranchitos on February 15th and live in the Santa Venetia area. Here are my comments from a Santa Venetia resident perspective: 1. The process, while advised by the Marin County Planning Department, is being run by a consulting agency that is not familiar with Marin County and the local areas & neighborhoods. 2. The number of assigned housing units to Santa Venetia, 422, ignores the following. Before housing site numbers are assigned and accepted, a "CEQA-lite" analysis should be performed to determine if the numbers and locations are practical from a CEQA perspective. We heard these concerns brushed off with the response that if any development is going to be done, a full CEQA would be completed before development could/would proceed. This would be an "after-the-fact" process, with the fact that the housing numbers and sites have already been assigned and accepted, and would be too late to be influential in the development process. a. There is only one practical vehicle road out of Santa Venetia to the freeway that is already heavily impacted by three schools, the one at the JCC, the Marin School, and Venetia Valley school, and a large pre-school. Traffic in & out of Santa Venetia is also already heavily impacted by the JCC, the Civic Center traffic, the Marin Lagoon traffic, the Veterans Memorial traffic, the Marin Lagoon Housing and the commercial enterprises along McInnis Parkway. b. Some of the sites selected are in wetlands areas, such as the McPhail school site next to North San Pedro Road. c. some of the sites selected are next to the Bay and subject to special development restrictions, such as the McPhail school site. d. The total number of housing units assigned to Marin County, and not just to the unincorporated areas, does not take into account the water needs. And we, Marin County as serviced by MMWD, are in the middle of a water shortage with future years looking to be worse due to Climate Change. 3. Using city limit boundaries to direct neighborhood focus and comment ignores the reality of the holistic nature of a neighborhood that crosses city limits and unincorporated boundaries. It is expedient, especially for an outside consulting firm not familiar with Marin County or Santa Venetia, but not realistic. This is especially true for the Santa Venetia area. Santa Venetia is heavily impacted by what the City of San Rafael does or does not due around the Civic Center, at the intersection of North San Pedro Road and Civic Center Drive, around Marin Lagoon Park, at the Marin Lagoon homes neighborhood, and at the Marin Ranch Airport. Using city limit boundaries is expedient but not accurate and realistic in appraising housing impacts to a neighborhood such as Santa Venetia. And restricting the geographical area that Santa Venetia residents can comment on and have input to, to not include what is inside the City limits of San Rafael for the areas noted above is violating our rights to comment on and have input to what is impacting our neighborhood. Thank you for the chance to comment	Email				X				X				X	X			
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Here in Santa Venetia, we are living with water shortages, traffic congestion, and our community's evacuation route was named the most dangerous in Marin and yet huge additional numbers of housing are proposed for this flood prone neighborhood. That's insane! We are not fooled by claims that these new residents won't drive everywhere. They will. We already know that every person of driving age in our neighborhood not only drives but owns a car, or truck. They line our streets, further restricting access routes. There are sites where housing can happen like at Northgate Mall, but not in our overcrowded flood zone.	Email				X				X	X			X				
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I am a longtime resident of Santa Venetia in unincorporated Marin County, and a member of the Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA). I, along with many of my neighbors, attended the February 15 Zoom meeting on the Housing Element initiative, which seems detached from the reality of worsening climate change. Much of Santa Venetia exists in a flood plain; other parts are in the WUI. With only a single one-lane route in and out of the neighborhood — North San Pedro Road — our existing infrastructure is already stretched to the breaking point with daily traffic congestion restricting both egress and ingress. We currently have fewer than 1800 residences in Santa Venetia, yet the Housing Element recommends 422 additional units, representing an increase of approximately 25%. Adding a fraction of 422 units to Santa Venetia would greatly compromise the safety of its residents, in addition to degrading quality of life. Many of our homes were built in the WUI. We are at constant risk of wildfire, with unstable hillsides that in recent years have collapsed onto North San Pedro Road. Like all of our Marin neighbors, we are constrained by drought. Here in Santa Venetia, our water supply comes from tanks that are sited in the WUI. Supplanting CEQA review in the drive to create multi-million-dollar homes puts our cultural as well as our natural environment at risk. For example, Oxford Valley, a known site of native tribal artifacts such as shell mounds, has been designated for 45 "above moderate income" units. Bypassing CEQA would eliminate the protection of cultural resources here and in other areas of Santa Venetia and Marin that have not yet been surveyed and would be lost forever. Our neighborhood is known to be at severe risk of flooding. The SVNA is currently participating in a collaboration between the California Dept of Parks and Rec, The County of Marin, and The SF Bay NERR to "Identify and Evaluate Sea Level Rise Adaptation Options to Solve Road Flooding in China Camp State Park." The project recently received a $525k grant to address the critical issue of flooding in the low- lying segment of North San Pedro that runs between Santa Venetia and Peacock Gap. This road is our only alternate route to Highway 101, one that our emergency responders rely upon when highway traffic is heavy. Here is a link to the July 26, 2021 article in the Marin IJ that describes the flooding (which is only expected to worsen) and touches on our risk of impeded egress/ingress in the event of a natural disaster: https://www.marinij.com/2021/07/26/china-camp-road-flooding-project-gets-525k-grant/ The Housing Element did not seem include plans for significant numbers of true low- income housing. In the future, we would like to see a plan that factors in housing that our neighbors throughout Marin County could afford.	Email		X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X			
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I am against the proposed units on North San Pedro Road. This proposed project is completely unsustainable and not researched for undesirable living situations. There are many factors that indicate this would not be a good site to build. Factors such as flood control, sea rising at a rate we can expect in the coming years, congestion, removal of a ball park and mostly there are no services to support this project. Well thought out projects include parks, services, bike paths, sidewalks and a reasonable egress in case of fire. North San Pedro Road is all ready congested due to a large school and many churches on this road. Another road to San Rafael is available to Point San Pedro Road however this road is failing due to floods in the winter and very evident sink holes that are not being addressed. More traffic would of course erode the roads further and in the past have had slides on this road particularly after recent tree removal has increased the likely occurance.	Email		X	X	X				X	X	X		X				

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R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I attended the zoom meeting a few nights ago. I share the concern of some of my neighbors, well articulated by Gina Hagen. While I totally support affordable housing (so question if this will be "affordable" for working class people), I think we already have too many high density buildings on San Pedro Road, Jcc, school, rest homes, elder affordable housing, civic center etc... So I would support maybe 25 more units or something manageable, but hundreds seems like asking for trouble in an emergency. I live on Labrea way and I am glad we have housing for families, down the street, but a common problem is the amount of cars and high occupancy of some of the apartments. The overflow of cars goes all the way to Rosal, and currently I have had cars parked in front of my house for a month and more. It is not a significant problem in my case, but my neighbor who has teenagers with cars, is having to struggle to park their own cars, while the overflow is from housing two blocks away. Obviously San Rafael is a good place for more housing and i would think a place closer to the freeway like Marin Square could be used for extra units of housing. I also would personally like to build an accessory unit in my front yard for a student, teacher, medical professional, at affordable rate. It would be nice to have a department in Marin county who could help seniors like myself design,, get permits, and loans to afford to create such units. I myself was a renter in Marin for 36 years and lived in in-law apartments. I found it much more private and a win/win solution for the owner, typically older retired person, and myself as young professional. I was excited about an organization called Lily Pads and attended a meeting but found out later the owner was no longer providing services. So this would be a great thing to promote. Thank you for including us in your work. Hope we can have more affordable housing, while preserving the safety of our neighborhoods.	Email					X			X							X	
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I served on the Santa Venetia Community Plan (SVCP) Committee for almost 10 years, including working with County Staff the last 4 years, until its final adoption in 2017. This process included a thorough survey of our neighbors who commented on every empty parcel and open space for future development (and in fact Godbe told us the response was overwhelming with a higher than normal percentage of participation). Our SVCP Committee Members represented every corner of Santa Venetia. We held community meetings (that were well-attended) so all residents had a chance to voice their opinions and ideas. No one knows Santa Venetia better than Santa Venetians. The plan was supposed to cover everything of interest to ensure a diverse, family-oriented, and happy community for years to come. Adding 442 units is simply untenable for a small, working-class hamlet such as Santa Venetia. The last two open spaces (two ball fields) are slated for high density housing. This is totally uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighbors who live in small, single- family housing. In the February 15th Housing Element Zoom call, with County Staff and Contractors from… who knows where?, we were informed that our Community Plan would need to be updated. Who would do this work? When and how soon would these updates happen? How can the County randomly update our Community Plans that we spent so many resources on. SB-9 and SB-10 are a complete contradiction to our Community Plan that we dedicated years of work and volunteer hours to finally see its adoption. These past summers, we've stayed inside due to smoke and/or triple-digit weather. We used a bucket from our shower to water our indoor and deck plants while our yard withered and died due to restrictions and requirements in place from Marin Water. We worked out evacuation routes to alert residents to escape danger due to our one road in and out of Santa Venetia. I heard chain saws, chippers, and weed whackers almost every day, regardless of the high, fire-danger days. This is due to San Rafael Fire Department notifications and requirements. Also, there is currently a plan in place for creekside residents to have their wooden levees raised two feet to protect the sinking, below-sea-level homes in the flood zone (Zone 7), due to Sea Level Rise. The CDA is currently working on a "Safety Overlay Map" to be completed after the Housing Element site are chosen. Isn't this a case of "putting the cart before the horse"? Due to the location of Santa Venetia, nestled before the ripe, fire-prone area of San Pedro Ridge and the rising Las Gallinas Creek, doesn't this deserve a second look and/or consideration of the over-inflated number of units allotted to our small hamlet. When talking to my neighbors, the 422 units sounds so incredulous, they find it impossible to believe. As a volunteer, seasoned Land Use Member, I can't say I blame them. It's mind-boggling. Please reconsider Santa Venetia's allotted housing site numbers.	Email									X			X	X			
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I will reiterate the comments I made at the February 15 Housing Element meeting… I've lived in SV for over 30 years. I've served on the Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association Board of Directors for almost 30 years. Through our neighborhood association, The Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA), we try to get the word out so that our residents are aware of upcoming projects and opportunity to comment. We've heard from Santa Venetia residents that they want to protect our quality of life. We are already concerned about the constant fire danger, flooding, Sea Level Rise, ingress and egress, and unsafe evacuation routes. Climate change is a huge concern for us and as well, we have run out of water in Marin County and are under strict mandates, so I can't understand how adding more and more housing units will help. And to restate, 422 units in SV is an increase of almost 25% of the 1,700-1,800 units we currently had, at last count. It's a very shocking number of additional units for us. I grew up in San Rafael. I hate what they've done to the City and have been constantly disappointed with the building choices and what they have given up. I don't want to see that happening in Santa Venetia – more congestion and loss of our green spaces. Affordable housing sounds great on paper, but we never seem to get that promise fulfilled. I've followed projects in San Rafael and for almost every project, the promise is a huge amount of housing with a small portion designated affordable and then after the project passes through the hurdles, the affordable-housing number is adjusted… always downward. I remember previously rules were passed to keep up with the demand of affordable housing, but the goalposts seem to constantly change and that number is lowered. What is the promise that won't happen with this process? Also, I heard them say at that meeting, they were giving schools and churches more flexibility by allowing them to build on parking lots? If that is the case, where will people park? They've already lowered the parking needed for new building in our communities. We already have overblown congestion, car-to-car parking along the road, and lots of red curbs. The idea of reducing parking requirements for new units AND building on parking required for old units is frightening. And finally, I realize this mandate for housing comes from the state. I believe we (my neighbors) are all on the same page when I ask that you push-back against these mandates. These are not only unrealistic for Santa Venetia but for all of Marin, the wonderful county I grew up in.	Email								X	X	X		X	X		X	

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R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Re: Marin County Housing and Safety Elements Update, 2023 – 2031. The Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA) is an organization representing the interests of 1,700 – 1,800 households (4,474 residents per the 2019 census figures) who live in Santa Venetia. As an organization, we are dedicated to the enhancement and preservation of the character and quality of life of the Santa Venetia neighborhood. We do our best to represent our community and have an established reputation to be a voice for proper development. And in accordance with our mission statement, we, the Board Members of the SVNA, feel compelled to comment on this issue. We want to ensure that the Marin County Board of Supervisors receives an accurate impression from our community regarding the updated Housing Element and are writing today to summarize feedback we have heard from many of our members. Many residents of Santa Venetia, including members of the SVNA, attended the February 15 Zoom meeting where consultants representing the interests of the housing element initiative presented online tools for community feedback. We find these tools inadequate; rather than serving as an open platform for the BOS to receive realistic community input, they seem designed to provide information to housing element staff as to where to add more housing. The Housing Element recommends 422 additional units for Santa Venetia. There are currently fewer than 1,800 residences in Santa Venetia, so this represents an increase of approximately 25%— far more growth than the neighborhood has seen for at least two decades. This mandate seems utterly siloed from the worsening reality of global warming and climate change, (the existence of which was recognized both in the Countywide Plan and by the Marin County Civil Grand Jury) which is leading to catastrophic weather events such as fires and flooding. The upland parts of Santa Venetia not directly threatened by flooding are part of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and are subject to year-round fire danger. Like all of Marin, we are constrained by drought, and our water supply comes from tanks that are sited in the WUI. We are actively working actively to protect our homes; parts of Santa Venetia are now Firesafe Marin neighborhoods. Road access to Santa Venetia is highly constricted; we have daily traffic congestion that affects both egress and ingress. The remaining undeveloped parts of Santa Venetia include unstable hillsides that recently led to multiple landslides onto our roadway. All of the issues mentioned above are familiar to the Marin County BOS. They are also the same reasons that Santa Venetia has not experienced anything close to 25% growth in decades. There is no way to grow by 25% using market-rate housing on undeveloped parcels without compromising our safety. The Housing Element directly suggests that our personal safety, including safety from climate events, fire, and safe water supply, is secondary to their objectives of housing growth. One type of growth we believe is needed in Marin County is true low-income housing. By this we mean the type of housing that our current typical Santa Venetia resident could afford. We also support the right of residents to add accessory dwelling units (ADU) to their homes. However, it was clear that the Housing Element does not include plans for significant numbers of low-income housing. Instead, it promotes “market rate” housing, which we know means homes that will sell for millions of dollars each. We are effectively being asked to endanger ourselves to serve the interests of developers to sell multi-million- dollar homes to elite buyers from outside of the region. To paraphrase one of our SVNA members, “The County’s first responsibility is for the health and safety of the existing residents of our neighborhood.” We ask you to consider this as you move forward. If the intent of the Housing Element is to bypass CEQA process, as alluded to in the Zoom meeting on Feb. 15th, the existence of culturally sensitive resources, including shell mounds in Oxford Valley, still cannot be ignored. Damaging cultural resources of native peoples in order to comply with Housing Element goals would be inconsistent with Marin County values and our historical respect for our earliest Santa Venetia natives. Oxford Valley, the site of known shell mounds, has been designated for 45 “above moderate income” units. Other areas of Santa Venetia may not yet have been properly surveyed for these resources, and bypassing CEQA would also eliminate their protection. These are just a few of the concerns that we have. The SVNA has encouraged our members to send comment letters as well, citing their concerns about this update. Please include those concerns as concerns of the SVNA	Email				X				X	X			X	X		X	
R13 - 26600 State Route 1 (Tomales)	I would like to suggest an alternative site to the one listed on the east side of Hwy 1 and 1st Street in Tomales. After living in Tomales very close to 30 years, I feel the intersection there is already quite impacted due to school traffic approaching both elementary and high school, the district office traffic, our downtown businesses Including bakery, deli, and general store and much weekend tourist traffic mistaking their way to Dillon Beach. I feel one or more of the sites at old high school, or further north of “hub” of town would be more suitable and would not add to the current congestion.	Email				X												
R15 -12785 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	The proposed development and locations designated for housing in unincorporated West Marin is ill-conceived and inappropriate. This appears to be a numbers game on the part of the County and outside, contracted MIG development agency. The plan lacks consideration for or understanding of natural resources, environmental hazards and the existing community. Communities around Tomales Bay are watershed areas with drainage into the vulnerable bay, creeks and streams, the salt marshes and wildlife habitats. The site near Vladimir’s restaurant, across from Dixon Marine, is directly across from Tomales Bay and almost at sea level. This area and the road can flood during a high tide or heavy rain, draining pollution into the bay. Also the proposed building would affect the small downtown of Inverness. West Marin is served by narrow, curving, two lane access roads. For Inverness there is only one road, in or out, a problem during flooding, fires, landslides and general overcrowding on weekends and holidays. These roads frequently need repair when lanes crumble into a creek, hillside or the bay. No freeways please, as was proposed in the 60s. I have lived in Inverness since the 70s. As a single working mother, a teacher, I raised my daughter in Inverness. Over the years I have seen families and friends move away as rentals, cottages and small units were converted to more lucrative Airbnbs and second homes. There are 4 houses around me with 2 units in each. Two are completely unoccupied. Two are rarely used by their absentee owners, leaving each second unit vacant. There are many houses like this in Inverness and far too many BnBs and other short term rentals. An absentee owner might purchase a house, spend an exorbitant amount of money improving it for short term rental or investment. Possible housing is currently available. West Marin already has serious problems related to climate change, as well as overcrowding, road congestion air and noise pollution from cars, sewage and, most obviously, water. Inverness is served by water storage tanks and is already predicted by IPUD to be more of a problem this year than last. Reservoirs dry up and water pipes only move water from one drought ridden area to another. Any development is a threat to our limited water supply. The arbitrary number of proposed building in these unincorporated areas of West Marin ignores the environment, nature and roads. The plan is insensitive to the existing communities and the influence of inappropriate, even hazardous, building.	Email				X					X	X		X	X			

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R18 - 375 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	(Comment edited for length) The Tam Design Review Board is charged with focusing on and supporting the provisions of the Tamalpais Area Community Plan (TACP). In addition to laying out a description of the appropriate character of the community, this plan clearly sets forth constraints specifying that environmental hazards must be taken into account in the site selection process. Indeed, this is also crucial for the viability of the adoption of the Housing Element itself. According to step #7 of the Housing Element's Site Identification Process: "Provide in the analysis a general description of any known environmental or other features (e.g., presence of floodplains, protected wetlands, oak tree preserves, very high fire hazard severity zones) that have the potential to impact the development viability of the identified sites..." p. 10. The TACP "places a strong emphasis on protecting the public safety and preserving the natural resources of the community, while still permitting individual property owners to realize reasonable development potentials" (pg. I-3). This balance is more critical today than it was in 1992 when the plan was written, with the risk of chronic flooding, impending sea level rise, and fire in the wildland-urban interface presenting an ever- greater peril to our neighborhoods. Tam Valley, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Muir Woods Park are already viable and diverse neighborhoods, containing a range of housing from high-end single family residences to affordable apartments. Maintaining this diversity has long been a goal of the community, as expressed in Section I-C of the TACP. Added mixed use development in the Tam Junction area could, with proper planning and infrastructure update, provide needed housing which would have a minimal negative impact and enhance the community. The Housing Element should take a closer look at the potential for rezoning to achieve its goals. For those of lesser wealth to have access to the amenities available in the Tam Area, in particular good schools and proximity to jobs and open space, is a noble and important goal. There are a series of recent State laws that are aimed at helping to solve the housing crisis in California. Unfortunately, in its search for a solution to this crisis the legislature has crafted programs that offer density, height, and FAR incentives to housing developers in return for a very small number of "affordable" units without any appropriations for much needed transportation and infrastructure. There are likely to be many unintended consequences of these housing mandates which will be left to cities and counties to deal with. The most critical of these possible outcomes as they relate to the Tam area is the risk of fire and flooding and the already constricted evacuation routes in the face of such emergencies. Shoreline Highway in Tam Valley is where most of the proposed housing sites for our area lie. It is not hard to imagine the combination of a wildfire threat and high tide event occurring simultaneously, which would bring the evacuation of our entire area to a complete standstill and result in property damage and human fatalities. We further note that steadily increasing traffic impacts on Shoreline Highway from tourism continue to aggravate all these challenging conditions. 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The TACP "places a strong emphasis on protecting the public safety and preserving the natural resources of the community, while still permitting individual property owners to realize reasonable development potentials" (pg. I-3). This balance is more critical today than it was in 1992 when the plan was written, with the risk of chronic flooding, impending sea level rise, and fire in the wildland-urban interface presenting an ever- greater peril to our neighborhoods. Tam Valley, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Muir Woods Park are already viable and diverse neighborhoods, containing a range of housing from high-end single family residences to affordable apartments. Maintaining this diversity has long been a goal of the community, as expressed in Section I-C of the TACP. Added mixed use development in the Tam Junction area could, with proper planning and infrastructure update, provide needed housing which would have a minimal negative impact and enhance the community. The Housing Element should take a closer look at the potential for rezoning to achieve its goals. For those of lesser wealth to have access to the amenities available in the Tam Area, in particular good schools and proximity to jobs and open space, is a noble and important goal. There are a series of recent State laws that are aimed at helping to solve the housing crisis in California. Unfortunately, in its search for a solution to this crisis the legislature has crafted programs that offer density, height, and FAR incentives to housing developers in return for a very small number of "affordable" units without any appropriations for much needed transportation and infrastructure. There are likely to be many unintended consequences of these housing mandates which will be left to cities and counties to deal with. The most critical of these possible outcomes as they relate to the Tam area is the risk of fire and flooding and the already constricted evacuation routes in the face of such emergencies. Shoreline Highway in Tam Valley is where most of the proposed housing sites for our area lie. It is not hard to imagine the combination of a wildfire threat and high tide event occurring simultaneously, which would bring the evacuation of our entire area to a complete standstill and result in property damage and human fatalities. We further note that steadily increasing traffic impacts on Shoreline Highway from tourism continue to aggravate all these challenging conditions. While we applaud the careful consideration of available sites by MIG, as community volunteers appointed to research and uphold the values of the Tam Plan, we cannot in good conscience support the choice of the sites within our area without: 1) A detailed study of future traffic and its impacts on evacuation through Tam Junction and the Highway 101 on-ramp; 2) A careful analysis of the impact of new, medium or high-density housing on the Bothin Marsh and the risks of chronic flooding; 3) Development of a plan for Highway 1 at Manzanita and along Shoreline Highway to accommodate imminent sea level rise; and 4) Assurances that, if there is no way to avoid selecting housing sites in the Tam Plan area for development, the resulting housing will be protected from speculative investors and the potential to remove these future developments from the long-term rental market. The Tamalpais Area is so vulnerable to climate change disasters that, frankly, unless the housing built has a direct impact on resolving the housing crisis and addressing those most in need, new development will only intensify the crises of both climate risks and affordability. We understand the mandates from the State require you to make some challenging choices in selecting housing sites. In addition to placing questions of safety and environmental stewardship at the top of your agenda, we would like to suggest that you include in the current update of the Countywide Plan some further policies that will help guide County planning in the face of both State mandates and, if and when these mandates are modified, the undesirable results that might emerge. Please see the attached detailed list of policies	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 228-231)				X					X	X		X			X	
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The TACP "places a strong emphasis on protecting the public safety and preserving the natural resources of the community, while still permitting individual property owners to realize reasonable development potentials" (pg. I-3). This balance is more critical today than it was in 1992 when the plan was written, with the risk of chronic flooding, impending sea level rise, and fire in the wildland-urban interface presenting an ever- greater peril to our neighborhoods. Tam Valley, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Muir Woods Park are already viable and diverse neighborhoods, containing a range of housing from high-end single family residences to affordable apartments. Maintaining this diversity has long been a goal of the community, as expressed in Section I-C of the TACP. Added mixed use development in the Tam Junction area could, with proper planning and infrastructure update, provide needed housing which would have a minimal negative impact and enhance the community. The Housing Element should take a closer look at the potential for rezoning to achieve its goals. For those of lesser wealth to have access to the amenities available in the Tam Area, in particular good schools and proximity to jobs and open space, is a noble and important goal. There are a series of recent State laws that are aimed at helping to solve the housing crisis in California. Unfortunately, in its search for a solution to this crisis the legislature has crafted programs that offer density, height, and FAR incentives to housing developers in return for a very small number of "affordable" units without any appropriations for much needed transportation and infrastructure. There are likely to be many unintended consequences of these housing mandates which will be left to cities and counties to deal with. The most critical of these possible outcomes as they relate to the Tam area is the risk of fire and flooding and the already constricted evacuation routes in the face of such emergencies. Shoreline Highway in Tam Valley is where most of the proposed housing sites for our area lie. It is not hard to imagine the combination of a wildfire threat and high tide event occurring simultaneously, which would bring the evacuation of our entire area to a complete standstill and result in property damage and human fatalities. We further note that steadily increasing traffic impacts on Shoreline Highway from tourism continue to aggravate all these challenging conditions. While we applaud the careful consideration of available sites by MIG, as community volunteers appointed to research and uphold the values of the Tam Plan, we cannot in good conscience support the choice of the sites within our area without: 1) A detailed study of future traffic and its impacts on evacuation through Tam Junction and the Highway 101 on-ramp; 2) A careful analysis of the impact of new, medium or high-density housing on the Bothin Marsh and the risks of chronic flooding; 3) Development of a plan for Highway 1 at Manzanita and along Shoreline Highway to accommodate imminent sea level rise; and 4) Assurances that, if there is no way to avoid selecting housing sites in the Tam Plan area for development, the resulting housing will be protected from speculative investors and the potential to remove these future developments from the long-term rental market. The Tamalpais Area is so vulnerable to climate change disasters that, frankly, unless the housing built has a direct impact on resolving the housing crisis and addressing those most in need, new development will only intensify the crises of both climate risks and affordability. We understand the mandates from the State require you to make some challenging choices in selecting housing sites. In addition to placing questions of safety and environmental stewardship at the top of your agenda, we would like to suggest that you include in the current update of the Countywide Plan some further policies that will help guide County planning in the face of both State mandates and, if and when these mandates are modified, the undesirable results that might emerge. Please see the attached detailed list of policies	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 228-231)				X					X	X		X			X	
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R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	We oppose new housing in the areas mentioned in Tam Junction due to flooding and traffic and possible fires, can't get out of here now. Tell Scott Wiener and his friends to move on.	Email				X					X			X				
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	Yesterday afternoon, I had the pleasure of speaking with Ms. Clark about the wisdom (actually, the lack of it) in the choice of potential sites around Tam Junction. Last night, I participated in the "roadshow" and, as a result, I am asking for your help in following up on one matter. During the presentation by Jose Rodriguez, he mentioned that one of the "Guiding Principles" for the BOS is the consideration of "environmental hazards". It doesn't take long to recognize the hazards of sea level rise, a long history of flooding and traffic in our neighborhood, among others. But, in addition, Mr. Rodriguez made an interesting rejoinder to a question about whether certain sites can be included in this study if such sites have been previously reviewed and rejected. He was not too clear but he suggested that the State of California has some "requirements" if a previously rejected site is again brought up for analysis. I asked him to specify (1) which of the four Tam Valley sites have already been considered and rejected, and (2) what are the state's requirements (if any)--that are different or additional--that would apply to such sites. He did not have the information available to answer either question and it didn't appear to me that there would be much of an effort to research those questions and disseminate the answers. Hence, this email. Do you know the answers? If not, would you please put in motion an effort to discover the answers? It may not be dispositive, but then again, it may be important.	Email				X					X	X						
R3 - 275 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	I wanted to share concerns about a proposed housing element on the corner of Olive avenue and Atherton (275 Olive Ave, currently a nursery). That site is a wet meadow and not an appropriate building location for a development of 50 homes. It is already subject to frequent flooding, is essentially sitting on top of a wetland nature preserve, and is basically at sea level. If you walk out there today, it is mostly under water. The inevitable sea level rise that will impact that spot makes it, and any other sites at that elevation, inappropriate for further development. Is it alright to ask why this parcel is being considered when these conditions are well known?	Email	X							X	X	X						
R3 - 275 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	The consideration of this site (275 Olive Avenue) raises a concern that other similarly inappropriate sites may also be up for consideration in other parts of Marin. Would it be possible to get a list of any sites that are within 500 feet of a wetland? I studied wetland habitat restoration planning in graduate school, and was under the impression that CEQA/CWA sect 404 prevented projects from being built on top of or close to wetlands.	Email										X						

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R5 - 299 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	I am just finding out about the rezoning proposal along the Atherton corridor in Novato, and since I missed the meeting, I am writing to express my deepest concern as well as how much I am against this proposal. I live at the end of Olive Avenue, close to Atherton Ave, and have for almost 40 years. I have watched the impact just a few additional homes have had in this area. I am tremendously concerned about the wildlife, and how this proposal would jeopardize their well being. It would greatly impact their ability to access food and water. More homes means more traffic, which means more animals in danger of being struck by cars. There is already too much traffic for this corridor, and I am referring to Olive Avenue as well as Atherton Avenue. These areas cannot handle more housing! Please reconsider this proposal and keep the wildlife and our open spaces preserved.	Email				X				X		X						
R5 - 299 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	I am writing to express my opinion on the potential construction of hundreds of new housing units along the Atherton Avenue corridor to meet the county's state-mandated housing quotas. I urge you to redirect new high-density housing to more appropriate areas with better access and infrastructure and with less adverse impacts on wildlife and existing residents: It is not sensible to add large new sources of traffic congestion directly onto Atherton Avenue, the only conduit for evacuation from surrounding neighborhoods during fire emergencies. The proposed development will impact a rich and diverse wildlife population in the area, beyond just the destruction of habitat in the footprints of new construction. Increases in road traffic, noise, and other human activity will invariably take a toll. Foxes, opossums, and raccoons regularly transit my yard at night (I live off of Atherton Ave) and the semi-rural neighborhood environment also supports deer, wild turkeys, hawks, quail, squirrels, owls, turkey vultures and other animals. These populations are assets to the natural environment of Marin County and are all sensitive to human encroachment. The potential housing development is grossly uncharacteristic of the adjacent neighborhoods in terms of density and appearance. The proposed housing locations do not have walk-to shopping and other services, which I believe should be a top priority for siting new high-density housing. The Atherton corridor is a narrow strip with very limited road access: One way in from the west; one way in from the east, and one secondary access (Olive Ave) from the south. This situation is a natural consequence of the geographic boundaries along the corridor. Loading up this narrow space with more traffic, more parking needs, more water requirements, and more sewer infrastructure – when other options exist -- does not make sense.	Email		X	X	X				X		X		X	X			
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	I live on Eagle Rock Rd. It is already congested. Traffic conditions on Tiburon Blvd at most times make it difficult to enter the Eagle Rock area. At the proposed location there is a 4 way intersection, providing access to a gas station, a multi tenant commercial building, access to N. Knoll with section 8 housing (which is very busy) and the residents and providers to my neighbors and me. The proposed site is on a steep hillside making it difficult to build. There is a bus stop at the base where N. Knoll empties onto Tiburon Blvd. This may be good for your concerns, but every day there are cars parked on lower Eagle Rock Rd. using free parking to access the bus service, many use it for longer term parking when traveling out of the area. Building more units on your proposed site will increase street parking. It always does. Your proposal will increase foot traffic crossing 4 lane Tiburon Blvd. We see pedestrians, daily, risking their lives crossing to go to Strawberry Shopping Center. Sure, there is a pedestrian crossing lane, but with the traffic they are not always visible to drivers. It's a scary operation trying to cross. The traffic entering onto Tiburon Blvd. from Hwy 101 is already congested. Then add the traffic coming up from Strawberry Shopping Center. Certain times of the day you already have to wait for more than one light to get through. It seems that California fire seasons are getting longer and more intense. We could have a real discussion on that, but that is the reality today. We are located down hill from large open spaces. Our evacuation points are in Strawberry and with massive traffic also evacuating from points toward Tiburon, it could be a real disaster. Development on this plot is not a good idea.	Email				X	X		X			X		X				
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Unknown-052-041-27-Shoreline Highway (12 Units) (Tam Valley / Almonte)	(Comment edited for length) Sustainable TamAlmonte has the following comments and recommendations regarding the merits of the above referenced Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites listed in the 2023-2031 Housing Element DRAFT Candidate Housing Sites List. Due to the unique characteristics of the area, encouraging residential development, especially high-density development, at the above referenced Sites would increase the risk of undue harm to the environment and undue hardship, illness, injury and/or death to the current and future residents. The Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita commercial lowlands, in which the above referenced sites are located, experience the most number of environmental constraints and hazards of any area in Unincorporated Marin. Both the Marin Countywide Plan's EIR and the 2012 Housing Element's SEIR demonstrate that development at these sites would exacerbate the existing dangerous conditions and add new significant adverse environmental impacts (which) magnifies the probability that a tragedy would ensue and the multiple mitigations that a developer would need to fulfill would cause development costs to soar. These factors make the sites unsuitable for affordable housing. The only acceptable course of action is to eliminate the sites from the inventory. Below is a list of the unique natural features, hazards, and limited resources in the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita lowlands that constrain development and population growth and substantiate our argument. For a quick overview of these constraints, please view the attached table. I. Dangerous Traffic with Unacceptable Level Of Service – LOS "F" Of Local Roadways:. II. Flooding, 100 Year Floodplain, Impending Sea Level Rise III. Filled Marsh Areas With High Seismic Activity, Liquefaction, Subsidence and Mud Displacement. IV. Air Quality & Noise: Increased Risk of Residents Developing Serious Illness Due to Living Near Major Roadways. V. Hazardous Materials: For additional information regarding potential health impacts to workers and future residents who may be exposed to hazardous soil conditions, related to past uses, in Tam Junction and Manzanita, please follow the below link to read the comment letter by Technical Expert Matt Hagemann. VI. Endangered Special Status Species. VII. Insufficient Services & Public Transit. VIII. Historic Wetlands and Baylands Corridor. IX. Historic Marshland That Could Be Restored. 160 Shoreline Hwy and 260 Redwood Hwy Frontage Rd. are historic marshland. X. High Density Development Is Not Consistent With the Traditional Character Of The Local Semi-Rural Communities. Conclusion: The County now has sufficient information to understand that the proposed Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Sites are inappropriate for inclusion in the 2023-2031 Housing Element Candidate Housing Sites Inventory. Not only would construction of housing on these sites exacerbate the already existing problems but doing so when the County admits in the Marin Countywide Plan EIR and 2012 Housing Element's FSEIR that significant adverse unavoidable impacts would result from such construction defies logic. Moreover, there can be no benefit that would override the impacts of environmental harm and severe illness, injury or loss of life from building on the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites, which are laden with environmental constraints and dangerous hazards. The best course of action would be for the County to revise the list to reflect the current problems with traffic, seismic activity, hazardous soil conditions, air and noise pollution, water supply, flooding, and impending sea level rise and to find that no new residential development in the Tam Junction & Manzanita areas is appropriate. Such action would be consistent with the Board of Supervisors' sensible decisions.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 123-151)	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
West Marin Coastal Area	The deadline for input is unrealistic and the tool is exceedingly difficult to use. I understand the County is under pressure to meet the State mandate, however this plan is like throwing darts at a map. It fails to address critical disaster planning in advance of determining even potential site selection. Responding to the coastal zone: I find it extremely distressing that with the impact of climate related severe fire risk, drought, resource depletion, traffic, parking, lack of sewer, emergency ingress/egress, etc., that we are considering adding increased density. The tool does not allow for pinpointing houses that sit empty, or the 600 plus vacation rentals in West Marin. I support accessibility to community based housing. If there were a severe limit placed on vacation rentals in the Coast Region, clawing back on permits/allowances, a number of livable units equal to the numbers proposed would be freed up. I have lived here for 40 plus years and have seen housing go the way of increased tourism, housing stock becoming vacation/business stock and 2nd home owners with frequently vacant homes. Until the Coastal Commission understands the risks involved to increased density and supports strict limitations to vacation units/business, the problem will persist no matter how many new units are introduced. It is unfortunate that it will likely take a fire storm / evacuation disaster to illustrate the hazards compounded by sheer numbers. My cottage on the Inverness Ridge burned in 95 and the risk then was a fraction of what it is today. Driving Sir Francis Drake on a usual busy weekend, or most days during the summer, is the equivalent of coastal gridlock. Adding more units at the bottom of White's Hill, Nicasio, Point Reyes, Olema, and Inverness is placing more people in vulnerable locations. Imagine residents trying, along with thousands of visitors, to flee during an inevitable disaster on a narrow artery. Stop vacation rentals; create incentives to convert empty living units to housing stock.	Email		X		X	X			X		X		X	X		X	
West Marin Coastal Area	The housing candidate sites for our Marin coastal villages are not suitable as these sites do not have jobs, public transit or community services please consider what doubling the population of these villages would mean to public safety when electricity is out our wells cannot pump water and the many propane tanks result in a hazardous mixture. Our aquifers are undoubtedly low after these droughts it will be a strain on our coastal communities to entertain a larger population many in our village are already renting their small units let's just let SB 9 do its job.	Email		X	X			X		X		X		X	X			

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West Marin Coastal Area	The proposed development and locations designated for housing in unincorporated West Marin is ill-conceived and inappropriate. This appears to be a numbers game on the part of the County and outside, contracted MIG development agency. The plan lacks consideration for or understanding of natural resources, environmental hazards and the existing community. Communities around Tomales Bay are watershed areas with drainage into the vulnerable bay, creeks and streams, the salt marshes and wildlife habitats. The proposed Cottages building site is an environmental hazard to an already contaminated salt marsh and channel leading to Chicken Ranch Beach, Tomales Bay. As a result of previous inappropriate building and filling in a salt marsh, this has been an ongoing problem for many years. The site near Vladimir's restaurant, across from Dixon Marine, is directly across from Tomales Bay and almost at sea level. This area and the road can flood during a high tide or heavy rain, draining pollution into the bay. Also the proposed building would affect the small downtown of Inverness. West Marin is served by narrow, curving, two lane access roads. For Inverness there is only one road, in or out, a problem during flooding, fires, landslides and general overcrowding on weekends and holidays. These roads frequently need repair when lanes crumble into a creek, hillside or the bay. No freeways please, as was proposed in the 60s. I have lived in Inverness since the 70s. As a single working mother, a teacher, I raised my daughter in Inverness. Over the years I have seen families and friends move away as rentals, cottages and small units were converted to more lucrative Airbnbs and second homes. There are 4 houses around me with 2 units in each. Two are completely unoccupied. Two are rarely used by their absentee owners, leaving each second unit vacant. There are many houses like this in Inverness and far too many BnBs and other short term rentals. An absentee owner might purchase a house, spend an exorbitant amount of money improving it for short term rental or investment. Possible housing is currently available. West Marin already has serious problems related to climate change, as well as overcrowding, road congestion air and noise pollution from cars, sewage and, most obviously, water. Inverness is served by water storage tanks and is already predicted by IPUD to be more of a problem this year than last. Reservoirs dry up and water pipes only move water from one drought ridden area to another. Any development is a threat to our limited water supply. The arbitrary number of proposed building in these unincorporated areas of West Marin ignores the environment, nature and roads. The plan is insensitive to the existing communities and the influence of inappropriate, even hazardous, building.	Email				X					X	X		X	X			
Woodacre	There is a lot for sale as you enter Woodacre at the intersection of Park and Railroad (and an adjacent lot that is not for sale) that would be ideal for seniors with close access to post office and grocery store and bus stop.	Email															X	X

MARIN COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT: CANDIDATE HOUSING SITES AND SELECTION PROCESS
COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA BALANCING ACT SUBMISSION

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A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	Fire risk and lack of water.	Countywide												X	X			
A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	The traffic on the streets between this parcel and the freeway are a congested mess already. Building in this fire zone will make inflow and outflow as well as access to emergency services so highly compacted that it will result in tragedy.	Countywide				X								X				
A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	This allows people to stay in Marin County whereas they are moving into Sonoma County now so I prefer this site to keep families living in Marin -- but the road needs to be widened to absorb the extra traffic and people pulling out to make left and right turns, etc. This needs nice frontage roads too for slower traffic to be able to get out onto the 101 and off safely.	Countywide																X
A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	Near Novato schools and infrastructure. Near freeway.	Infill																X
B - 160 Shoreline Highway (Almonte)	Another horrendous place for such a massive building. Seal level rise, Manzanita already floods almost monthly - way too much traffic on hwy 1. Stinson, muir woods, Mt. Tam and muir beach get millions of visitors. Need to build a highway to serve all that traffic, completely redesing Tam junction. And many of MV residents go through the area. Bad, bad, bad place to ram housing in.	Countywide				X					X							
B - 160 Shoreline Highway (Almonte)	As long as this area is raised so that the units are not subject to flooding and same with their cars-- parking and housing need to be built above king tides and flood levels and then that would be fine.	Countywide									X							X
B - 160 Shoreline Highway	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
B - 160 Shoreline Highway	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
C - 935 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Kentfield)	workforce housing, college student housing, family housing as long as there is parking for all their cars. Parking is key to the success of this as they need their cars to get to work and take younger kids to their schools too.	Countywide															X	X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Closer to the city (than Novato) so a little less commute time. Close to bus lines. Wish it was closer to more amenities though there are a few grocery stores/markets nearby.	Countywide			X													X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Higher density as close to Hwy 101 makes the most sense.	Countywide																X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Is any thought given to the planning for family needs,heritage trees, drainage and creeks, earthquake and slides.? What about quality of life?Reduce the numbers and come up with healthful considerations	Countywide		X	X					X		X						
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	There is no spare land in this neighborhood. All parcels are occupied. Streets don't have sidewalks and are narrow. Already hard to get out if there was a fire. And it is on open space. We don't have enough water for more residents at these sites. Not a good candidate for this plan.	Countywide							X	X		X		X	X			
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	This area could handle 4 plex apartment units and this would be good for families, workforce, seniors too.	Countywide																X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Why can't I adjust the number of units at this site?	Countywide																
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	Building in the southeast section of this parcel on the open fields would likely upset a lot of people in the neighborhood. The area is essentially a public park and the paths around the fields are are heavily trafficked by walkers and families. I think people would be more supportive of filling in areas in the southwest and north of the property, or replacing existing buildings/facilities with housing.	Countywide								X		X						X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	No public transit (one road in and out) and fire risk.	Countywide						X						X				
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This area is now Lucas Valley Park and has been since the late 1990s. Inappropriate.	Countywide										X						
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This is already pretty far out and it would be fine for both workforce and senior housing and the seniors need to have access to good public transportation options so they can get food, to the bank, to the doctor, etc.	Countywide																X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	this website is not a reliable way to seek community feedback. It assumes that each participant is familiar with all the sites in Marin County in order to move the housing around. Specifically on Jeannette Prandi housing, my opinion would be to expand on the low income senior housing that is already there- 50 units would likely double the existing senior housing and be plenty for the heavily trafficked LUCAS VALLEY Road and surrounding community.	Countywide															X	X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	Unlike 55 Marinwood Avenue, the areas further West within this section of Lucas Valley would be a dangerous area for new housing. The narrow valley with strong Western Wind shares similarities with the town of Paradise and its fatal experience with Fire. The green space at Jeannette Prandi Way is the only fire break within a dense construction of highly inflammable houses (resembling the Boulder, CO, neighborhood that burned this winder). For this valley to takes its fair share of county-wide new housing, the most intelligent solution would be to redevelop 55 Marinwood.	Countywide												X				
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	the road and size of land is really good for dense suburban homes	Enviro Hazard																X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This area is already developed:Lucas ValleyPark. See Marin County Parks.	Enviro Hazard										X						
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This area is now Lucas Valley Park.	Equity										X						
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	There should be. no development at this site. It's now a park--Lucas Valley Park and has been since the late 1990s. It was developed such as part of the development of the 80-unit Rotary Valley Vilage development.	Infill										X						
F - 190 A Donahue Street (Marin City)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
F - 190 A Donahue Street (Marin City)	Ideal location close to shopping and jobs.	Countywide																X
F - 190 A Donahue Street (Marin City)	Placing additional units here wouldn't be in line with the "Address Racial Equity and Historic Patterns of Segregation" Scenario because there is already a majority of publis housing and low income units in Marin City	Equity															X	

G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I would like to see the housing that should have been built by Bridge Housing years ago for seniors and families finally get built-- it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and is very much needed.	Countywide																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	The redevelopment is a good idea. The blighted area will benefit from redevelopment, and I hear from neighbors that they are welcoming this idea. In the case of a fire there is a close exit to Hwy 101. I reduced the number of houses, because even with 110 units this small community is already taking a large share of the country-wide burden for new housing, and other intelligent options are available.	Countywide																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	this website is not a reliable way to seek community feedback. It assumes that each participant is familiar with all the sites in Marin County in order to move the housing around. Specifically on Marinwood Market housing, my opinion would be to develop this property as previously discussed many time before. I'm not sure on the details of how much housing this site can hold, but it has close freeway access and a market nearby and would be a good site for housing.	Countywide																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	Housing that matches the homes in the neighborhood. The market must stay	Enviro Hazard																X
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Senior Housing would have the least amount of impact on the traffic so this would be a nice size senior community and go along with Venetia Oaks which is there already. Food bank and Extra Food and Meals on Wheels already goes to Venetia Oaks and this is a nice area for Seniors to reside in.	Countywide																X
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Traffic already terrible. Close to open space. Hard to get out if there was a fire as only one road in and out. No water for more residents. Not a good candidate for this plan.	Countywide				X						X		X	X			
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	I live in Santa Venetia and this is too many housing units for this area (North San Pedro and Vendola drive). There is already a parking problem and it is sometimes difficult to find parking in front of your own home. Also, there is traffic congestion in front of the school in the morning and afternoon . You also have to take into account that Terra Linda Northgate wants to build over 1000 units in a small area. I realize they are not part of unincorporated Marin but the quality of life will definitely decline in Santa Venetia and surrounding areas with all these additional units when you take into account the traffic and increase in population. Per the housing meeting last week it stated that Santa Venetia along with Marin City already have a high number of low income residents. Is the additional housing going to be above market housing or are you just going to continue to place all low income residents in Santa Venetia?	Enviro Hazard				X	X			X							X	
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Should be avoided - is within 5 ft. sea level rise projection zone by 2100	Enviro Hazard									X							
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I object to 251 N. San Pedro as a building site for housing. There is a school and ball field. The children and their families need the child center. The ball field is used by little league and other children playing. The neighborhood can't absorb more cars parking in it. We don't have enough parking for the people who live here or there guests. If housing need to be build in Santa Venetia why not 1565 Vendola? The old school has been vacant for years. The property is not being used at all.	Countywide			X		X											
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Senior housing would be the least amount of traffic congestion impact and they could take public transit to get to where they needed to go for bank, grocery, doctor, etc.	Countywide																X
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Traffic is already terrible in this neighborhood. Bordered by open space. Fire risk is high and it's already hard to get out with only one road in. There is not enough water for more residents. Not a good candidate for this plan.	Countywide				X						X		X	X			
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	This site does not fit this criteria. Public transportation is limited. These units will bring 2-4 cars per unit with no ample parking which would impact NSP road and nearby neighborhoods. NSP road is only 2 lanes with many schools along the way. Adding more cars would not only add to an already congested road it would be dangerous for those walking and riding bikes	Equity				X	X	X	X									
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	This proposed site is on a baseball field that is used by many for recreational purposes. This is a much needed baseball field. Field use is hard to come by. This field is also home to a variety of wildlife. Generations of quail. Night heron,egrets, owls hawks and many other bird species. As well as frogs coyote raccoon opossum squirrel fox deer. This site is not suitable for such a large housing project. This would significantly impact our environment	Infill			X							X						
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	Excellent location to build more housing and could support some commercial as well.	Countywide																X
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	For those who like the outdoor rural life-- seniors and workforce housing for West Marin Employees to have a place to live that is affordable, this would be very nice.	Countywide																X
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	This is a tiny rural village with very few services available including fire, medical, etc. Development must be kept to a miniumum for safety concerns.	Countywide			X							X		X				
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	Should occur on north/west side of Rt. 1 / SFD Blvd. to avoid sea level rise zones.	Enviro Hazard									X							X
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	This area is already developed. Drinking water concerns, septic concerns, fire safety and evacuation concerns. Sea level rise and climate change will exacerbate these issues at this site.	Infill								X	X			X	X			
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	Housing should only be added in the valley and low hillsides. Mid to upper hillsides and ridgelines should be open space. If the housing can be kept in the valley, it would be reasonable to increase to 36 total houses. Another consideration is that traffic on Butterfield is congested. If more housing is added, then traffic lights and pedestrian crossings with warning lights should be added.	Countywide				X						X						X
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	I would like to see MORE housing units here. This is the end of the line, at the end of Butterfield Road out in the country and it would be good or workforce housing and seniors as long as there was a bus line that went that far to take them to doctor appointments and shopping. It would be fine for schools--families also.	Countywide																X
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	Near open space. High fire risk. Lack of water for additional residents. Traffic already terrible in and out of this area.	Countywide				X						X		X	X			
L - 26500 Main Street (Tomales)	Senior housing would do well here for those who want country rural living with access to transportation for getting food , to the bank, to the doctor-- maybe a medical clinic bus could make the rounds to these rural areas where seniors would be residing so they could get checked out and get prescriptions, check ups, shots, blood draw, etc.	Countywide																X

L - 26500 Main Street (Tomales)	Tomales does not have enough water or jobs to add this many units.	Countywide			X										X			
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Along the 101 corridor; room for more than this number; included in Marin Housing Pan.	Countywide																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I would love to see this developed for families, seniors, workforce housing-- all kinds of housing built on this site as it is perfect and beautiful and much preferable to living further out Lucas Valley road.	Countywide															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	St. Vincents consists of nearly 800 acres of land situated in the US 101 corridor. Its proximity to transportation and services makes it ideal for development of housing of all types and at all levels of affordability. The most developable portion of the St. Vincents property is that land located west of Holy Rosary Chapel--between US 101 and the Chapel. This land is on higher ground and not subject to sea level rise. Further, existing terrain provides a natural buffer such that housing can be located on the site without affecting the visual corridor; development would not be visible from US 101. This property should be further studied to determine just how many units can be accommodated here. It is the ideal site.	Countywide															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	This seems like a more economically realistic area, good access to 101 and infrastructure	Countywide																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	this website is not a reliable way to seek community feedback. It assumes that each participant is familiar with all the sites in Marin County in order to move the housing around. Some confusion at this site about 1800 vs 221 units- big difference. My opinion is that some development could happen at this site, but 1800 would be a huge burden to the traffic on the 101 in this area and could not be supported by the existing marinwood infrastucture	Countywide								X								X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Traffic is going to be a problem. Lack of water.	Countywide				X									X			
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	403 units is much less than the capacity at St Vincent's. This is an area that could absorb a mix of housing types, and is close to highway 101.	Enviro Hazard															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Should be placed on this parcel but above 5 ft rise zone.	Enviro Hazard									X							X
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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Marin Housing plan provides for this scale of development at St Vincent.	Equity																X
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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	The St. Vincent's property is nearly 800 acres within the US 101 corridor--close to transportation and services, a prime location for housing. Much of the property is located at higher elevations, so not subject to sea level rise. The area with greatest potential for housing development is located west of Holy Rosary Chapel (between the Chapel and US 101), where existing terrain would shield it from view from US 101, thereby maintaining the visual corridor. This area could accommodate all levels and densities of housing as a planned development.	Equity															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Why so many here?	Equity								X								
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	St Vincent and Siviera Ranch can accommodate this development according to Marin Housing Plan and latest final EIA (~2007?).	Infill																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	St. Vincents consists of nearly 800 acres of land situated in the US 101 corridor. Its proximity to transportation and services makes it ideal for development of housing of all types and at all levels of affordability. The most developable portion of the St. Vincents property is that land located west of Holy Rosary Chapel--between US 101 and the Chapel. This land is on higher ground and not subject to sea level rise. Further, existing terrain provides a natural buffer such that housing can be located on the site without affecting the visual corridor; development would not be visible from US 101. This property should be further studied to determine just how many units can be accommodated here. It is the ideal site.	Infill															X	X
N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	Strongly prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. This site is also close to the highway/commuting corridor which is a plus. Density closer to the city is preferred.	Countywide																X

N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	The area marked on the frontage road is extremely narrow for any type of building. It would severely impact the stability of the established housing on the hillside above. In addition, you would have housing on a narrow strip where there isn't even room for a sidewalk. There is no ability to expand the frontage road where traffic and intersections already receive a failing grade. Looking at the geography, you are basically trying to cram housing into the already crowded bottom of the funnel. It makes no sense. There is no room for parking - and please do not feed us a line that people who live here will use public transportation and not own cars as that is never the case.	Countywide				X	X			X								
N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	The property would be fine for housing, but the increased traffic to the nearby intersections would be untenable. Specifically, the intersections of Redwood Highway Frontage Road with Seminary Drive (at the 7-Eleven) and Tiburon Blvd to the north are both overloaded, and will be several fold worse already with the planned Seminary development within Strawberry. Adding additional housing here would further overload these intersections which have no alternative routes for traffic coming to/from the area.	Countywide				X												
N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	This would be great for seniors as it is nearby public transportation and shopping. It would be good wo	Countywide																X
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Senior housing as long as it is raised up high enough not to be in a flood zone and ruin their cars-- The area is congested so they couldn't build much more due to the traffic congestion.	Countywide																X
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Traffic is a problem.	Countywide				X												
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	4900 SFD Blvd. is an inappropriate site for housing or any kind for several reasons: It is cross crossed by streams, it is a historically agricultural property with active ag use, and it is a beloved view corridor right at the gateway of the Valley. llThis proposal would be extremely controversial. Please consider maximizing housing at the current Woodacre fire station. From a housing advocate.	Countywide										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I don't think this will be feasible due to lack of infrastructure and job opportunity	Countywide		X	X													
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	If school property yes on number of units. Limit single family. Cluster housing preferred. Senior and low income.	Countywide																X
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	No development on Sir Francis Drake in West Marin. It's already impossible to evacuate on this road.	Countywide				X								X				
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	No one wants to see the entrance to our Valley sullied by an enclave of homes for people earning over $132,000 a year. This location is not inside any village boundary. And this survey will not let us show zero units at this site. It allows eight units no matter what. This survey is extremely flawed!	Countywide															X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is a terrible place to put a bunch of housing units since there is no buffer between Sir Francis Drake and the homes. Other homes in the area are not directly visible from Sir Frances Drake as these would be and would be an unwelcome eye-sore. Most homes are at least one street off of Sir Francis Drake.	Countywide										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is agricultural land and not suitable for housing. It will destroy the entrance to the Valley. Only put new housing within the village boundaries.	Countywide										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is out in the middle of nowhere and so this would be good for seniors if they have good public transportation to get them to shopping, banks, doctor appointments, entertainment and if there is good internet access for them to be able to stream shows and movies and do email etc. -- Transportation is key to this remote location being a success.	Countywide																X
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This site is completely inappropriate for development in the valley. There should be 0 units in this location, I repeat zero. This site would not be "infill". It would forever mar the open space gateway to one of the most beautiful rural valleys in the world and the Point Reyes National Park. It is not within the village boundaries as required. There would be massive community protest, legal action, and resistence to developing this site.	Countywide								X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Preservation of open space/ag easement here is important to SGV community.	Enviro Hazard										X						
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Encourage more building closer to the city or Richmond Bridge, where most people commute to daily. There aren't the jobs in Novato so this will lead to increased commutes and traffic. Build closer to the city and job centers.	Countywide			X	X												
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Fire danger, sensitive and endangered species in this area. Wildlife corridor.	Countywide										X		X				
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Put them all here.	Countywide																X
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Atherton Avenue is severely affected when Route 37 floods, with several hundred additional cars travelling this route. This is an area where the county has mandated minimum lot sizes and has retained the "rural, agrarian" nature of the area. As a result there are no stop signs or street lights. Developing highly dense housing in the Atherton corridor is risky until the Hwy 37 flooding problems are fixed, and once they are the housing that is built should not be at a density above 10 units per acre given the lack of infrastructure.	Enviro Hazard		X		X					X	X						
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Don't even think about it.	Countywide								X								

R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	No public transit and fire risk.	Countywide						X						X				
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Point Reyes is a great place to build more housing. Lovely community, local businesses would greatly benefit from more weekday patrons.	Countywide																X
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This site should only be used for the fire dept. or for other public community services with the currently existing building. It's part of a large open space property that needs to continue to be preserved as open space in perpetuity.	Countywide										X						
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Traffic already terrible here.	Countywide				X												
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	Family Housing and workforce housing would be nice here--as long as there is plenty of parking for the new residents as parking is key --	Countywide																X
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	Strawberry Drive is already impacted with very little ingress or egress. 28 is FAR TOO MUCH. All intersections here have a failing grade and there is no room to expand. Do not feed us a line that people living in these units will use public transportation as it has been proven time and time again that is not the case.	Countywide				X				X								
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	Strongly prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. Also like that this site is also close to the highway/commuter corridor. Density closer to the city like this location is preferred.	Countywide																X
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	The property would be fine for housing, but the increased traffic to the nearby intersections would be untenable. Specifically, the intersections of Redwood Highway Frontage Road with Seminary Drive (at the 7-Eleven) and Tiburon Blvd to the north are both overloaded, and will be several fold worse already with the planned Seminary development within Strawberry. Adding additional housing here would further overload these intersections which have no alternative routes for traffic coming to/from the area.	Countywide				X												
R12 - Mesa Road (Bolinas)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R13 - 26600 State Route 1 (Tomales)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R14 - 13270 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	sites on Tomales Bay are not suitable due to sea level rise	Enviro Hazard									X							
R14 - 13270 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	This is downtown Inverness. Sea level rise, water rationing, septic concerns all point to this as a bad choice.	Infill								X	X			X	X			
R15 -12785 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	Rural area with serious water availability and fire safety issues. Transportation is non-existent. Use sub/urban sites where infrastructure and infilling can be maximized.	Infill						X				X		X	X			
R16 - 60 Fifth Street (Pt. Reyes Station)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R16 - 60 Fifth Street (Pt. Reyes Station)	This is half of the developed commercial area in a small town, already overtaxed by tourism. Water availability is a serious question for the residents now. Septic issues exist due to a high water table. Sea level rise will impact this area. Traffic and parking problems exist today.	Infill				X	X				X				X			
R17 - 11598 State Route 1 (Pt. Reyes Station)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R17 - 11598 State Route 1 (Pt. Reyes Station)	no septic. no safe egress/ingress for 60 units (#100+/- cars 2 x daily). hilly topography. on watershed	Enviro Hazard				X						X		X	X			
R17 - 11598 State Route 1 (Pt. Reyes Station)	This is a rural area with serious infrastructure considerations and restrictions. Water availability is questionable, waste water concerns above a fragile creek side ecosystem. Fire danger exists. Climate change will only exacerbate these issues. Infilling urban/suburban areas is preferable.	Infill							X		X	X			X			
R18 - 375 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	There is way too much traffic in Tam Junction. It is the worst place imaginable to add more housing. Everyone forgets about all the tourist traffic that has to go through Tam Junction. Muir Woods get's a million visitors a year, Muir Beach, Stinson, and Mt. Tam and MMWD all get millions of visitors and probably all of that traffic goes through Tam Junction	Countywide				X												
R18 - 375 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Traffic and fire risk are a problem.	Countywide				X								X				
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Same thing, Tam junction is already slammed with traffic.	Countywide				X												
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Traffic is a problem.	Countywide				X												
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	"The access to the Eagle Rock Road area is already very difficult. The narrow street, especially on the lower exit side, is concerning should there be more development in the area. All it takes is one truck to completely block the exit path from this area. I am already concerned about getting out safely should a fire happen in this area which has high fire potential. With the steep hill median strip (that is constantly slipping in rain storms) there is nowhere to widen the road. These steep hillsides are not a good location for additional housing, especially multi-tenant housing. The current traffic backing up at the Tiburon Blvd/Blithedale exit is already a problem. Additional traffic at this location is not a good idea. Please remove sites R2 and R7."	Countywide				X				X				X				
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	Access to this location is horrible. There are NO sidewalks already to and from the location. People are almost hit daily walking on North Knoll Road. There is NO ability to add sidewalks due to the topography. The streets here are narrow and you are simply adding 50+ new cars (please do not try and say this is transportation friendly and that people here won't own cars).	Countywide				X	X		X					X				

R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	No infrastructure including water hook-up, endangered plant species and wildlife habitats threatened. No easy traffic access including for fire evacuation. That hillside just caught fire in 2021; noisy right next to freeway at hill due to cars and trucks revving engines to get over hill	Countywide		X		X						X		X	X			
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	Strongly prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. This site is also right along the highway/commuting corridor which is a plus. Density closer to the city like this location is preferred.	Countywide																X
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	There is already multi unit housing in the area. Traffic is a problem.	Countywide				X				X								
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	This is around the corner from where I live in Kruger Pines Retirement Home at 47 N Knoll Road and this would be a fine location for more Senior housing which is much needed for boomers born 1946-1964 who are falling into homelessness with more and more frequency. Marin Food Bank could deliver food and Extra Food too since they already come here. This would be a welcome, much needed addition to the neighborhood.	Countywide															X	X
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	This is pristine natural land with an abundance of local species of wildlife.	Countywide										X						
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	This site is not appropriate for high density housing. The Eagle Rock neighborhood already has traffic problems, and adding units will exacerbate those issues. This particular site is in an inaccessible extreme slope. Adding high density housing to this site will also destroy the family neighborhood surrounded by open space. Please consider repurposing more urban locations.	Countywide				X				X		X						
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	prone to flooding, seal level rise and traffic on 101 horrible and traffic through Tam junction horrible. Wrong place to add more housing	Countywide				X					X							
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	This Infill site that was in a Redevelopment area decades ago, is presently zoned for a Hotel, with a garage built under the building, adjacent to Richardson Bay, a 100,000 S.F. Office building on the North and a houseboat community with an Office building on the South side. A distinctively designed building with state-of-the-art innovative elements addressing Climate change, Sea level rise and other changing environmental conditions in crisis mode, such as flooding, fire, power outages, etc. could provide very convenient work force, senior and affordable Housing, together with a Hotel, consisting of several stories of coexisting living- featuring materials and components that would demonstrate how imaginative and solution oriented goals can be attained , while getting cars off the road and facilitating the use of bicycles, buses, walking and jogging to nearby destinations - while also providing jobs and educating prospective workers in the construction, maintenance and service in the hospitality Industry. The substantial fees received by the county of Marin and monies spent with the nearby merchants and businesses would be of great value to the countywide community!	Infill																X
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	Again, Tam junction - already beyond carrying capacity. Why doesn't anyone do a traffic study? We're getting all of West Marin's traffic and MV's traffic. The entire Tam junction needs total rebuild and redesign before any additional housing is put there. This should be obvious.	Countywide				X												
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	This looks like a good site to put 21 housing units in for seniors-- we need more senior housing and they do not go far very often and so this would not add to much traffic congestion if they were given senior housing there.	Countywide																X
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
R22 - 2400 Sir Francis Drake Drive (Unincorporated Fairfax)	Fairfax is a terrible place to do massive development. SFD blvd is slammed with all kinds of traffic. Local and tourist traffic. Pt. Reyes, Olema, Stinson, MMWD all get millions of visitors a year- all of which travel on SFD.	Countywide				X												
R22 - 2400 Sir Francis Drake Drive (Unincorporated Fairfax)	More senior housing is needed and they would not add to the traffic congestion on Sir Francis Drake in the AM & PM peak traffic times.	Countywide																X
R22 - 2400 Sir Francis Drake Drive (Unincorporated Fairfax)	Prefer other housing closer to the highway/commuting corridor and closer to the city for shorter commute to jobs.	Countywide			X													
R3 - 275 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	This location is not within walking distance or near any public transit including bus stops, grocery store, gas station, or any amenities. Recommend to instead build more housing near those amenities and public transit. It is also farthest away from most of the jobs people commute to in the city or East Bay, so will increase commute times and congestion due to lack of being near any public transit. Prefer more density in other locations that are closer to the city.	Countywide			X	X		X										
R4 - 5600 Nicasio Valley Road (Nicasio)	There are lots of agricultural workers in West Marin who would benefit from affordable housing in Nicasio.	Countywide																X
R5 - 299 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	This location is not within walking distance or near any public transit including bus stops, grocery store, gas station, or any amenities. Recommend to instead build more housing near those amenities and public transit. It is also farthest away from most of the jobs people commute to in the city or East Bay, so will increase commute times and congestion due to lack of being near any public transit. Density in other locations closer to the city is preferred.	Countywide			X	X		X										
R6 - Donahue Street (Marin City)	Density closer to the city as in this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
R6 - Donahue Street (Marin City)	Placing additional units here wouldn't be in line with the "Address Racial Equity and Historic Patterns of Segregation" Scenario because there is already a majority of publis housing and low income units in Marin City	Equity															X	

R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	"The access to the Eagle Rock Road area is already very difficult. The narrow street, especially on the lower exit side, is concerning should there be more development in the area. All it takes is one truck to completely block the exit path from this area. I am already concerned about getting out safely should a fire happen in this area which has high fire potential. With the steep hill median strip (that is constantly slipping in rain storms) there is nowhere to widen the road. These steep hillsides are not a good location for additional housing, especially multi-tenant housing. The current traffic backing up at the Tiburon Blvd/Blithedale exit is already a problem. Additional traffic at this location is not a good idea. Please remove sites R2 and R7."	Countywide				X				X				X				
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	Eagle Rock is already pretty well built-out. The ability to turn off of the main intersection here is already hotly contested. This would be more cars with the inability to turn to go home. Do not feed us all the line that people who live here will not have cars and will only use public transportation. That never turns out to be the case.	Countywide				X	X											
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	Incredibly steep terrain; no room for 32 units; no water hook-up, access or other infrastructure, which could lead to neighborhood evacuation problems in a fire-prone area; already bad traffic on tiburon boulevard; abundant wildlife with nowhere to go if you destroy their habitat	Countywide		X		X				X		X		X	X			
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	Prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. Also like that this site is closer to the highway/commuting corridor.	Countywide																X
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	This is pristine natural land with an abundance of local species of wildlife.	Countywide										X						
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	This is the next street over from me as I live in Kruger Pines 47 N Knoll Road- we would need a traffic light put at N Knoll Rd & Tiburon Blvd-- redo that intersection and make N Knoll Road a county maintained road too as it is just pot holes now and getting worse. The traffic has to be very aggressive leaving the neighborhood to make a right turn to get on the 101. There is no way to make left turns at all onto Tiburon Blvd. so that whole intersection needs to be redone. It could be family and workforce up on Eagle Rock and put the seniors on N. Knoll Road.	Countywide				X											X	X
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	This site is not appropriate for high density housing. The Eagle Rock neighborhood already has traffic problems, and adding units will exacerbate those issues. This particular site is on extreme slope - likely a 30% grade. Adding high density housing to this site will also destroy the family neighborhood surrounded by open space. Please consider repurposing more urban locations.	Countywide				X				X		X						
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	Traffic is horrible in this area. Also there is a lot of street parking on Eagle Rock. Adding additional housing will only cause worse conditions. The open space on ring mountain is home to many wildlife (owls, coyotes, turkey, deer and bobcats not to mention smaller animals as well.)	Countywide				X	X			X		X						
R8 - 8901 Redwood Boulevard (North Novato)	Fire risk and lack of water for more residents. This appears to be over a state park. No development on a state park.	Countywide										X		X	X			
R8 - 8901 Redwood Boulevard (North Novato)	Prefer more building down south near the city/jobs, for shorter commutes, less traffic, and less sprawl.	Countywide				X						X						
R8 - 8901 Redwood Boulevard (North Novato)	Too close to important Miwok site.	Enviro Hazard				X							X					
R9 - Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Quentin)	Traffic to get to the bridge is already terrible. Reroute the road going to the bridge and this would be a good location.	Countywide				X												
Total RHNA Allocation	This is far too much that is being shoved down into the funnel where there is little land available (Strawberry, Marin City). The County needs to be aggressive and pushing back on ABAG and the state. San Francisco has over 40,000 vacant properties so let Weiner deal with getting San Francisco vacancies down and stop shoving the issue onto Marin.	Countywide																

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Location	Comment	Scenario	PCL	INF	SER	TRF	PRK	PTR	ACT	NMR	SEA	NAT	CUL	FIR	WAT	HLT	EQT	GDL
A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	Fire risk and lack of water.	Countywide												X	X			
A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	The traffic on the streets between this parcel and the freeway are a congested mess already. Building in this fire zone will make inflow and outflow as well as access to emergency services so highly compacted that it will result in tragedy.	Countywide				X								X				
A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	This allows people to stay in Marin County whereas they are moving into Sonoma County now so I prefer this site to keep families living in Marin -- but the road needs to be widened to absorb the extra traffic and people pulling out to make left and right turns, etc. This needs nice frontage roads too for slower traffic to be able to get out onto the 101 and off safely.	Countywide																X
A - 2754 Novato Boulevard (North Novato)	Near Novato schools and infrastructure. Near freeway.	Infill																X
B - 160 Shoreline Highway (Almonte)	Another horrendous place for such a massive building. Seal level rise, Manzanita already floods almost monthly - way too much traffic on hwy 1. Stinson, muir woods, Mt. Tam and muir beach get millions of visitors. Need to build a highway to serve all that traffic, completely redesing Tam junction. And many of MV residents go through the area. Bad, bad, bad place to ram housing in.	Countywide				X					X							
B - 160 Shoreline Highway (Almonte)	As long as this area is raised so that the units are not subject to flooding and same with their cars-- parking and housing need to be built above king tides and flood levels and then that would be fine.	Countywide									X							X
B - 160 Shoreline Highway	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
B - 160 Shoreline Highway	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
C - 935 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Kentfield)	workforce housing, college student housing, family housing as long as there is parking for all their cars. Parking is key to the success of this as they need their cars to get to work and take younger kids to their schools too.	Countywide															X	X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Closer to the city (than Novato) so a little less commute time. Close to bus lines. Wish it was closer to more amenities though there are a few grocery stores/markets nearby.	Countywide			X													X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Higher density as close to Hwy 101 makes the most sense.	Countywide																X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Is any thought given to the planning for family needs,heritage trees, drainage and creeks, earthquake and slides.? What about quality of life?Reduce the numbers and come up with healthful considerations	Countywide		X	X					X		X						
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	There is no spare land in this neighborhood. All parcels are occupied. Streets don't have sidewalks and are narrow. Already hard to get out if there was a fire. And it is on open space. We don't have enough water for more residents at these sites. Not a good candidate for this plan.	Countywide							X	X		X		X	X			
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	This area could handle 4 plex apartment units and this would be good for families, workforce, seniors too.	Countywide																X
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	Why can't I adjust the number of units at this site?	Countywide																
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	Building in the southeast section of this parcel on the open fields would likely upset a lot of people in the neighborhood. The area is essentially a public park and the paths around the fields are are heavily trafficked by walkers and families. I think people would be more supportive of filling in areas in the southwest and north of the property, or replacing existing buildings/facilities with housing.	Countywide								X		X						X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	No public transit (one road in and out) and fire risk.	Countywide						X						X				
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This area is now Lucas Valley Park and has been since the late 1990s. Inappropriate.	Countywide										X						
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This is already pretty far out and it would be fine for both workforce and senior housing and the seniors need to have access to good public transportation options so they can get food, to the bank, to the doctor, etc.	Countywide																X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	this website is not a reliable way to seek community feedback. It assumes that each participant is familiar with all the sites in Marin County in order to move the housing around. Specifically on Jeannette Prandi housing, my opinion would be to expand on the low income senior housing that is already there- 50 units would likely double the existing senior housing and be plenty for the heavily trafficked LUCAS VALLEY Road and surrounding community.	Countywide															X	X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	Unlike 55 Marinwood Avenue, the areas further West within this section of Lucas Valley would be a dangerous area for new housing. The narrow valley with strong Western Wind shares similarities with the town of Paradise and its fatal experience with Fire. The green space at Jeannette Prandi Way is the only fire break within a dense construction of highly inflammable houses (resembling the Boulder, CO, neighborhood that burned this winder). For this valley to takes its fair share of county-wide new housing, the most intelligent solution would be to redevelop 55 Marinwood.	Countywide												X				
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	the road and size of land is really good for dense suburban homes	Enviro Hazard																X
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This area is already developed:Lucas ValleyPark. See Marin County Parks.	Enviro Hazard										X						
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	This area is now Lucas Valley Park.	Equity										X						
E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	There should be. no development at this site. It's now a park--Lucas Valley Park and has been since the late 1990s. It was developed such as part of the development of the 80-unit Rotary Valley Vilage development.	Infill										X						
F - 190 A Donahue Street (Marin City)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
F - 190 A Donahue Street (Marin City)	Ideal location close to shopping and jobs.	Countywide																X
F - 190 A Donahue Street (Marin City)	Placing additional units here wouldn't be in line with the "Address Racial Equity and Historic Patterns of Segregation" Scenario because there is already a majority of publis housing and low income units in Marin City	Equity															X	

G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I would like to see the housing that should have been built by Bridge Housing years ago for seniors and families finally get built-- it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and is very much needed.	Countywide																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	The redevelopment is a good idea. The blighted area will benefit from redevelopment, and I hear from neighbors that they are welcoming this idea. In the case of a fire there is a close exit to Hwy 101. I reduced the number of houses, because even with 110 units this small community is already taking a large share of the country-wide burden for new housing, and other intelligent options are available.	Countywide																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	this website is not a reliable way to seek community feedback. It assumes that each participant is familiar with all the sites in Marin County in order to move the housing around. Specifically on Marinwood Market housing, my opinion would be to develop this property as previously discussed many time before. I'm not sure on the details of how much housing this site can hold, but it has close freeway access and a market nearby and would be a good site for housing.	Countywide																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	Housing that matches the homes in the neighborhood. The market must stay	Enviro Hazard																X
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Senior Housing would have the least amount of impact on the traffic so this would be a nice size senior community and go along with Venetia Oaks which is there already. Food bank and Extra Food and Meals on Wheels already goes to Venetia Oaks and this is a nice area for Seniors to reside in.	Countywide																X
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Traffic already terrible. Close to open space. Hard to get out if there was a fire as only one road in and out. No water for more residents. Not a good candidate for this plan.	Countywide				X						X		X	X			
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	I live in Santa Venetia and this is too many housing units for this area (North San Pedro and Vendola drive). There is already a parking problem and it is sometimes difficult to find parking in front of your own home. Also, there is traffic congestion in front of the school in the morning and afternoon . You also have to take into account that Terra Linda Northgate wants to build over 1000 units in a small area. I realize they are not part of unincorporated Marin but the quality of life will definitely decline in Santa Venetia and surrounding areas with all these additional units when you take into account the traffic and increase in population. Per the housing meeting last week it stated that Santa Venetia along with Marin City already have a high number of low income residents. Is the additional housing going to be above market housing or are you just going to continue to place all low income residents in Santa Venetia?	Enviro Hazard				X	X			X							X	
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Should be avoided - is within 5 ft. sea level rise projection zone by 2100	Enviro Hazard									X							
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I object to 251 N. San Pedro as a building site for housing. There is a school and ball field. The children and their families need the child center. The ball field is used by little league and other children playing. The neighborhood can't absorb more cars parking in it. We don't have enough parking for the people who live here or there guests. If housing need to be build in Santa Venetia why not 1565 Vendola? The old school has been vacant for years. The property is not being used at all.	Countywide			X		X											
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Senior housing would be the least amount of traffic congestion impact and they could take public transit to get to where they needed to go for bank, grocery, doctor, etc.	Countywide																X
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Traffic is already terrible in this neighborhood. Bordered by open space. Fire risk is high and it's already hard to get out with only one road in. There is not enough water for more residents. Not a good candidate for this plan.	Countywide				X						X		X	X			
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	This site does not fit this criteria. Public transportation is limited. These units will bring 2-4 cars per unit with no ample parking which would impact NSP road and nearby neighborhoods. NSP road is only 2 lanes with many schools along the way. Adding more cars would not only add to an already congested road it would be dangerous for those walking and riding bikes	Equity				X	X	X	X									
I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	This proposed site is on a baseball field that is used by many for recreational purposes. This is a much needed baseball field. Field use is hard to come by. This field is also home to a variety of wildlife. Generations of quail. Night heron,egrets, owls hawks and many other bird species. As well as frogs coyote raccoon opossum squirrel fox deer. This site is not suitable for such a large housing project. This would significantly impact our environment	Infill			X							X						
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	Excellent location to build more housing and could support some commercial as well.	Countywide																X
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	For those who like the outdoor rural life-- seniors and workforce housing for West Marin Employees to have a place to live that is affordable, this would be very nice.	Countywide																X
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	This is a tiny rural village with very few services available including fire, medical, etc. Development must be kept to a miniumum for safety concerns.	Countywide			X							X		X				
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	Should occur on north/west side of Rt. 1 / SFD Blvd. to avoid sea level rise zones.	Enviro Hazard									X							X
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	This area is already developed. Drinking water concerns, septic concerns, fire safety and evacuation concerns. Sea level rise and climate change will exacerbate these issues at this site.	Infill								X	X			X	X			
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	Housing should only be added in the valley and low hillsides. Mid to upper hillsides and ridgelines should be open space. If the housing can be kept in the valley, it would be reasonable to increase to 36 total houses. Another consideration is that traffic on Butterfield is congested. If more housing is added, then traffic lights and pedestrian crossings with warning lights should be added.	Countywide				X						X						X
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	I would like to see MORE housing units here. This is the end of the line, at the end of Butterfield Road out in the country and it would be good or workforce housing and seniors as long as there was a bus line that went that far to take them to doctor appointments and shopping. It would be fine for schools--families also.	Countywide																X
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	Near open space. High fire risk. Lack of water for additional residents. Traffic already terrible in and out of this area.	Countywide				X						X		X	X			
L - 26500 Main Street (Tomales)	Senior housing would do well here for those who want country rural living with access to transportation for getting food , to the bank, to the doctor-- maybe a medical clinic bus could make the rounds to these rural areas where seniors would be residing so they could get checked out and get prescriptions, check ups, shots, blood draw, etc.	Countywide																X

L - 26500 Main Street (Tomales)	Tomales does not have enough water or jobs to add this many units.	Countywide			X										X			
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Along the 101 corridor; room for more than this number; included in Marin Housing Pan.	Countywide																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I would love to see this developed for families, seniors, workforce housing-- all kinds of housing built on this site as it is perfect and beautiful and much preferable to living further out Lucas Valley road.	Countywide															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	St. Vincents consists of nearly 800 acres of land situated in the US 101 corridor. Its proximity to transportation and services makes it ideal for development of housing of all types and at all levels of affordability. The most developable portion of the St. Vincents property is that land located west of Holy Rosary Chapel--between US 101 and the Chapel. This land is on higher ground and not subject to sea level rise. Further, existing terrain provides a natural buffer such that housing can be located on the site without affecting the visual corridor; development would not be visible from US 101. This property should be further studied to determine just how many units can be accommodated here. It is the ideal site.	Countywide															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	This seems like a more economically realistic area, good access to 101 and infrastructure	Countywide																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	this website is not a reliable way to seek community feedback. It assumes that each participant is familiar with all the sites in Marin County in order to move the housing around. Some confusion at this site about 1800 vs 221 units- big difference. My opinion is that some development could happen at this site, but 1800 would be a huge burden to the traffic on the 101 in this area and could not be supported by the existing marinwood infrastucture	Countywide								X								X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Traffic is going to be a problem. Lack of water.	Countywide				X									X			
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	403 units is much less than the capacity at St Vincent's. This is an area that could absorb a mix of housing types, and is close to highway 101.	Enviro Hazard															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Should be placed on this parcel but above 5 ft rise zone.	Enviro Hazard									X							X
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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Marin Housing plan provides for this scale of development at St Vincent.	Equity																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	St. Vincents consists of nearly 800 acres of land situated in the US 101 corridor. Its proximity to transportation and services makes it ideal for development of housing of all types and at all levels of affordability. The most developable portion of the St. Vincents property is that land located west of Holy Rosary Chapel--between US 101 and the Chapel. This land is on higher ground and not subject to sea level rise. Further, existing terrain provides a natural buffer such that housing can be located on the site without affecting the visual corridor; development would not be visible from US 101. This property should be further studied to determine just how many units can be accommodated here. It is the ideal site.	Equity															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	The St. Vincent's property is nearly 800 acres within the US 101 corridor--close to transportation and services, a prime location for housing. Much of the property is located at higher elevations, so not subject to sea level rise. The area with greatest potential for housing development is located west of Holy Rosary Chapel (between the Chapel and US 101), where existing terrain would shield it from view from US 101, thereby maintaining the visual corridor. This area could accommodate all levels and densities of housing as a planned development.	Equity															X	X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Why so many here?	Equity								X								
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	St Vincent and Siviera Ranch can accommodate this development according to Marin Housing Plan and latest final EIA (~2007?).	Infill																X
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N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	Strongly prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. This site is also close to the highway/commuting corridor which is a plus. Density closer to the city is preferred.	Countywide																X

N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	The area marked on the frontage road is extremely narrow for any type of building. It would severely impact the stability of the established housing on the hillside above. In addition, you would have housing on a narrow strip where there isn't even room for a sidewalk. There is no ability to expand the frontage road where traffic and intersections already receive a failing grade. Looking at the geography, you are basically trying to cram housing into the already crowded bottom of the funnel. It makes no sense. There is no room for parking - and please do not feed us a line that people who live here will use public transportation and not own cars as that is never the case.	Countywide				X	X			X								
N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	The property would be fine for housing, but the increased traffic to the nearby intersections would be untenable. Specifically, the intersections of Redwood Highway Frontage Road with Seminary Drive (at the 7-Eleven) and Tiburon Blvd to the north are both overloaded, and will be several fold worse already with the planned Seminary development within Strawberry. Adding additional housing here would further overload these intersections which have no alternative routes for traffic coming to/from the area.	Countywide				X												
N - 690 Redwood Hwy Frontage Road (Strawberry)	This would be great for seniors as it is nearby public transportation and shopping. It would be good wo	Countywide																X
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Senior housing as long as it is raised up high enough not to be in a flood zone and ruin their cars-- The area is congested so they couldn't build much more due to the traffic congestion.	Countywide																X
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Traffic is a problem.	Countywide				X												
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	4900 SFD Blvd. is an inappropriate site for housing or any kind for several reasons: It is cross crossed by streams, it is a historically agricultural property with active ag use, and it is a beloved view corridor right at the gateway of the Valley. llThis proposal would be extremely controversial. Please consider maximizing housing at the current Woodacre fire station. From a housing advocate.	Countywide										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I don't think this will be feasible due to lack of infrastructure and job opportunity	Countywide		X	X													
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	If school property yes on number of units. Limit single family. Cluster housing preferred. Senior and low income.	Countywide																X
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	No development on Sir Francis Drake in West Marin. It's already impossible to evacuate on this road.	Countywide				X								X				
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	No one wants to see the entrance to our Valley sullied by an enclave of homes for people earning over $132,000 a year. This location is not inside any village boundary. And this survey will not let us show zero units at this site. It allows eight units no matter what. This survey is extremely flawed!	Countywide															X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is a terrible place to put a bunch of housing units since there is no buffer between Sir Francis Drake and the homes. Other homes in the area are not directly visible from Sir Frances Drake as these would be and would be an unwelcome eye-sore. Most homes are at least one street off of Sir Francis Drake.	Countywide										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is agricultural land and not suitable for housing. It will destroy the entrance to the Valley. Only put new housing within the village boundaries.	Countywide										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is out in the middle of nowhere and so this would be good for seniors if they have good public transportation to get them to shopping, banks, doctor appointments, entertainment and if there is good internet access for them to be able to stream shows and movies and do email etc. -- Transportation is key to this remote location being a success.	Countywide																X
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This site is completely inappropriate for development in the valley. There should be 0 units in this location, I repeat zero. This site would not be "infill". It would forever mar the open space gateway to one of the most beautiful rural valleys in the world and the Point Reyes National Park. It is not within the village boundaries as required. There would be massive community protest, legal action, and resistence to developing this site.	Countywide								X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Preservation of open space/ag easement here is important to SGV community.	Enviro Hazard										X						
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Encourage more building closer to the city or Richmond Bridge, where most people commute to daily. There aren't the jobs in Novato so this will lead to increased commutes and traffic. Build closer to the city and job centers.	Countywide			X	X												
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Fire danger, sensitive and endangered species in this area. Wildlife corridor.	Countywide										X		X				
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Put them all here.	Countywide																X
Q - 800 Atherton Avenue (North Novato)	Atherton Avenue is severely affected when Route 37 floods, with several hundred additional cars travelling this route. This is an area where the county has mandated minimum lot sizes and has retained the "rural, agrarian" nature of the area. As a result there are no stop signs or street lights. Developing highly dense housing in the Atherton corridor is risky until the Hwy 37 flooding problems are fixed, and once they are the housing that is built should not be at a density above 10 units per acre given the lack of infrastructure.	Enviro Hazard		X		X					X	X						
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Don't even think about it.	Countywide								X								

R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	No public transit and fire risk.	Countywide						X						X				
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Point Reyes is a great place to build more housing. Lovely community, local businesses would greatly benefit from more weekday patrons.	Countywide																X
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This site should only be used for the fire dept. or for other public community services with the currently existing building. It's part of a large open space property that needs to continue to be preserved as open space in perpetuity.	Countywide										X						
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Traffic already terrible here.	Countywide				X												
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	Family Housing and workforce housing would be nice here--as long as there is plenty of parking for the new residents as parking is key --	Countywide																X
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	Strawberry Drive is already impacted with very little ingress or egress. 28 is FAR TOO MUCH. All intersections here have a failing grade and there is no room to expand. Do not feed us a line that people living in these units will use public transportation as it has been proven time and time again that is not the case.	Countywide				X				X								
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	Strongly prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. Also like that this site is also close to the highway/commuter corridor. Density closer to the city like this location is preferred.	Countywide																X
R11 - 110 Strawberry Drive (Strawberry)	The property would be fine for housing, but the increased traffic to the nearby intersections would be untenable. Specifically, the intersections of Redwood Highway Frontage Road with Seminary Drive (at the 7-Eleven) and Tiburon Blvd to the north are both overloaded, and will be several fold worse already with the planned Seminary development within Strawberry. Adding additional housing here would further overload these intersections which have no alternative routes for traffic coming to/from the area.	Countywide				X												
R12 - Mesa Road (Bolinas)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R13 - 26600 State Route 1 (Tomales)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R14 - 13270 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	sites on Tomales Bay are not suitable due to sea level rise	Enviro Hazard									X							
R14 - 13270 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	This is downtown Inverness. Sea level rise, water rationing, septic concerns all point to this as a bad choice.	Infill								X	X			X	X			
R15 -12785 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	Rural area with serious water availability and fire safety issues. Transportation is non-existent. Use sub/urban sites where infrastructure and infilling can be maximized.	Infill						X				X		X	X			
R16 - 60 Fifth Street (Pt. Reyes Station)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R16 - 60 Fifth Street (Pt. Reyes Station)	This is half of the developed commercial area in a small town, already overtaxed by tourism. Water availability is a serious question for the residents now. Septic issues exist due to a high water table. Sea level rise will impact this area. Traffic and parking problems exist today.	Infill				X	X				X				X			
R17 - 11598 State Route 1 (Pt. Reyes Station)	Lack of public transportation.	Countywide						X										
R17 - 11598 State Route 1 (Pt. Reyes Station)	no septic. no safe egress/ingress for 60 units (#100+/- cars 2 x daily). hilly topography. on watershed	Enviro Hazard				X						X		X	X			
R17 - 11598 State Route 1 (Pt. Reyes Station)	This is a rural area with serious infrastructure considerations and restrictions. Water availability is questionable, waste water concerns above a fragile creek side ecosystem. Fire danger exists. Climate change will only exacerbate these issues. Infilling urban/suburban areas is preferable.	Infill							X		X	X			X			
R18 - 375 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	There is way too much traffic in Tam Junction. It is the worst place imaginable to add more housing. Everyone forgets about all the tourist traffic that has to go through Tam Junction. Muir Woods get's a million visitors a year, Muir Beach, Stinson, and Mt. Tam and MMWD all get millions of visitors and probably all of that traffic goes through Tam Junction	Countywide				X												
R18 - 375 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Traffic and fire risk are a problem.	Countywide				X								X				
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Same thing, Tam junction is already slammed with traffic.	Countywide				X												
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Traffic is a problem.	Countywide				X												
R19 - Tennessee Valley Road (Tamalpais)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	"The access to the Eagle Rock Road area is already very difficult. The narrow street, especially on the lower exit side, is concerning should there be more development in the area. All it takes is one truck to completely block the exit path from this area. I am already concerned about getting out safely should a fire happen in this area which has high fire potential. With the steep hill median strip (that is constantly slipping in rain storms) there is nowhere to widen the road. These steep hillsides are not a good location for additional housing, especially multi-tenant housing. The current traffic backing up at the Tiburon Blvd/Blithedale exit is already a problem. Additional traffic at this location is not a good idea. Please remove sites R2 and R7."	Countywide				X				X				X				
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	Access to this location is horrible. There are NO sidewalks already to and from the location. People are almost hit daily walking on North Knoll Road. There is NO ability to add sidewalks due to the topography. The streets here are narrow and you are simply adding 50+ new cars (please do not try and say this is transportation friendly and that people here won't own cars).	Countywide				X	X		X					X				

R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	No infrastructure including water hook-up, endangered plant species and wildlife habitats threatened. No easy traffic access including for fire evacuation. That hillside just caught fire in 2021; noisy right next to freeway at hill due to cars and trucks revving engines to get over hill	Countywide		X		X						X		X	X			
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	Strongly prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. This site is also right along the highway/commuting corridor which is a plus. Density closer to the city like this location is preferred.	Countywide																X
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	There is already multi unit housing in the area. Traffic is a problem.	Countywide				X				X								
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	This is around the corner from where I live in Kruger Pines Retirement Home at 47 N Knoll Road and this would be a fine location for more Senior housing which is much needed for boomers born 1946-1964 who are falling into homelessness with more and more frequency. Marin Food Bank could deliver food and Extra Food too since they already come here. This would be a welcome, much needed addition to the neighborhood.	Countywide															X	X
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	This is pristine natural land with an abundance of local species of wildlife.	Countywide										X						
R2 - North Knoll Road and St. Thomas Drive (Strawberry)	This site is not appropriate for high density housing. The Eagle Rock neighborhood already has traffic problems, and adding units will exacerbate those issues. This particular site is in an inaccessible extreme slope. Adding high density housing to this site will also destroy the family neighborhood surrounded by open space. Please consider repurposing more urban locations.	Countywide				X				X		X						
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	Density closer to the city like this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	prone to flooding, seal level rise and traffic on 101 horrible and traffic through Tam junction horrible. Wrong place to add more housing	Countywide				X					X							
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
R20 - 260 Redwood Highway Frontage Road (Almonte)	This Infill site that was in a Redevelopment area decades ago, is presently zoned for a Hotel, with a garage built under the building, adjacent to Richardson Bay, a 100,000 S.F. Office building on the North and a houseboat community with an Office building on the South side. A distinctively designed building with state-of-the-art innovative elements addressing Climate change, Sea level rise and other changing environmental conditions in crisis mode, such as flooding, fire, power outages, etc. could provide very convenient work force, senior and affordable Housing, together with a Hotel, consisting of several stories of coexisting living- featuring materials and components that would demonstrate how imaginative and solution oriented goals can be attained , while getting cars off the road and facilitating the use of bicycles, buses, walking and jogging to nearby destinations - while also providing jobs and educating prospective workers in the construction, maintenance and service in the hospitality Industry. The substantial fees received by the county of Marin and monies spent with the nearby merchants and businesses would be of great value to the countywide community!	Infill																X
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	Again, Tam junction - already beyond carrying capacity. Why doesn't anyone do a traffic study? We're getting all of West Marin's traffic and MV's traffic. The entire Tam junction needs total rebuild and redesign before any additional housing is put there. This should be obvious.	Countywide				X												
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	This looks like a good site to put 21 housing units in for seniors-- we need more senior housing and they do not go far very often and so this would not add to much traffic congestion if they were given senior housing there.	Countywide																X
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	Storymaps.arcgis.com Richardson bay resilience SLR projections and interactive map	Enviro Hazard									X							
R22 - 2400 Sir Francis Drake Drive (Unincorporated Fairfax)	Fairfax is a terrible place to do massive development. SFD blvd is slammed with all kinds of traffic. Local and tourist traffic. Pt. Reyes, Olema, Stinson, MMWD all get millions of visitors a year- all of which travel on SFD.	Countywide				X												
R22 - 2400 Sir Francis Drake Drive (Unincorporated Fairfax)	More senior housing is needed and they would not add to the traffic congestion on Sir Francis Drake in the AM & PM peak traffic times.	Countywide																X
R22 - 2400 Sir Francis Drake Drive (Unincorporated Fairfax)	Prefer other housing closer to the highway/commuting corridor and closer to the city for shorter commute to jobs.	Countywide			X													
R3 - 275 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	This location is not within walking distance or near any public transit including bus stops, grocery store, gas station, or any amenities. Recommend to instead build more housing near those amenities and public transit. It is also farthest away from most of the jobs people commute to in the city or East Bay, so will increase commute times and congestion due to lack of being near any public transit. Prefer more density in other locations that are closer to the city.	Countywide			X	X		X										
R4 - 5600 Nicasio Valley Road (Nicasio)	There are lots of agricultural workers in West Marin who would benefit from affordable housing in Nicasio.	Countywide																X
R5 - 299 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	This location is not within walking distance or near any public transit including bus stops, grocery store, gas station, or any amenities. Recommend to instead build more housing near those amenities and public transit. It is also farthest away from most of the jobs people commute to in the city or East Bay, so will increase commute times and congestion due to lack of being near any public transit. Density in other locations closer to the city is preferred.	Countywide			X	X		X										
R6 - Donahue Street (Marin City)	Density closer to the city as in this location is preferred. Along the highway/commuter corridor is a plus as well.	Countywide																X
R6 - Donahue Street (Marin City)	Placing additional units here wouldn't be in line with the "Address Racial Equity and Historic Patterns of Segregation" Scenario because there is already a majority of publis housing and low income units in Marin City	Equity															X	

R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	"The access to the Eagle Rock Road area is already very difficult. The narrow street, especially on the lower exit side, is concerning should there be more development in the area. All it takes is one truck to completely block the exit path from this area. I am already concerned about getting out safely should a fire happen in this area which has high fire potential. With the steep hill median strip (that is constantly slipping in rain storms) there is nowhere to widen the road. These steep hillsides are not a good location for additional housing, especially multi-tenant housing. The current traffic backing up at the Tiburon Blvd/Blithedale exit is already a problem. Additional traffic at this location is not a good idea. Please remove sites R2 and R7."	Countywide				X				X				X				
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	Eagle Rock is already pretty well built-out. The ability to turn off of the main intersection here is already hotly contested. This would be more cars with the inability to turn to go home. Do not feed us all the line that people who live here will not have cars and will only use public transportation. That never turns out to be the case.	Countywide				X	X											
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	Incredibly steep terrain; no room for 32 units; no water hook-up, access or other infrastructure, which could lead to neighborhood evacuation problems in a fire-prone area; already bad traffic on tiburon boulevard; abundant wildlife with nowhere to go if you destroy their habitat	Countywide		X		X				X		X		X	X			
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	Prefer more housing in locations like this closer to the city - where jobs are - to shorten commutes and decrease traffic sprawl. Also like that this site is closer to the highway/commuting corridor.	Countywide																X
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	This is pristine natural land with an abundance of local species of wildlife.	Countywide										X						
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	This is the next street over from me as I live in Kruger Pines 47 N Knoll Road- we would need a traffic light put at N Knoll Rd & Tiburon Blvd-- redo that intersection and make N Knoll Road a county maintained road too as it is just pot holes now and getting worse. The traffic has to be very aggressive leaving the neighborhood to make a right turn to get on the 101. There is no way to make left turns at all onto Tiburon Blvd. so that whole intersection needs to be redone. It could be family and workforce up on Eagle Rock and put the seniors on N. Knoll Road.	Countywide				X											X	X
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	This site is not appropriate for high density housing. The Eagle Rock neighborhood already has traffic problems, and adding units will exacerbate those issues. This particular site is on extreme slope - likely a 30% grade. Adding high density housing to this site will also destroy the family neighborhood surrounded by open space. Please consider repurposing more urban locations.	Countywide				X				X		X						
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R8 - 8901 Redwood Boulevard (North Novato)	Fire risk and lack of water for more residents. This appears to be over a state park. No development on a state park.	Countywide										X		X	X			
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Total RHNA Allocation	This is far too much that is being shoved down into the funnel where there is little land available (Strawberry, Marin City). The County needs to be aggressive and pushing back on ABAG and the state. San Francisco has over 40,000 vacant properties so let Weiner deal with getting San Francisco vacancies down and stop shoving the issue onto Marin.	Countywide																

MARIN COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT: CANDIDATE HOUSING SITES AND SELECTION PROCESS
COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

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254 Lucas Valley Road Near Terra Linda Ridge	I'm taking this opportunity as a resident of Upper Lucas Valley in Marin to voice my views/concerns about the housing sites under consideration in my area: In general: I don't know what constitutes median vs low income, but in general I support add'l housing strategically placed and sensitively designed (to minimize negative impact on the environment and established communities) for essential workers such as school teachers, sheriff, police & fire dept and hospital staffers, many of whom currently commute long distances to work in the areas they serve. I'd like to see new homeowning opportunities (at below market rates) made available to these workers, as building more high-priced rental units serves no one but property owners.Sites under consideration in the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School – 1800; Marinwood Market – 136. These are both logical, less problematic sites for development, as they are walkable to the GG bus stop at/near Miller Creek & Marinwood Aves, with quick, easy access to the 101 fwy. I really hope to see sensitive urban planning on the St. Vincents site, so the beautiful open space currently grazed by cows does not become yet another soulless jungle of buildings standing shoulder to shoulder facing the freeway. Speaking as someone who's actually rooting for the Smart Train to not only survive, but thrive: part of any development of these sites should include a bike path/paths to connect either or both to the Civic Center Smart station. And/or a shuttle bus (it's too long to walk for commuters).530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) – 32. I've no knowledge/opinion re: this site. 7 Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58. 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall) – 254. My husband & I currently rent an office at 7 Mt. Lassen, so it's news to us that this site's under consideration. It's a beautiful, unique office setting that serves both the Upper and Lower Lucas Valley communities as a place of business to walk to! I'd hate to see that disappear!!! However, I wouldn't be adverse to seeing a portion of the current 7 Mt. Lassen structures converted to work/live spaces, if sensitively planned. Maybe 30%. My comments re: St. Vincents also apply to Jeannette Prandi Way. As long as new development is against the hills with access via Idylberry Rd, away from Lucas Valley Rd, and sensitively planned, I'm not totally adverse to new development. However the # of units proposed is too high!** Lucas Valley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. I don't know exactly where this is, but in principle I'm against it. **The problem with all new development close to Lucas Valley Rd is not merely degradation of the scenic route of LVR — but more importantly, adding traffic congestion to a wildfire interface area with a single ingress/egress. I'm an LVHA block captain, and was present and part of the fire evacuation on Sept 1st 2021... a learning experience. It's for this reason that I signed the petition against development in Lucas Valley. I believe that the current Northgate Mall could and should be a site for mixed-use development including low-to median income housing, yet is not on this list of proposed sites. It ticks all the boxes for access to transportation, schools, shopping, etc.	Email	X		X	X		X	X			X		X			X	X
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2800 West Novato Blvd., Novato	If you need MORE " VERY LOW AND LOW INCOME" and " MODERATE INCOME " sites closer to Novato, our property at 2800 West Novato Blvd has plenty of room and space. Thank you. We appreciate all your hard work here	Email																X

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4260 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Woodacre	Hello Supervisor Rodoni, This message is regarding the Housing Element site proposals. Like yourself, I was born and raised in West Marin County. My family has been ranching in Marin for 5 generations, and our love for the land and community runs deep. We understand that there is a need for more affordable housing in Marin, however; We oppose any development at 4260 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (TUHS). Development on said property would be a detriment to the Valley consider how the lack of public transportation, water access, septic/sewage and the increase of traffic would impact the surrounding area - community, environment and wildlife as a whole. There are many other places in Marin where housing can be developed and integrated into the surrounding area to the benefit of the community. We are asking you to conserve the land at 4260 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Thank you for your time.	Email				X		X				X		X	X			
530 Blackstone Drive (Marinwood / Lucas Valley)	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)		X		X				X		X	X	X	X		X	
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70 Oxford Drive, Santa Venetia	RE: APN 180-261-10 Address: 70 Oxford Drive. The undersigned is owner of this large (27.8 acres, or approx. 1,211,000 sf) parcel. As currently zoned A2B2 (minimum lot size of 10,000 sf), it is extraordinarily and technically suitable for numerous residences. To help the County and the State to meet their Housing target, we agree with and welcome the proposed suggestion of multiple possible residences on this acreage, but suggest the number be reduced to a maximum of five (5). This necessarily lower number would result in (A) lot sizes more consistent with the surrounding neighborhood, as specifically recommended in the Santa Venetia Community Plan; (B) smaller homes consistent with the affordability targets; (C) lot configurations more accessible (requiring less ground disturbance) and least likely to conflict with numerous environmental and cultural constraints extant on the site; and (D) a density nearly ten times less than the initial proposal, thus significantly less negative impact on the current traffic congestion on NSPR which is the sole access/egress to Santa Venetia.	Email	X			X				X		X						

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D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	I find it hard to believe that this many new housing units is even being considered! For the last three years we've been told that we can use only 60 gallons of water a day. And you want to add 1000 more houses in Los Ranchitos? Where does the water come from? Traffic is already insane, and this will add nothing but more gridlock.What about the fire hazards in densely populated areas? I find it absolutely insane that this could even be in anybody's minds. The people that live in this area chose it because of the zoning and the lot sizes. How can you just swoop in and say the "hell with you we're going to do what we want"? What happened to private property rights?	Email				X				X				X	X			
D - Los Ranchitos Road (Los Ranchitos)	I write to express my great objections to the proposed housing element to rezone Los Ranchitos in unincorporated Marin County. It is not well thought out and will have many negative consequences. First, the infrastructure of water, fire protection, education do not support this proposal. Due to the hilly properties and limited egress/ingress greater density will create a major fire liability and risk. Already, only one insurer will write policies for this neighborhood. Second, Los Ranchitos lots were created and deeded to be 1 acre minimum parcels for single family housing. Increasing density here will destroy the rural nature of our neighborhood. Third, Los Ranchitos is a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). In addition to increased fire hazard, it will greatly affect the native animal habitats of turkeys, owls, deer, foxes and other animals. Fourth, The only way into and out of Los Ranchitos is Los Ranchitos Road. That road is already gridlocked during morning rush hours. The addition of more new housing units in Northgate and Terra Linda will greatly exacerbate traffic and gridlock under normal circumstances, and create a huge potential for loss of life in the event of major emergencies like fires and earthquakes. Adding housing to Los Ranchitos will only make a bad situation worse. Fifth, Los Ranchitos is currently zoned agricultural with numerous barnyard animals kept here. Increased density will adversely affect them as well. This housing element is not well thought out and will be detrimental to health and safety as outlined above. I urge that this plan not be adopted.	Email				X				X		X		X				

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E - 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (Lucas Valley)	I am concerned since I never received this notice. I learned about it from one neighbor on Thursday 2/24. How were property owners in this area notified? How many homeowners have you contacted. I don't know any who has been notified except the neighbor that told me. Please give me the courtesy of a response. This is a lovely area but with many limitations & constraints for development – infrastructure limited ingress & egress on Lucas Valley Road schools etc. Additionally this is a WUI wildfire area. A recent minor fire caused limited area evacuations. I was evacuated and this small event caused alarming road congestion. In case of a more extensive fire it would be a disaster.	Email		X	X	X								X				

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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)											X					X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I am writing to urge you NOT to approve the Marinwood/Lucas Valley sites under consideration to satisfy the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. Developments at these six sites (St. Vincent's School, Marinwood Market, 530 Blackstone Drive, 7 Mt. Lassen, 2 Jeannette Prandi Way, and Lucas Valley Road near Terra Linda Ridge) would result in more than 2300 housing units. While I know that some of the proposed housing is intended for teachers and other critical workers and for low income housing, both of which are important and necessary, it seems like too much development for the infrastructure of this small area. Additionally, all of these proposed development sites are within the Miller Creek School District boundaries and the unfunded impact of these developments on the District would be disastrous. Since the District is currently funded using a Basic Aid Model, it gets no per pupil funding. This means that all the additional students these developments generate will not result in additional funding for the District.	Email		X	X					X							X	
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I found the online tools for commenting cumbersome and inscrutable, and much too time consuming to use. So, the following are my comments about specific housing allotment recommendations in Marinwood Lucas Valley. Marinwood Market - 136 100 or less: Best and necessary site for redevelopment, but it should be a mixed use development as was proposed by Bridge Housing some years ago. Housing number should be reduced to under 100	Email								X								
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I hope that the Marinwood Plaza/market site is again under consideration for housing. As you most likely know, some 15 years or so ago, the community shot down an excellent proposal from Bridge Housing. Except for the market, the property remains a derelict eyesore. Many of us in Marinwood would like to see the property improved, including a modest amount of housing development, along with community amenities such as a coffee shop, brew pub, or other gathering place, and other shops such as hair salon, co-working space, etc. It is close to public transportation, schools, and major employers most notably Kaiser. It's a far superior site for development than the St Vincents property which has myriad sea level rise and other environmental challenges, and very little other infrastructure. I hope the property will be on be on tomorrow's meeting agenda.	Email																X
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I see the maps and have concerns that things aren't matching. Then two of the sites are still contaminated from the former cleaners at Marinwood Market Plaza - St. Vincent's and Marinwood Market Plaza. So what happens with the housing planned in these locations?1936 units?	Email														X		
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	I'm taking this opportunity as a resident of Upper Lucas Valley in Marin to voice my views/concerns about the housing sites under consideration in my area: In general: I don't know what constitutes median vs low income, but in general I support add'l housing strategically placed and sensitively designed (to minimize negative impact on the environment and established communities) for essential workers such as school teachers, sheriff, police & fire dept and hospital staffers, many of whom currently commute long distances to work in the areas they serve. I'd like to see new homeowning opportunities (at below market rates) made available to these workers, as building more high-priced rental units serves no one but property owners.Sites under consideration in the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School – 1800; Marinwood Market – 136. These are both logical, less problematic sites for development, as they are walkable to the GG bus stop at/near Miller Creek & Marinwood Aves, with quick, easy access to the 101 fwy. I really hope to see sensitive urban planning on the St. Vincents site, so the beautiful open space currently grazed by cows does not become yet another soulless jungle of buildings standing shoulder to shoulder facing the freeway. Speaking as someone who's actually rooting for the Smart Train to not only survive, but thrive: part of any development of these sites should include a bike path/paths to connect either or both to the Civic Center Smart station. And/or a shuttle bus (it's too long to walk for commuters).530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) – 32. I've no knowledge/opinion re: this site. 7 Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58. 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall) – 254. My husband & I currently rent an office at 7 Mt. Lassen, so it's news to us that this site's under consideration. It's a beautiful, unique office setting that serves both the Upper and Lower Lucas Valley communities as a place of business to walk to! I'd hate to see that disappear!!! However, I wouldn't be adverse to seeing a portion of the current 7 Mt. Lassen structures converted to work/live spaces, if sensitively planned. Maybe 30%. My comments re: St. Vincents also apply to Jeannette Prandi Way. As long as new development is against the hills with access via Idylberry Rd, away from Lucas Valley Rd, and sensitively planned, I'm not totally adverse to new development. However the # of units proposed is too high!** Lucas Valley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. I don't know exactly where this is, but in principle I'm against it. **The problem with all new development close to Lucas Valley Rd is not merely degradation of the scenic route of LVR — but more importantly, adding traffic congestion to a wildfire interface area with a single ingress/egress. I'm an LVHA block captain, and was present and part of the fire evacuation on Sept 1st 2021... a learning experience. It's for this reason that I signed the petition against development in Lucas Valley. I believe that the current Northgate Mall could and should be a site for mixed-use development including low-to median income housing, yet is not on this list of proposed sites. It ticks all the boxes for access to transportation, schools, shopping, etc.	Email			X	X		X	X			X		X			X	X

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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	Thank you for taking time to read over my thoughts on the new housing developments proposed for Jeanette Prandi Way, Mount Muir Court, Marinwood Plaza and 7 Lassen. As a Marin County native of 58 years and a Lucas valley resident of 26 years, I am surprised that these projects are so close to approval without adequate community outreach and input. There are many items of concern that I don't feel have been adequately answered for me to support these developments. At this time I am strongly opposed to these developments. I am respectfully requesting more time for our community to better understand these proposals and how we can collaboratively help the County solve its low income housing challenges.	Email																
G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	The 2022 Marin County Candidates site for Unincorporated Marin and especially Marinwood/ Lucas Valley/Silveria Ranch is absurd. It targets just 5 square miles with 80% of the housing allocation for affordable housing in one community WITHOUT essential planning for schools, roads, government services, water, sewer and other essential services. Why "plan to fail"? Shouldn't a good faith effort to build affordable housing in our community also include a comprehensive plan for accommodating growth? It doesn't. This is why it should be rejected today. Instead, let's address the core questions for growth AND the financial impact of adding massive amount of largely non profit housing to a single community WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TAX BASE. Marinwood/Lucas Valley currently has approximately 2700 housing units for 6000 residents. The proposed housing sites could add 2300 apartments and 5500 residents who ALL WILL NEED schools, water, government services, transportation, access to shopping, etc. Shoulden't a proper plan for growth precede approval for housing? One of the sites listed is Marinwood Plaza, our communities ONLY commercial plaza within walking distance for thousands of residents. If the plan for 160 units is approved, this would squeeze out a vital community center to the detriment of all. This is not including the problem of TOXIC WASTE contamination clean up suitable for residential dwelling is a long way off despite community pressure on the Regional Water Quality Control Board who will not enforce its own clean up orders on the current owners. Despite the harsh criticism of the RHNA process, I believe there is a real community desire for more affordable housing in a community that will be planned appropriately, won't redevelop our neighborhoods and utilize open spaces like Silveira Ranch, St Vincents and other sites. While everyone I know supports the idea of more housing, not a single one wants a poorly conceived plan that forces large housing projects without considering the impacts. Reject the current RHNA plan until a comprehensive community plan with real public input can be drafted. PS. The "Balancing Act" tool is NOT a serious tool for community input. Less than 25% of the homes under consideration were ever included in the database. I do not find "our database could not handle the data" as a credible reason from the Community Development Department. If you want REAL success seek REAL community support.	Email		X	X					X		X				X		
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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	We have seen the preliminary list of potential housing sites for Marin County, including in unincorporated areas such as Marinwood/Lucas Valley, as developed by the ABAG (Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan), and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The plan includes 2,412 units within the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area (accounting for 68% of the 3,569 units within unincorporated Marin County). Sites under consideration in the Marinwood / Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School - 1,800; Marinwood Market – 136; 530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) - 32 7; Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58; 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall); 254 LucasValley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. We are not opposed to some moderate increase of housing units in the area. However, we have some serious concerns regarding these potential sites: (1) The Lucas Valley / Marinwood area currently has less than roughly 1,750 homes, spread across a roughly 3.5 mile valley corridor, almost all of which are single family dwellings, and the overwhelming majority of which are one or two story homes. There are no large multi-unit apartment buildings in this area. The overall magnitude of the increase in units in this area (2,412 units) is disproportionately large compared to the current housing density of the area. The proposed increase would more than double the overall number of housing units in the area. (2) The area to the south and west of St. Vincent's School (east of HWY 101) has been discussed as a potential development site for some time. Although multi-unit housing could easily be developed there, adding 1,800 units would completely overwhelm the property and this very large number of additional units represents an enormous growth for the area, on the same order of units as currently exist in all of Lucas Valley / Marinwood. To fit this large number of units, the development would likely include large three (or more) story structures, which do not currently exist anywhere in this area. (3) The site at 530 Blackstone Drive (current site of religious house) could easily fit a multi-unit development, however 32 units on this site is far too large for the size of the property, which is near the end of a small half-mile residential street, that currently has less than 50 total housing units. (4) The site at 7 Mt. Lassen Drive (currently two relatively small two-story office buildings) is far too small to fit 58 housing units without the new structure extending to three or more stories. (5) The site at 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (south of the Juvenile Hall) is currently an open space area with a loop path that is regularly used by nearby residents (including residents of the nearby senior housing development) as a recreational walking, bike riding, etc. area (and dog walking area). This open space area has been in existence for well over thirty years and is a very popular area regularly used by many residents of the adjoining neighborhoods. A potential development consisting of 254 units on this site would completely eliminate a treasured and much-used open space area and would likely require a multi-story (three or more stories) structure. Very few of the homes in this area of Lucas Valley / Marinwood are more than one story (almost all are one-story Eichler homes). Such a large development is completely out of character with the current land use in this area and should absolutely not be allowed to be developed on this site. (6) These potential new housing units would represent an extremely large additional burden to traffic density in the area. (7) These potential new housing units would overwhelm the current capacity at our three elementary schools and one middle school. (8) These potential new housing units would create a very large additional demand for water resources in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area which are currently very limited. The simple number (2,412) of potential additional housing units in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area is much too large and would represent an approximate doubling of the current housing density in the area. Each of the proposed developments presents issues regarding the size of new structures (including constructing multi-story structures in areas where there are currently none), and would present issues concerning current resource capacities (including traffic, schools, and water). Thank you for your consideration of these issues when making decisions regarding potential new housing developments in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area.	Email			X	X				X		X			X			

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G - 155 Marinwood Avenue (Marinwood)	While I am generally in favor of additional low-income housing in Marin, it appears that the proposals for development of Marinwood Avenue turn that are of our neighborhoods (I live across the street) into an area that exclusively low-income housing. Experiments with consolidating low- income housing in the 1960-80's proved to us that this does not work well. These areas become neglected bygovernment and residents alike. Is it possible to make these development more diverse?	Email															X	
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Hello and thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding Future Housing Sites in Marin County. I attended the local Housing meeting regarding Santa Venetia and Los Ranchitos on February 15th and live in the Santa Venetia area. Here are my comments from a Santa Venetia resident perspective: 1. The process, while advised by the Marin County Planning Department, is being run by a consulting agency that is not familiar with Marin County and the local areas & neighborhoods. 2. The number of assigned housing units to Santa Venetia, 422, ignores the following. Before housing site numbers are assigned and accepted, a "CEQA-lite" analysis should be performed to determine if the numbers and locations are practical from a CEQA perspective. We heard these concerns brushed off with the response that if any development is going to be done, a full CEQA would be completed before development could/would proceed. This would be an "after-the-fact" process, with the fact that the housing numbers and sites have already been assigned and accepted, and would be too late to be influential in the development process. a. There is only one practical vehicle road out of Santa Venetia to the freeway that is already heavily impacted by three schools, the one at the JCC, the Marin School, and Venetia Valley school, and a large pre-school. Traffic in & out of Santa Venetia is also already heavily impacted by the JCC, the Civic Center traffic, the Marin Lagoon traffic, the Veterans Memorial traffic, the Marin Lagoon Housing and the commercial enterprises along McInnis Parkway. b. Some of the sites selected are in wetlands areas, such as the McPhail school site next to North San Pedro Road. c. some of the sites selected are next to the Bay and subject to special development restrictions, such as the McPhail school site. d. The total number of housing units assigned to Marin County, and not just to the unincorporated areas, does not take into account the water needs. And we, Marin County as serviced by MMWD, are in the middle of a water shortage with future years looking to be worse due to Climate Change. 3. Using city limit boundaries to direct neighborhood focus and comment ignores the reality of the holistic nature of a neighborhood that crosses city limits and unincorporated boundaries. It is expedient, especially for an outside consulting firm not familiar with Marin County or Santa Venetia, but not realistic. This is especially true for the Santa Venetia area. Santa Venetia is heavily impacted by what the City of San Rafael does or does not due around the Civic Center, at the intersection of North San Pedro Road and Civic Center Drive, around Marin Lagoon Park, at the Marin Lagoon homes neighborhood, and at the Marin Ranch Airport. Using city limit boundaries is expedient but not accurate and realistic in appraising housing impacts to a neighborhood such as Santa Venetia. And restricting the geographical area that Santa Venetia residents can comment on and have input to, to not include what is inside the City limits of San Rafael for the areas noted above is violating our rights to comment on and have input to what is impacting our neighborhood. Thank you for the chance to comment	Email				X				X				X	X			
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Here in Santa Venetia, we are living with water shortages, traffic congestion, and our community's evacuation route was named the most dangerous in Marin and yet huge additional numbers of housing are proposed for this flood prone neighborhood. That's insane! We are not fooled by claims that these new residents won't drive everywhere. They will. We already know that every person of driving age in our neighborhood not only drives but owns a car, or truck. They line our streets, further restricting access routes. There are sites where housing can happen like at Northgate Mall, but not in our overcrowded flood zone.	Email				X				X	X			X				
H - 1565 Vendola Drive (Santa Venetia)	Hi, I would like to object to 251 N San Pedro as a site to build housing. There is a Child Center there serving many families. The ball field on the property is used by the children at the school and people in the neighborhood. There are very few ball fields for Little League. This ball field should not be taken away from ball players. I live in the condo complex next door. Parking is already limited for residents and guests. We can't absorb all the people people who would live there who have more cars then the give spots for them and their guests. If housing needs to be built in Santa Venetia why not 1565 Vendola Dr? The school property there has not been used for decades.	Email																X
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The County's draft candidate site list identifies Old Gallinas School and Ball Field as a candidate site for adding an extremely large number of what would have to be high-density housing units in a relatively small space. The NHA has received feedback from some of the residents in our neighborhood. The scope, size, and would-be density of this, alone, are shocking and of great concern to our neighborhood. Old Gallinas School and Ballfield would be a very poor choice/candidate for any significant housing development for multiple reasons: Please Don't Get Rid of Santa Venetia's Only Ball Field. To accommodate a project anywhere near the scope suggested in the draft list would require not only getting rid of the school buildings (which themselves are currently being used for essential child day care services), but also would require getting rid of (i.e., building on top of) the baseball field which currently comprises the majority of the property. This is the only ball field that Santa Venetia has, and it would be absolutely terrible if it were to be lost. Indeed, the Santa Venetia Community Plan specifically identifies as a major priority: "preservation of existing recreational assets in the community such as the…existing ball and play fields." This item was included in the Community Plan because numerous residents identified this specifically (including the Old Gallinas Ball Field, in particular) as a critical neighborhood asset to preserve. Surely, there must be better candidate sites that don't require eliminating the only ball field for an entire neighborhood (and eliminating a desperately-needed day care facility on top of that). Don't Exacerbate an Already Very Serious Traffic Problem. Adding numerous units of housing where the Old Gallinas School and Ball Field is—and, more broadly, adding hundreds of additional housing units to Santa Venetia—would significantly exacerbate an already very serious traffic problem in the neighborhood. Santa Venetia has one way in and out of the neighborhood, and that one road (N. San Pedro Rd.) often backs up significantly, particularly, but not only, during school drop off/pick up times. Even without the potential additional housing identified in the draft candidate site list, the traffic situation in Santa Venetia is already expected to get worse in the near and intermediate term, as San Rafael City Schools apparently intends to expand and increase enrollment at Venetia Valley School and the Osher Marin JCC also has plans to increase the size and enrollment of its school. As to Venetia Valley School, the County apparently has little if any control over development/expansion plans on SRCS school property. Both the current major traffic problems facing the neighborhood and the schools' expansion plans must be considered in evaluating the traffic impact, and ultimately the viability, of adding any material amount of additional housing to Santa Venetia. Simply put, adding hundreds of housing units to this neighborhood, as the draft candidate site list seems to contemplate as a possibility, would further exacerbate a bad traffic situation and, frankly, would not be sustainable for this community. Additional Housing Units Would Exacerbate Emergency Exit Problems. Adding Hundreds of Units of Housing to Santa Venetia Would Materially Impact the Character of the Neighborhood. If even a fraction of the potential housing contemplated as possible by the draft site candidate list were to come to fruition, it would involve adding large housing complexes that are overly-dense and out-of-character for the neighborhood, creating potential noise and quality of life problems for Northbridge and Santa Venetia more generally. The possibility of adding 186 units of housing to Old Gallinas School and Ball Field Site, alone, would be a drastic change for Northbridge and is of great concern to our community which is adjacent to the school/ball field. Any rezoning/approval of additional housing, to the extent it is deemed appropriate, should carefully limit development to something far less dense (i.e., something in line with the current, prevailing residential density in Santa Venetia)	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 87-89)			X	X				X		X	X	X				

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I - 251 N San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Re: Marin County Housing and Safety Elements Update, 2023 – 2031. The Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA) is an organization representing the interests of 1,700 – 1,800 households (4,474 residents per the 2019 census figures) who live in Santa Venetia. As an organization, we are dedicated to the enhancement and preservation of the character and quality of life of the Santa Venetia neighborhood. We do our best to represent our community and have an established reputation to be a voice for proper development. And in accordance with our mission statement, we, the Board Members of the SVNA, feel compelled to comment on this issue. We want to ensure that the Marin County Board of Supervisors receives an accurate impression from our community regarding the updated Housing Element and are writing today to summarize feedback we have heard from many of our members. Many residents of Santa Venetia, including members of the SVNA, attended the February 15 Zoom meeting where consultants representing the interests of the housing element initiative presented online tools for community feedback. We find these tools inadequate; rather than serving as an open platform for the BOS to receive realistic community input, they seem designed to provide information to housing element staff as to where to add more housing. The Housing Element recommends 422 additional units for Santa Venetia. There are currently fewer than 1,800 residences in Santa Venetia, so this represents an increase of approximately 25%— far more growth than the neighborhood has seen for at least two decades. This mandate seems utterly siloed from the worsening reality of global warming and climate change, (the existence of which was recognized both in the Countywide Plan and by the Marin County Civil Grand Jury) which is leading to catastrophic weather events such as fires and flooding. The upland parts of Santa Venetia not directly threatened by flooding are part of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and are subject to year-round fire danger. Like all of Marin, we are constrained by drought, and our water supply comes from tanks that are sited in the WUI. We are actively working actively to protect our homes; parts of Santa Venetia are now Firesafe Marin neighborhoods. Road access to Santa Venetia is highly constricted; we have daily traffic congestion that affects both egress and ingress. The remaining undeveloped parts of Santa Venetia include unstable hillsides that recently led to multiple landslides onto our roadway. All of the issues mentioned above are familiar to the Marin County BOS. They are also the same reasons that Santa Venetia has not experienced anything close to 25% growth in decades. There is no way to grow by 25% using market-rate housing on undeveloped parcels without compromising our safety. The Housing Element directly suggests that our personal safety, including safety from climate events, fire, and safe water supply, is secondary to their objectives of housing growth. One type of growth we believe is needed in Marin County is true low-income housing. By this we mean the type of housing that our current typical Santa Venetia resident could afford. We also support the right of residents to add accessory dwelling units (ADU) to their homes. However, it was clear that the Housing Element does not include plans for significant numbers of low-income housing. Instead, it promotes "market rate" housing, which we know means homes that will sell for millions of dollars each. We are effectively being asked to endanger ourselves to serve the interests of developers to sell multi-million- dollar homes to elite buyers from outside of the region. To paraphrase one of our SVNA members, "The County's first responsibility is for the health and safety of the existing residents of our neighborhood." We ask you to consider this as you move forward. If the intent of the Housing Element is to bypass CEQA process, as alluded to in the Zoom meeting on Feb. 15th, the existence of culturally sensitive resources, including shell mounds in Oxford Valley, still cannot be ignored. Damaging cultural resources of native peoples in order to comply with Housing Element goals would be inconsistent with Marin County values and our historical respect for our earliest Santa Venetia natives. Oxford Valley, the site of known shell mounds, has been designated for 45 "above moderate income" units. Other areas of Santa Venetia may not yet have been properly surveyed for these resources, and bypassing CEQA would also eliminate their protection. These are just a few of the concerns that we have. The SVNA has encouraged our members to send comment letters as well, citing their concerns about this update. Please include those concerns as concerns of the SVNA	Email				X				X	X			X	X		X	

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Inverness, Balmoral Way	(Comment edited for length)I am a resident of Old Inverness, specifically Balmoral Way. Please consider the following comments as you finalize your recommendations: The entire approach of this planning effort is misguided. The consultant seems to have arbitrarily plopped new housing onto a map of West Marin without considering County planning history, constraints on the land, or natural resources, let alone community input. This top-down and ill-informed approach is unlikely to succeed, certainly not without damaging community good will, neighborhood cohesion, natural resources and other values of importance. The sites to be developed should be chosen only after a thorough inventory of geology, water supply, slope and other relevant factors. The 2007 Countywide Plan conceived of the entirety of West Marin as a rural, agricultural and low-density region, serving the Bay Area's recreational needs. This reflects the large proportion of the undeveloped lands that are protected as national, state and county parks. Further it carried forward the zoning decisions of the Board of Supervisors in the 1970's, which put a high priority on agricultural and natural resource preservation. If not implemented with great care, this plan risks contravening the supervisors' vision for West Marin. It should not be carried out until the County as a whole considers the larger planning goals for the area. An "elephant-in-the-room" with the housing shortage is the effect of AirBnB. If the County could reign in this business, the housing supply would quickly rebound, with numerous benefits to the community. Additionally, any new regulations for implementing the current planning process must avoid the ironic outcome that the newly constructed residential sites will also be converted to vacation rentals. Indeed, I suggest the County begin its effort to increase housing supply by tackling this behemoth before undertaking the kind of process it is currently engaged in. Assuming willing sellers of residential properties can be found on Balmoral Way, developers will find they are unsuitable for high density projects. Most of the lots slope steeply downhill to a floodplain of Second Valley Creek to the north or a smaller riparian zone to the south. The California Coastal Commission has jurisdiction over the whole neighborhood; this circumstance will render any permitting process lengthy, difficult and expensive. No sewers are available in Inverness. The Coastal Commission has already reacted negatively to the prospect of increasing the number of septic systems due to the likelihood that more leachate will be detrimental to the already-poor water quality of local streams and Tomales Bay. The Inverness Public Utility District is already struggling to meet the current demand for water. This past summer, we were forced to accept severe limits on usage. With the uncertainty that climate change is bringing, it would be risky to assume that the 2021 drought is unlikely to be repeated. Inverness is unsuitable for low-income housing. First, the price of undeveloped land is decidedly high. Additionally, there are few jobs to be had in West Marin and the availability of public transportation for commuting to jobs in east Marin is almost nil. Accordingly, any new residential construction should be geared for moderate to high income residents. The Inverness Community Plan, (adopted in 1983)(ICP) provides little support for the concept of substantially increasing housing and for good reasons: The Plan states that even then, there was insufficient water for new connections. There is no potential for municipal wells on Inverness Ridge and although wells were stated to be feasible in the alluvial fans, the Coastal Commission is unlikely to allow them. Grading of Inverness's hilly lots in preparation for construction would significantly increase sedimentation of our creeks and the Bay. The Old Inverness neighborhood is already close to complete buildout. The entire town of Inverness has poor transportation resources. As noted above, public transportation is not readily available. The ICP notes that the "likelihood of improved transit service to and from the Inverness Ridge Planning Area is remote at best." The roads are narrow and, in many cases, do not allow two-way traffic. Moreover, there is only one road leading in and out of the town, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. In the increasingly likely event of a wildfire, serious and potentially dangerous congestion and traffic is likely to occur during an emergency evacuation. Additional population would exacerbate this risk. In sum, adding substantial quantities of new housing to Inverness would require a significant revision to the Countywide Plan and the Inverness Community Plan, policy changes at the Coastal Commission and greatly increased sanitary facilities. Even if these hurdles can be overcome, the lack of water resources and the emergency evacuation challenges would require a significant reduction in the scale of the	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 16-19)	X	X		X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	
Inverness, Balmoral Way	I am writing about the draft list of "underutilized residential housing" in Inverness, specifically those listed on Balmoral Way in Inverness. I am the property owner of 5 Balmoral Way. Imagine my surprise to see my own property (and my house which was fully rebuilt in 2015 with full permits from the county) included on this list as "underutilized residential housing." I was even more surprised to see all of my neighbors' homes on Balmoral Way (in which my neighbors live) to be similarly listed. Obviously the folks who came up with these addresses on Balmoral Way made a significant factual error that needs to be corrected by deleting the Balmoral Way addresses from the list. This isn't about NIMBY -- this is simply a factual matter that the listed addresses are not underutilized housing sites. Balmoral Way is a small, one-lane, private, dirt road with no empty lots. Each lot is already built on and fully-utilized. Each lot has a steep incline. All lots are near the water of Tomales Bay and highly constrained in terms of septic system expansion. While perhaps we residents of Balmoral Way should consider it an honor to be listed as the epicenter of underutilized residential units in Inverness, alas, it is an error by those who compiled the list and is divorced from reality. In summary, as a simple factual matter, the housing stock on Balmoral Way in Inverness is fully-built-up and fully-utilized and should not be listed as "underutilized"; all the Balmoral Way addresses on the "underutilized" list should be removed. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request to correct clear and obvious factual errors in the county's data.	Email	X							X					X			
Inverness, Cottages at Point Reyes Parcel	Re: Cottages at Point Reyes Seashore parcel, Inverness. This parcel is inappropriate for proposed development for two very serious reasons: 1) it is in a high fire danger zone, and 2) is prone to floods and landslides. 1: The adjacent hundred+ acres of private and public bishop pine forest is long untended and seriously overgrown with brush and dead trees, and has not burned in almost 100 years. Wildfire in the canyon would directly threaten our family homes and all our neighbors on Pine Hill Road, Kehoe Way and Vision Road, in addition to all of the residents of Seahaven on the north. 2: The canyon was damaged in the 1982 storms, which unleashed large amounts of mud and rock, and woody detritus, into the bottomlands, and it is unstable as far as landslide danger (take note of the problems on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. above). Without any doubt, these events will be repeated in the future. For these reasons alone, this is one of the least appropriate areas for future housing. Douglas (Dewey) Livingston	Email									X	X		X				
J - 9840 State Route 1 (Olema)	I think that the proposed low cost housing sites and sizes and the solution is not thought out ! For instance , the 98 homes in Woodacre would create a huge traffic problem and also be inappropriate . The Olema location and proposal would ruin the nature of Olema ! And Dennis Rodoni lives in Olema ! The west Marin area has been protected for a reason ! The nature and small town is the reason that we are all here ! I've lived here for 46 years and believe that it would be more appropriate to absorb the housing on properties that are all ready developed and make it attractive for homeowners to build ADUs Please revise the thinking around this important topic of affordable housing !	Email								X		X						

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K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	(Comment edited for length) I am a Marin County native, longtime resident of Sleepy Hollow, and a former member of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Directors. I am also a licensed real estate appraiser, and an MAI-designated member of the Appraisal Institute, although I write this letter as a concerned private citizen. This letter pertains to the revised housing element, in particular the San Domenico School site, but these points apply equally to all proposed West Marin sites. Sound urban planning supports higher density development along existing highway corridors, and "low" and "very low" income housing should be constructed near employment centers and in areas with adequate public transportation and adequate infrastructure, including shopping, hospitals, schools, etc. None of the West Marin sites offer these basic amenities. In particular, the Sleepy Hollow site at the end of Butterfield Road on the San Domenico School campus is slated for 90 units, of which 56 are "low" and "very low" income. There are several serious problems with the plan, most notably the bulk and size of a 90-unit development in a low-density, semi-rural location. The major issues are as follows: 1. The Sleepy Hollow site (San Domenico campus) is zoned for a minimum density of 1 dwelling unit (d/u) per 10 acres. The San Domenico parcel is +/-551 acres, so the maximum allowable number of units is 55 units, and probably far less, once slope is factored in. The current allocated number of 90 units far exceeds the County's own General Plan. 2. The height and bulk of a 90-unit development is incompatible with the low-density and semi- rural character of Sleepy Hollow, where the existing zoning is one acre minimum lot size. Assuming 1,000 square feet per unit, the building will be a minimum 90,000 square feet. Assuming 4 stories (well above the current allowed height restriction) and an 85 foot width, the length would be +/-265 feet, far larger than any current commercial building in Fairfax or San Anselmo with the exception of Safeway and Rite Aid in Red Hill Shopping Center. Onsite parking would certainly be required because the location is 100% auto-dependent. A minimum of 5-7 acres abutting County Open Space would be permanently lost. 3. A development of this size would likely require a significant sewer upgrade. Other infrastructure upgrades might also be necessary to handle an additional 90 households. There are +/-785 existing homes in Sleepy Hollow, so 90 units is a 10% increase in households overnight. A cost benefit analysis should be conducted to see if the project even pencils out. And certainly, an EIR will be necessary. 4. The proposed location is in the wildlife urban interface (WUI) with elevated wildfire risk. Butterfield Road is only road in and out of Sleepy Hollow, and evacuation of residents in case of wildfire has been a major safety concern of the Sleepy Hollow Board for many years. The "Achilles Heel" of Sleepy Hollow is single point of ingress/egress. 5. There is inadequate public transportation to support a 90-unit development, particularly if 56 are "very low" and "low" income units. These households may lack a car, and the location is 100% auto-dependent. 6. The Sleepy Hollow location is over 5 miles to the nearest employment center in San Rafael, and is three miles from the nearest supermarket which is "upscale" (Good Earth) and expensive. It is over one mile to the nearest school, which is currently operating at near full capacity. 7. Of the proposed 90 units, 56 are "very low" and "low" income households, or over 50%. The median HH income is Sleepy Hollow is $255,000, and the average housing price is around $2 million. What formula is used to determine the number of "low" and "very-low" income households that go into a location?	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 99-101)	X		X		X	X		X		X		X		X	X	
K - 1500 Butterfield Road (Sleepy Hollow)	I live in Sleepy Hollow. I am concerned about the San Dominico site (which proposes adding 90 housing units to a community with ~800 households) for two main reasons. 1) Safety. Butterfield is a one way in one way out road. In case of evacuation, increasing the households by over 10% is troubling. Cars at the far end of Butterfield tend to speed. Adding more cars at the very end of the road significantly increases the risk of cars speeding. 2) Traffic. There is almost no public transportation on Butterfield. San Dominico already has a strict traffic commitment with the community because traffic is so bad. This would make it worse. There are three schools which adds to the traffic on Butterfield. Best practices for increasing housing is to do infill in urban areas. This is the opposite. It's building far away from public transportation and freeway access. What makes the most sense is to build as close to highway 101, bus terminals, Smart, etc.	Email				X		X						X				
L - 26500 Main Street (Tomales)	Your proposal to place 186 low-income units on this site is not fair nor does it make sense for the following reasons: You will take away a little league ball field currently used by the nearby communities. t may displace the early development center on the site. he immediate area already supports a section 8 housing community at the corner of North San Pedro and Schmidt Lane. This development will put an unfair burden on the surrounding neighborhood. here is a site at McPhail School down the road on North San Pedro that accommodate the same number of units without removing the little league field and have less visibility to the nearby neighborhood.A s stated in another comment, Bon Air shopping center could accommodate most if not all of these units.	Email			X					X								
Lucas Valley	I do not support the proposed quantity of housing proposed for Lucas Valley. I am concerned about water resources, evacuation congestion in a fire, lack of services for new people in the area, increased road congestion and increased wildfire risk. This is not a NIMBY response. The Rotary Village is a great example of affordable housing for seniors that is near our community which is lovely. Expanding this type of housing would be welcome. Highrises are not welcome as they do not fit-in with our area. greatly reduced quantity of one or two story homes would be welcome. Why are we targeted with such a large percentage of the proposed housing? This is not an equitable plan. thought the Governor wanted housing in urban centers where services were available. Your plan does not meet this key criteria.	Email			X	X				X		X		X	X		X	
Lucas Valley	I have resided in Upper Lucas Valley since 1986. Part of the appeal when I purchased here was the rural setting. Although I understand the need for housing, high density housing is inappropriate for Marin, i.e. large multi-unit structures. I welcome the addition of single family residences as many younger people need homes here desperately. I'm not sure where they would be situated in this area, but am open to suggestions. When George Lucas proposed affordable housing further down Lucas Valley Road, the main concern was the lack of transportation, grocery stores, and the other necessities. It made no sense. Another suggestion would be to make it possible for seniors to give (not sell) their larger homes to their children, purchase smaller homes and retain their property tax base. Most people in that position don't/can't move because buying a smaller home for $1+ million brings with it property taxes they would find unaffordable. The only way it is currently possible is to sell your existing home and buy a cheaper one. When thinking of housing, perhaps the smart thing to do is build an area of affordable homes in the 1100-1500 square foot range for seniors. That would free up many, many existing homes for growing families.	Email			X			X									X	
Lucas Valley	I just want to officially voice my opposition to the development of additional homes in the Lucas Valley area. While I support the development of affordable housing in Marin County, protecting our undeveloped green spaces is an even higher priority. Instead, I believe areas that have already been developed (green space replaced with concrete) such as towns in southern Marin or places like Northgate Mall would be better options for new housing. Our undeveloped green spaces are priceless and irreplaceable!	Email								X		X						
Lucas Valley	It's come to my attention the HOA to which I belong is objecting to proposed increased housing in Lucas Valley. I would like to inform you that the Lucas Valley HOA is not uniform in this opinion. There are members, such as myself, that would welcome additional housing in Lucas Valley. While I found some of the HOA's arguments moderately persuasive (especially with regard to access to public transportation), I believe the need for more affordable housing in Marin trumps all of their points. I encourage you to keep Lucas Valley on your radar for proposed housing sites, and to find ways to encourage and incentivize more public transportation in our community.	Email						X									X	X

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Lucas Valley / Marinwood	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)		X		X				X		X	X	X	X		X	
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	All of the Lucas Valley sites are in the wildland urban interface (WUI) zones that contradict Governor Newson's priorities to shift housing away from rural wildfire-prone areas and closer to urban centers.	Email										X		X				
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	Due to FIRE danger and Drought please stop more construction in Mount Marin and Lucas Valley.	Email												X	X			
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I am against housing development down Lucas valley and Marinwood. The weather here gets windy starting in spring and ends in the late fall. The surrounding mountains can catch on fire as we had a small one last year. With the drought we are already under rationing. A spark can create a fire and the wind will carry it all over the place. There are no exits except Lucas Valley road and in case of a fire it will be difficult for all to evacuate. Most locations you are considering are in heavily populated areas. Where would we go i n case of a fire? 101 will be impacted. Yes we need affordable housing, not more multi million dollar homes. If the water department would consider building a desalination plant off the bay of San Francisco it would help us out. We are in global warming and more cars on the road and more pollution will set us back. What about the empty land space between Novato and Petaluma?	Email				X				X				X	X	X	X	
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I am extremely concerned about the proposed new developments in the Lucas Valley Marinwood area, especially when taken together with other large new development projects in the nearby vicinity. I realize California has a housing issue. However, destroying existing communities is not the solution. The number of added housing units in the LVM area alone will utterly destroy our school system. The Miller Creek School district currently serves about 2000 students. Just one proposal would add 1800 homes and possibly triple our student needs. Where will these children go to school? Similarly, almost 250 homes in the Prandi location would increase the Lucas Valley Elementary school population by a similar 200%. This will overwhelm our schools, and other community services. If there is another huge build at the Northgate site, also in the Miller Creek School district, it's even worse. I'm also worried about many environmental considerations that seem to be ignored. One has only to look at the debacle of the Talus development to see that these plans are not in the interest of the community or environment. These were not affordable homes for teachers and firefighters, but large expensive homes with big lots. Now we have a razed hillside, threats to our creek, destruction of few remaining heritage trees and wildlife habitat and one giant fire hazard with an enormous pile of dead trees and brush. This is what happens when projects are rammed through without proper review and oversight. Traffic increases will be a nightmare. In an emergency, how do we escape with the gridlocks that will occur? Lucas Valley Road and 101 are already jammed with cars especially at commute times. We are in continuing drought, unlikely to ever improve thanks to climate change. Where does the water come from for this new population? A few of the proposed sites make sense but this large scale unbalanced load into our small community does not. Any development should be tailored to fit the need (ie truly affordable housing, not a token 5%) and address community concerns. It's time for our community to have a say in protecting our schools, neighborhood, the environment, and our safety. (Photo attached) Is this what we want Lucas Valley to look like? What an eyesore and environmental disaster for a few houses for rich people (and richer developers). Look at the giant pile of flammable dead heritage trees!	Email			X					X		X		X			X	
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I am writing in regards to the proposed multi unit housing in Unincorporated Marin County. I'm against using open space to build housing. The site in the open space on Lucas Valley Road should be used for a community park or sports center for the community. Kids need a place to go that could include Basketball, Swimming, Playstructure and lawn for families. I understand the need for additional affordable and Multi-Family housing in Marin, but why Open Space? The County should be looking to improve areas that need improvement, not use open space to pour concrete and build multi level boxes. What about repurposing and improving small strip mall areas all along the freeways? These building have small space and often times run down retail shops and turning those in to thriving shops with housing above. Several responsible counties and cities have successfully done this. Why can't Marin think this way? I don't understand it. Open space should remain open space or for public park use. Dilapidated buildings should should be improved to include affordable housing for the better of the community.	Email										X						
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I moved to San Rafael specifically to get out of the city and to avoid over congestion, traffic and over development. The proposed additional housing in Marinwood and Lucas Valley will detract from the exact reason I moved here. Over development of north bay is an issue - and just because there is land does not mean it should be developed, which will permanently change the character of the community and landscape. I was unable to sign the petition against the new development, so sending this email instead. Thanks.	Email				X				X		X						

MARIN COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT: CANDIDATE HOUSING SITES AND SELECTION PROCESS
COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

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Lucas Valley / Marinwood	I see the maps and have concerns that things aren't matching. The Housing Distribution Scenario says: Ensure Countywide Distribution - really? It looks like a disproportionate amount of it is in unincorporated Marinwood/Lucas Valley - 3,569 units to be exact. And some things to remember: We are a fire danger area now that we have had a fire evacuation this last summer. And what happens to road traffic during an evacuation? And it they don't drive, what happens to them? And what about the Water Shortage in Marin County with conservation being the ONLY SOLUTION so far? It is my understanding that the builders of these units won't have to pay property tax. So what does THAT do to our schools? Fire Department? EMT? And who picks up the tab....Marinwood/Lucas Valley homeowners? And do we pick up the tax tab for ALL THE UNINCORPORATED AREA of 3,569 units? Encourage Infill and Redevelopment Opportunities: Can the residents of these residents drive? Are they close to services, jobs, transportation and amenities? I don't think so, especially if they can't drive.	Email			X	X		X						**X**				
Lucas Valley / Marinwood	The 2022 Marin County Candidates site for Unincorporated Marin and especially Marinwood/ Lucas Valley/Silveria Ranch is absurd. It targets just 5 square miles with 80% of the housing allocation for affordable housing in one community WITHOUT essential planning for schools, roads, government services, water, sewer and other essential services. Why "plan to fail"? Shouldn't a good faith effort to build affordable housing in our community also include a comprehensive plan for accommodating growth? It doesn't. This is why it should be rejected today. Instead, let's address the core questions for growth AND the financial impact of adding massive amount of largely non profit housing to a single community WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TAX BASE. Marinwood/Lucas Valley currently has approximately 2700 housing units for 6000 residents. The proposed housing sites could add 2300 apartments and 5500 residents who ALL WILL NEED schools, water, government services, transportation, access to shopping, etc. Shouldn't a proper plan for growth precede approval for housing? One of the sites listed is Marinwood Plaza, our communities ONLY commercial plaza within walking distance for thousands of residents. If the plan for 160 units is approved, this would squeeze out a vital community center to the detriment of all. This is not including the problem of TOXIC WASTE contamination clean up suitable for residential dwelling is a long way off despite community pressure on the Regional Water Quality Control Board who will not enforce its own clean up orders on the current owners. Despite the harsh criticism of the RHNA process, I believe there is a real community desire for more affordable housing in a community that will be planned appropriately, won't redevelop our neighborhoods and utilize open spaces like Silveira Ranch, St Vincents and other sites. While everyone I know supports the idea of more housing, not a single one wants a poorly conceived plan that forces large housing projects without considering the impacts. Reject the current RHNA plan until a comprehensive community plan with real public input can be drafted. PS. The "Balancing Act" tool is NOT a serious tool for community input. Less than 25% of the homes under consideration were ever included in the database. I do not find "our database could not handle the data" as a credible reason from the Community Development Department. If you want REAL success seek REAL community support.	Email		X	X					X		X				X		
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Lucas Valley / Marinwood	We have seen the preliminary list of potential housing sites for Marin County, including in unincorporated areas such as Marinwood/Lucas Valley, as developed by the ABAG (Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan), and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The plan includes 2,412 units within the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area (accounting for 68% of the 3,569 units within unincorporated Marin County). Sites under consideration in the Marinwood / Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School - 1,800; Marinwood Market – 136; 530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) - 32 7; Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58; 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall); 254 LucasValley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. We are not opposed to some moderate increase of housing units in the area. However, we have some serious concerns regarding these potential sites: (1) The Lucas Valley / Marinwood area currently has less than roughly 1,750 homes, spread across a roughly 3.5 mile valley corridor, almost all of which are single family dwellings, and the overwhelming majority of which are one or two story homes. There are no large multi-unit apartment buildings in this area. The overall magnitude of the increase in units in this area (2,412 units) is disproportionately large compared to the current housing density of the area. The proposed increase would more than double the overall number of housing units in the area. (2) The area to the south and west of St. Vincent's School (east of HWY 101) has been discussed as a potential development site for some time. Although multi-unit housing could easily be developed there, adding 1,800 units would completely overwhelm the property and this very large number of additional units represents an enormous growth for the area, on the same order of units as currently exist in all of Lucas Valley / Marinwood. To fit this large number of units, the development would likely include large three (or more) story structures, which do not currently exist anywhere in this area. (3) The site at 530 Blackstone Drive (current site of religious house) could easily fit a multi-unit development, however 32 units on this site is far too large for the size of the property, which is near the end of a small half-mile residential street, that currently has less than 50 total housing units. (4) The site at 7 Mt. Lassen Drive (currently two relatively small two-story office buildings) is far too small to fit 58 housing units without the new structure extending to three or more stories. (5) The site at 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (south of the Juvenile Hall) is currently an open space area with a loop path that is regularly used by nearby residents (including residents of the nearby senior housing development) as a recreational walking, bike riding, etc. area (and dog walking area). This open space area has been in existence for well over thirty years and is a very popular area regularly used by many residents of the adjoining neighborhoods. A potential development consisting of 254 units on this site would completely eliminate a treasured and much-used open space area and would likely require a multi-story (three or more stories) structure. Very few of the homes in this area of Lucas Valley / Marinwood are more than one story (almost all are one-story Eichler homes). Such a large development is completely out of character with the current land use in this area and should absolutely not be allowed to be developed on this site. (6) These potential new housing units would represent an extremely large additional burden to traffic density in the area. (7) These potential new housing units would overwhelm the current capacity at our three elementary schools and one middle school. (8) These potential new housing units would create a very large additional demand for water resources in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area which are currently very limited. The simple number (2,412) of potential additional housing units in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area is much too large and would represent an approximate doubling of the current housing density in the area. Each of the proposed developments presents issues regarding the size of new structures (including constructing multi-story structures in areas where there are currently none), and would present issues concerning current resource capacities (including traffic, schools, and water). Thank you for your consideration of these issues when making decisions regarding potential new housing developments in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area.	Email			X	X				X		X			X			

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Lucas Valley / Mt. Muir Court	(Comment edited for length) The Lucas Valley Homeowner's Association represents 538 homes in the special R-1:B-LV zoning track in Upper Lucas Valley. We, the Board of Directors of the LVHA, would like to give our support for the efforts to increase housing in Marin County, and offer the following input. To begin with, our State Governor's Housing Plan incentivizes housing in urban centers near transportation and services, to reduce reliance on vehicles and their carbon footprint. If the County chooses a path contrary to the State Plan, and not utilize State funding incentives for urban development, then we ask for a reevaluation of the housing sites identified for our Lucas Valley/Marinwood area. As outlined below, areas 1 - 3 are both contrary to the RHNA requirements and pose a danger for emergency evacuations. There are several sites identified as potential home building sites in our area. 1. Lucas Valley Road / Mt Muir Court 2. Juvenile Detention Center/Jeanette Prandi Way 3. 7 Mt Lassen 4. 530 Blackstone Dr 5. Marinwood Market area. We agree that the Marinwood Market area is a suitable site. It is close to freeway access and has sufficient infrastructure in place, including amenities like food and gas, and can easily absorb new development. Ironically, the relative quantity proposed/identified at this site is comparably less than the quantity for site #2 above, which is a much less suitable site as shown in following comments. There are several factors that make areas 1 - 3 only marginally suitable for new building sites, and therefore should, at best, be only allowed limited building. Factors include: High Wildfire Risk - Single Limited Evacuation Route. Water Shortages. Lack of Infill Infrastructure. Building Atop Unmarked Graves. Zoning Restrictions: The special zoning district for Upper Lucas Valley (R-1:B-LV) limits most buildings to a single story. The district was created in order to adhere to the architectural vision and design aesthetic of Joseph Eichler, a renowned architect highly influential in modern architecture. The existing low income senior living homes on Jeanette Prandi Way are likewise single story. If a housing development is allowed near the Juvenile Detention Center site, 7 Mt. Lassen, or Muir Court, they would have to be single story to maintain the character of the surrounding architectural landscape. This would limit the number of units allowed at these sites. Juvenile Detention Center: The concept of constructing multi-family housing at or adjacent to the Detention Center poses challenging logistical and feasibility issues. The County's attempts to reduce juvenile incarceration has been largely successful; however, not to the point where closure of the facility is possible. Marin County's criminal justice program continues to call for incarceration of violent youth offenders, and does not currently have an alternative detention facility. Consequently, any new housing at the Jeanette Prandi location would be adjacent to the Detention Center. It may be quite difficult to convince a developer to invest in a location where part of the "selling pitch" to residents is proximity to a detention center, particularly given that the facilities at Juvenile Hall are in major disrepair. Long History of Racial Parity. Among the factors the County is reviewing in selecting sites is historical discrimination. Our community has no such history and should not, therefore, be a priority for desegregation. Unlike many restrictive covenants in other neighborhoods in Marin County and across California, our CC&Rs have never contained language restricting homeownership based on race, creed, color or religion. Our community celebrates diversity, and we want to make clear we have no history of resisting it. Indeed, it has been reported by original LVHA members that our community attracted a large number of buyers of Asian descent as it was one of the few areas that they were not discriminated from buying into. Locating Housing Near Services and Transportation: The Board of Supervisors affirmed several principles for deciding potential Housing sites and distribution in 12/2021. The potential Housing sites listed for the Lucas Valley communities seem to ignore the mandate for locating housing near services and transportation. The Lucas Valley Community believes the County should be practical and realistic in identifying sites to satisfy the RHNA requirements that do not create a danger to existing communities, will actually serve the goals of the housing mandate, and that show homage to our beautiful and historically significant community. We respectfully request the County to rethink its "rural" VS "urban" housing development plans in light of the State's most recent Urban Housing strategy and funding incentives.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 173-178)		X		X				X		X	X	X	X		X	
Lucas Valley, Grady Ranch Development	Addendum to LVHA Housing Statement: EIR Traffic Impact Report Needed For Emergency Evacuations on Lucas Valley Road. The recent wildfire emergency evacuation of Upper Lucas Valley in 10/12/21 caused a logjam of traffic on the only road out, the 2-lane Lucas Valley Road. It has belatedly been brought to our attention that the Grady Ranch development, currently in works (224 housing units), also has Lucas Valley Road as their only exit in a wildfire emergency. When the units are complete, they could add another 300 - 500 cars in an emergency (footnote 1 below). Adding even hundreds of more vehicles onto Lucas Valley Road from the 338 new potential housing units projected, could prove disastrous (footnote 2 below). In addition, any traffic study in an EIR report would also have to take into consideration the potential for a significant number of ADU housing units within the corridor. Lucas Valley Road already seems to have all the traffic it can handle during an emergency evacuation. The LVHA would therefore request that a traffic study be done in advance of earmarking any significant number of additional housing units along the Lucas Valley Road corridor.	Email				X				X				X				
Lucas Valley, Mt. Muir Court	Thank you for taking time to read over my thoughts on the new housing developments proposed for Jeanette Prandi Way, Mount Muir Court, Marinwood Plaza and 7 Lassen. As a Marin County native of 58 years and a Lucas valley resident of 26 years, I am surprised that these projects are so close to approval without adequate community outreach and input. There are many items of concern that I don't feel have been adequately answered for me to support these developments. At this time I am strongly opposed to these developments. I am respectfully requesting more time for our community to better understand these proposals and how we can collaboratively help the County solve its low income housing challenges.	Email																
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I am extremely perturbed that plans are being made to build housing in within the wetlands and flood zone contained in the old Silveira ranch and St Vincent's properties. This wetlands will become increasingly important as the sea level rises and flood zones will be even less inhabitable year round. This will leave any housing there soon uninhabitable but some builder richer and some county officials who only went through the motions of actually providing affordable housing. This issue was already explored and sanity prevailed in leaving the wetlands to be wetlands. Any housing, affordable or otherwise, should be built on appropriate land, not a flood zone which will damage any housing built on it.	Email									X						X	
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I am writing to urge you NOT to approve the Marinwood/Lucas Valley sites under consideration to satisfy the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. Developments at these six sites (St. Vincent's School, Marinwood Market, 530 Blackstone Drive, 7 Mt. Lassen, 2 Jeannette Prandi Way, and Lucas Valley Road near Terra Linda Ridge) would result in more than 2300 housing units. While I know that some of the proposed housing is intended for teachers and other critical workers and for low income housing, both of which are important and necessary, it seems like too much development for the infrastructure of this small area. Additionally, all of these proposed development sites are within the Miller Creek School District boundaries and the unfunded impact of these developments on the District would be disastrous. Since the District is currently funded using a Basic Aid Model, it gets no per pupil funding. This means that all the additional students these developments generate will not result in additional funding for the District.	Email		X	X					X							X	
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I found the online tools for commenting cumbersome and inscrutable, and much too time consuming to use. So, the following are my comments about specific housing allotment recommendations in Marinwood Lucas Valley. St Vincent's School - 1800: NO Because there is little infrastructure at St. Vincents, including access to schools and public transportation, this is a poor site for development. Certainly not 1800 units which is an entire community. The only housing at St. Vincents should be limited to students (dorms) and staff.	Email		X	X			X		X								
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I hope that the Marinwood Plaza/market site is again under consideration for housing. As you most likely know, some 15 years or so ago, the community shot down an excellent proposal from Bridge Housing. Except for the market, the property remains a derelict eyesore. Many of us in Marinwood would like to see the property improved, including a modest amount of housing development, along with community amenities such as a coffee shop, brew pub, or other gathering place, and other shops such as hair salon, co-working space, etc. It is close to public transportation, schools, and major employers most notably Kaiser. It's a far superior site for development than the St Vincents property which has myriad sea level rise and other environmental challenges, and very little other infrastructure. I hope the property will be on be on tomorrow's meeting agenda.	Email		X							X	X						
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I oppose 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. .West Marin is maxed out on development because of fire concerns, small roads, septic. The proposed development at the west side of whites hill is the headwaters of the Lagunitas creek which is our coho salmon nursery. It's a floodplain and is unsuitable for development. The infrastructure needed for a development would harm our fragile ecosystem. If Marin County decides to do what the State is demanding, then why not put the entire buildout on the St. Vincents property which is right next to the freeway and could handle the increase in population. We would like to see all the building be for homeless and low income people - like all the people who commute from Vallejo and Richmond to serve us daily because they can not afford to live in our county. Many other properties in Marin would be more suitable.	Email															X	X

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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I think we should spend our time, energy and money on housing the homeless and low income people at the property near St. Vincents just south of Novato. As you may have noticed, people who work in our communities, but can not live here because of the cost, commute from Richmond and Vallejo and we see the traffic jams every day at commute times. I have heard of a toll coming for Hwy 37, making it even more costly for people who can not afford to live here.	Email																X
M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	I'm taking this opportunity as a resident of Upper Lucas Valley in Marin to voice my views/concerns about the housing sites under consideration in my area: In general: I don't know what constitutes median vs low income, but in general I support add'l housing strategically placed and sensitively designed (to minimize negative impact on the environment and established communities) for essential workers such as school teachers, sheriff, police & fire dept and hospital staffers, many of whom currently commute long distances to work in the areas they serve. I'd like to see new homeowning opportunities (at below market rates) made available to these workers, as building more high-priced rental units serves no one but property owners.Sites under consideration in the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School – 1800; Marinwood Market – 136. These are both logical, less problematic sites for development, as they are walkable to the GG bus stop at/near Miller Creek & Marinwood Aves, with quick, easy access to the 101 fwy. I really hope to see sensitive urban planning on the St. Vincents site, so the beautiful open space currently grazed by cows does not become yet another soulless jungle of buildings standing shoulder to shoulder facing the freeway. Speaking as someone who's actually rooting for the Smart Train to not only survive, but thrive: part of any development of these sites should include a bike path/paths to connect either or both to the Civic Center Smart station. And/or a shuttle bus (it's too long to walk for commuters).530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) – 32. I've no knowledge/opinion re: this site. 7 Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58. 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall) – 254. My husband & I currently rent an office at 7 Mt. Lassen, so it's news to us that this site's under consideration. It's a beautiful, unique office setting that serves both the Upper and Lower Lucas Valley communities as a place of business to walk to! I'd hate to see that disappear!!! However, I wouldn't be adverse to seeing a portion of the current 7 Mt. Lassen structures converted to work/live spaces, if sensitively planned. Maybe 30%. My comments re: St. Vincents also apply to Jeannette Prandi Way. As long as new development is against the hills with access via Idylberry Rd, away from Lucas Valley Rd, and sensitively planned, I'm not totally adverse to new development. However the # of units proposed is too high!** Lucas Valley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. I don't know exactly where this is, but in principle I'm against it. **The problem with all new development close to Lucas Valley Rd is not merely degradation of the scenic route of LVR — but more importantly, adding traffic congestion to a wildfire interface area with a single ingress/egress. I'm an LVHA block captain, and was present and part of the fire evacuation on Sept 1st 2021... a learning experience. It's for this reason that I signed the petition against development in Lucas Valley. I believe that the current Northgate Mall could and should be a site for mixed-use development including low-to median income housing, yet is not on this list of proposed sites. It ticks all the boxes for access to transportation, schools, shopping, etc.	Email			X	X		X	X			X		X			X	X
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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	Public Feedback - Marinwood/St Vincents housing proposal: I was only recently made aware of the current preliminary proposal for housing allocation to the unincorporated areas of marin county. As a current resident who grew up in Marinwood Lucas Valley - left the county - and returned to raise my family here - I cannot more strongly oppose the sheer volume of proposed housing for the Marinwood/Lucas Valley areas. This location (Marinwood/Lucas Valley) is already underserved by commercial services and has a lack of job opportunities. It is a small bedroom community sandwiched between the commercial hubs of San Rafael and Novato. Any significant shopping or professional services require a vehicle trip to either the city of San Rafael or to the city of Novato. The added burden of the new development proposals would grossly increase the negative environmental impacts that the lack of nearby commercial services already causes. Furthermore the 101 interchanges both North and South already can barely handle the traffic that exists. More housing in this area without addressing current school campus, sport field, open space, park and community center availability and other critical services would have a significant negative impact on the community and not balance the Supervisors stated goal of 'equitable distribution' throughout the county. The schools within the Miller Creek School District are also nearly at capacity. Many of the campuses operate with nearly a third of classrooms being in 'portable' classrooms and have had to take over outdoor recreation areas for portable classroom locations. Our youth sports also already operate at a deficit of field/court availability relative to the active youth that participate. I urge the planning department and the board of supervisors to re-evaluate the Marinwood/Lucas Valley area and not look to force nearly 60% of the county's unincorporated housing allotment into our small bedroom community.	Email			X	X				X		X						
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M - 1 St Vincents Drive(St. Vincents)	We have seen the preliminary list of potential housing sites for Marin County, including in unincorporated areas such as Marinwood/Lucas Valley, as developed by the ABAG (Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan), and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The plan includes 2,412 units within the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area (accounting for 68% of the 3,569 units within unincorporated Marin County). Sites under consideration in the Marinwood / Lucas Valley areas: St Vincent's School - 1,800; Marinwood Market – 136; 530 Blackstone Drive (site of religious house) - 32 7; Mt Lassen (site of office park) – 58; 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (site of Juvenile Hall); 254 LucasValley Rd/near terra Linda Ridge: 26. We are not opposed to some moderate increase of housing units in the area. However, we have some serious concerns regarding these potential sites: (1) The Lucas Valley / Marinwood area currently has less than roughly 1,750 homes, spread across a roughly 3.5 mile valley corridor, almost all of which are single family dwellings, and the overwhelming majority of which are one or two story homes. There are no large multi-unit apartment buildings in this area. The overall magnitude of the increase in units in this area (2,412 units) is disproportionately large compared to the current housing density of the area. The proposed increase would more than double the overall number of housing units in the area. (2) The area to the south and west of St. Vincent's School (east of HWY 101) has been discussed as a potential development site for some time. Although multi-unit housing could easily be developed there, adding 1,800 units would completely overwhelm the property and this very large number of additional units represents an enormous growth for the area, on the same order of units as currently exist in all of Lucas Valley / Marinwood. To fit this large number of units, the development would likely include large three (or more) story structures, which do not currently exist anywhere in this area. (3) The site at 530 Blackstone Drive (current site of religious house) could easily fit a multi-unit development, however 32 units on this site is far too large for the size of the property, which is near the end of a small half-mile residential street, that currently has less than 50 total housing units. (4) The site at 7 Mt. Lassen Drive (currently two relatively small two-story office buildings) is far too small to fit 58 housing units without the new structure extending to three or more stories. (5) The site at 2 Jeannette Prandi Way (south of the Juvenile Hall) is currently an open space area with a loop path that is regularly used by nearby residents (including residents of the nearby senior housing development) as a recreational walking, bike riding, etc. area (and dog walking area). This open space area has been in existence for well over thirty years and is a very popular area regularly used by many residents of the adjoining neighborhoods. A potential development consisting of 254 units on this site would completely eliminate a treasured and much-used open space area and would likely require a multi-story (three or more stories) structure. Very few of the homes in this area of Lucas Valley / Marinwood are more than one story (almost all are one-story Eichler homes). Such a large development is completely out of character with the current land use in this area and should absolutely not be allowed to be developed on this site. (6) These potential new housing units would represent an extremely large additional burden to traffic density in the area. (7) These potential new housing units would overwhelm the current capacity at our three elementary schools and one middle school. (8) These potential new housing units would create a very large additional demand for water resources in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area which are currently very limited. The simple number (2,412) of potential additional housing units in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area is much too large and would represent an approximate doubling of the current housing density in the area. Each of the proposed developments presents issues regarding the size of new structures (including constructing multi-story structures in areas where there are currently none), and would present issues concerning current resource capacities (including traffic, schools, and water). Thank you for your consideration of these issues when making decisions regarding potential new housing developments in the Lucas Valley / Marinwood area.	Email			X	X				X		X			X			
Muir Woods Lodge (Tam Valley)	After much thought and consultation with some neighbors, I'd like to submit the motel that is across from the Holiday Inn – the Muir Woods Lodge – as a possible housing site. You may know that the previous motel next door – with the big sign that says "Fireside" was converted to housing some years ago. If the Muir Woods Lodge is similarly converted, it would not create much additional traffic, as the patterns are already established.	Email																X
Nazareth House (San Rafael)	Additionally, there are also at least two other projects (the 670-unit Northgate and 100-unit Nazareth House developments) which are within our school district but not in unincorporated Marin. Likewise, neither of these developments, both within the Miller Creek School District, will generate per pupil funding for either the Miller Creek K-8 schools or the San Rafael High School district. That means that even though there will be many more students to serve, there will be no additional funding with which to do so. Additionally, these developments generate little to no parcel tax money and some are even exempt from the meager development fees which means the District would receive no money at all to build additional classrooms or to hire additional teachers to serve all the additional students that would be generated.	Email			X													
No Location Specified (Countywide)	All should be near public transportation and shopping. Walking is good for all of us	Email						X	X									
No Location Specified (Countywide)	Any & all housing proposed in Marin county should be near public transportation and shopping. Adding additional cars to the area doesn't make environmental sense so low cost housing should be in convenient locations	Email			X			X										
No Location Specified (Countywide)	Any and all housing sites should consider availability of public transportation and availability of services, ie, grocery stores and pharmacies. It makes no sense to put any housing in out of the way sites where more cars are put on the road. Housing closer to hwy 101 is appropriate.	Email			X			X										
No Location Specified (Countywide)	As I am sure, many of our concerns may have already been asked but there is a need better communicate the information to the community. The follow are questions/ concerns: Who performed the study to identify potential areas for the housing sites? What determines the income used for each Housing category (ie local income, county income, housing prices)? How will residence commute from there new homes? Mass/public transportation? Where will retail commerce be located? Will the county exercise Eminent Domain Power? Effect to local taxes, for local bond issues created as a result increased population (Schools, roads, sewers, law enforcement, fire protection …. other county servicers)?	Email		X	X			X						X	X		X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I am responding to the request to voice my opinion of where to build 3,569 additional housing units in unincorporated Marin. If this is not the proper email address, please forward the appropriate one to me. My concern is not WHERE to put additional housing, but where WATER resources will come from. We have been under drought and water conservation regulations for more years than not in the past 10 years alone. Why would Marin consider building ANY new homes when there are not enough resources for those that are already here? Also, with the State allowing easy addition of ADUs on existing properties, it appears that some housing needs will be unwittingly filled that way (along with additional strain on resources)	Email				X									X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I am urging you to not proceed with the presently proposed Housing Element plans in incorporated Marin County. While affordable housing is a concern, so is sustainability. I do not believe the current plan balances these needs adequately. Please allow time for a more thoughtful discussion with more public engagement before proceeding.	Email										X						
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I am very concerned about the large number of homes that the state is requiring Marin to build, with no local control. We are already short of water. Where do they think we will the supply for more homes. As a minimum any new building should only be done with companion infrastructure improvements to handle it such as water, traffic, local schools, etc. I believe there should be push back to the state legislature regarding push to urbanize many parts of our county without thought or planning for the effects of such building.	Email		X	X	X				X					X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I do not think there should be housing put into rural meadows but should concentrate on areas that are near existing commercial or developed areas that are not being used. Why change Marin to be like other congested counties that have houses Everywhere willy-nilly and people have to have cars and use gas to get anywhere they need to go? Marin County has a beautiful and peacefulness in the open meadows and hillsides. Please don't jeopardize the county by putting the housing along open space meadowlands and hillsides.	Email										X						
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I find your proposals rushed and not well thought out. I am in favor of taking a more thoughtful and balanced approach.	Email																

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No Location Specified (Countywide)	I fully support measures to increase housing in Marin County, especially those targeted for low income housing. I reject the disguised racism and NIMBY attitude present among naysayers, even if it were to depress my own home's value. I support both racial and economic diversity as a strength of our community. It's unconscionable that wealthy Marin residents want the best schools, but don't want low paid teachers to be able to afford to also live here. This goes double for housecleaners, yard workers, and other very low wage workers who have to spend a significant portion of their income commuting. Let's stand up to the madness of a vocal few and do the right thing.	Email															X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	I like how an unelected board (ABAG) comes up with this huge number and threatens the county with a big stick. Never mind the additional water resources that would be needed for all these new residents in a drought prone area.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	Marin Housing authority, It seems like the enthusiasm to push this through the County is ignoring a grievous situation. Already, even with water limitations, the County is poorly prepared to grow without greater water resources. This is truly the 'elephant in the middle of the room'. No expansion on this scale can possible be discussed without responsible delivery of adequate water. Thank you for considering my voice.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (Countywide)	My primary concern is the same one I always have: how will increasing housing affect the environment? A number of sites would require cutting down trees or building close to streams. We need MORE trees, preferably native oaks, to protect soil, reduce moisture loss, & provide shade. Open space is NOT wasted space. Talking about affordable housing sounds good, but I keep seeing huge vanity houses being built. There's a 4,000 ft2 just down the road from me that stands empty most of the time. All that construction required scarce building materials and created lots of air & noise pollution. Is slapping an affordable-housing tag on these projects just another sneaky way for people to invest in real estate? How does packing people into fire-prone areas make sense? What about drought and the impact of more construction & people? Why not buy back or forbid the ownership of 2nd & 3rd homes? Why not build housing in strip malls? Disrespecting the environment is how we got into this mess.	Email										X		X		X	X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	My view is that the changes proposed will change the character of this lovely region	Email										X						
No Location Specified (Countywide)	The county of Marin has reached peak density due to water and transportation constraints. Minimal new housing should be constructed in Marin County. The housing problem is a statewide problem and it should be addressed at the state level. New cities should be constructed along the Hwy. 5 and 99 corridors near the planned high speed rail lines. The state also needs to build treatment centers for the mentally ill and the drug addicted individuals that are currently living on the streets. These centers can also be placed where land and resources are less expensive. The current uncoordinated county by county plans will only decrease the quality of life and increase expenses for all.	Email			X	X		X		X					X		X	
No Location Specified (Countywide)	We are being asked to find housing numbers 19x what we were asked in the last planning cycle. Why? If this is because ABAG is, once again trying to tie Marin housing numbers to SF through their "sphere of influence" concept, this has already been disproven, since Marin is not a bedroom community to SF. ABAG needs to understand that they cannot just wave their magic wand, and buildable lots appear! Affordable Housing needs are real, and Marin has been a very expensive place to live, both in housing costs and in cost of food, gas and everything else, so we are not a very affordable place to live, even once housed. ites with sea level rise issues should not be considered for new housing. Period. Building housing for the disadvantaged in these areas is not social justice, or even good planning. Parking on site is a must in Marin, regardless of any loopholes in SB9. Especially on the hills, where the streets are sub-standard, parking on the streets has already created impossible access for fire and other emergency vehicles, or even 2-way traffic. This has been caused by the County neglecting to demand the roads be improved before development went in. These are death traps in the event of the fire we know will come some day! Planning has allowed development to continue on substandard roads, particularly on hills. This poor planning has created fire traps throughout the county that people will not be able to evacuate from. These sites should also not be further developed, especially for those in need, without adding the infrastructure that will insure the safety of the residents, ie adequate roads that can handle an evacuation. Other infrastructure needs to be updated to handle increased demands, such as sewers, to meet the unplanned expansions mandated by SB (How will we meet these and who pays for these? While we are planning for housing for those who are not already residents, how are we planning to meet the needs of the residents? Re: sea level rise impacting existing housing and major roads, and fire. While we are redesigning these we may have opportunities to find new housing sites. I hear the Strawberry Seminary has sold its property. There is a vast opportunity for any kind of housing to go there. This is well above sea level and wide open. I am wondering how many affordable units are going in there, where there is so much space to build? The old San Geronimo Golf course is another site that is wide open, though further from town Cost of land is higher here than most other places, plus the cost of building materials is high. Marin has World Class scenery that is enjoyed by everyone in the Bay Area, and beyond. We have a responsibility to our environment that other counties do not. We also have a high amount of traffic going to west Marin, and Muir Woods is the most visited National Park. Neighborhoods where traffic is already gridlocking poses problems for emergency vehicles, and should be carefully evaluated before increasing density. I do not believe we can ever build enough Affordable Housing to fill the demand of everyone who wants to live here. The main cause of housing crises is that wages have not kept up with housing costs, effectively keeping out anyone who is not wealthy. This disproportionately locks out people of color. Since Marin is effectively "built out", we should be looking at infill housing San Rafael's Canal area was built a long time ago with lightly built apartments. These nave been heavily used and probably are about to need replacing. This whole area probably need to be redeveloped with plenty of opportunity for affordable housing. With so many people working from home, we have the opportunity to repurpose office buildings Same with shopping centers. Novato has many that could be redone. Since state monies that pay for Affordable Housing, anyone from anywhere in the state is eligible for housing built here, as I have heard. We have Buck $$. Marin should be building housing for teachers, healthcare workers, fire fighters and police that can be designated for members of our own community. Remodeling existing apartments or turning existing into apartments, instead of always building new. I am all for more affordable housing. I was a single mom of 2 in Marin, for 20+ years and I know first hand how difficult it is to survive here if you are low income. It just is not set up for that, and haas continued to get more expensive. I never saw a dime of assistance from Buck, so I very much doubt it is being used to help the poor, as it was intended. We should use this to help, as outlined above. Ask the State for some of its surplus $$ to reestablish the school bus system. Ditto for low lying roads/utilities, etc. Almost 30% of traffic AM/PM is from parents driving their kids to/from school Increase access to affordable child care along with housing. I would welcome an opportunity to work on a brainstorming committee to come up with new housing strategies system.	Email		X		X	X				X	X		X	X		X	
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No Location Specified (Countywide)	We should not be approving any more new developments without increasing our water supply.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (East Marin)	Please keep the housing developments in east Marin as our beloved former politicians planned in the early 1960's as detailed in the documentary "Rebels with a Cause".	Email										X						
No Location Specified (San Geronimo and Nicasio)	Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing to thank you and the County staff for the outstanding work you have been doing on the new Housing Element for Marin County. I especially appreciate the community education and outreach by the County to actively engage residents during these past few months. The workshops on the Housing Element and the Balancing Act tool offered important information on the unmet need for affordable housing and also the criteria that could to be used as guides in the decision-making process. I also want to thank Leelee Thomas and the entire Community Development Agency staff for the virtual workshop on February 16th for unincorporated West Marin. More than 100 people attended, many with purposeful, well-informed questions. Leelee and staff responded to all of the questions in a knowledgeable, meaningful and insightful manner. In addition to housing sites, It was good to hear that County staff are working to try and find solutions to some of the most vexing issues that impede and discourage the creation of affordable homes: septic issues, waste treatment and grey water systems, and building code and zoning restrictions. I very much appreciate your dedication and support of affordable housing in Marin. We all have a lot of work to do. Attached are my ideas about possible sites for affordable housing sites in the San Geronimo Valley and Nicasio. (Note: attachment apparently not included)	Email															X	

MARIN COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT: CANDIDATE HOUSING SITES AND SELECTION PROCESS
COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

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No Location Specified (San Geronimo Valley?)	Increasing the potential for 200+ more cars getting through the SFD corridor during rush hour? Traffic is already a nightmare morning and night. Adding houses to a community struggling to maintain homeowners insurance due to wildfire vulnerability? This is really poor thinking and poor planning. I support seeking SOME alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations but there are possibilities along the 101 corridor that make much more sense. Please think forward instead of short sightedly.	Email				X								X				
No Location Specified (West Marin)	I agree with and adopt as my own the comments submitted by the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC), and request that you add my name in support of EAC's position. And additionally, and by all means, Marin County MUST maintain the zoning (A-60) and all other policies designed to protect and enhance agriculture in West Marin. (Note: unable to identify EAC comments which are referred to.)	Email										X						
No Location Specified (West Marin)	I am extremely concerned about more housing going up in West Marin due to fire danger and the already impossible likelihood of getting out of Marin from West Marin due to the lack of roads to get out. How can more housing be considered when there are only a couple ways out and if traffic in Fairfax is bottled up and the ONLY way out is going east then valley residents are screwed. Housing should only be considered in areas nearest the freeways. The golf course should only be for open space and recreation. Fire danger is a serious threat.	Email				X						X		X				
No Location Specified (West Marin)	In West Marin we are on septic systems. It is horrendously expensive to get anything done here., costing up to $ 100,000 easily for a simple system.Then the County is imposing annual extra fees for people who have non standard systems of any kind. It makes this unfeasible for all but the most wealthy. I and many of my neighbors would be amenable to putting an ADU on our property BUT for the septic issues. There are alternatives - electric toilets, or other things that could be researched. Also, the County must come up with an affordable septic pricing. Plus, the contractors have no incentive to keep their costs in line, even with their proposals. I have heard time and again, how Questa got a bid, must have been the lowest bid, then they went over budget, (by $15, 000 or $ 20,000) and to get the house signed off, approved, and be able to move in, the homeowner paid the extortion, I mean, bill. The County could at least provide a service where homeowners could put their comments in about septic contractors for prospective septic owners to see. Thanks for listening.	Email													X			
No Location Specified (West Marin)	The consideration of this site (275 Olive Avenue) raises a concern that other similarly inappropriate sites may also be up for consideration in other parts of Marin. Would it be possible to get a list of any sites that are within 500 feet of a wetland? I studied wetland habitat restoration planning in graduate school, and was under the impression that CEQA/CWA sect 404 prevented projects from being built on top of or close to wetlands.	Email										X						
Northgate Development (San Rafael)	Additionally, there are also at least two other projects (the 670-unit Northgate and 100-unit Nazareth House developments) which are within our school district but not in unincorporated Marin. Likewise, neither of these developments, both within the Miller Creek School District, will generate per pupil funding for either the Miller Creek K-8 schools or the San Rafael High School district. That means that even though there will be many more students to serve, there will be no additional funding with which to do so. Additionally, these developments generate little to no parcel tax money and some are even exempt from the meager development fees which means the District would receive no money at all to build additional classrooms or to hire additional teachers to serve all the additional students that would be generated.	Email			X													
Novato, Atherton Corridor	Hello. Thank you for the information and materials regarding the Housing Element on the website. I have reviewed all of the materials and have the following questions the answers to which will help me and others comment and provide input in a more informed way. Because of the 1,000 character limit, this is the 1st of 3 emails with 9 total questions. The Draft Candidate Sites Inventory charts you have provided do not break-out extremely low-, very low-, and low-income units. The Housing Element Site Inventory Guidebook under Government Code Section 65583.2 (the "Guidebook") seems to require this, and Marin County's FAQ 15 breaks down the 3,569 total into those 3 categories plus moderate and above moderate. Can you please provide that more defined breakdown of all 5 categories by site? 1. It would be very helpful to have a chart for the Draft Candidate Sites Inventory that lists the units under each of the four scenarios. Is that something you have? Can you please provide it? 2. Under Part A, Step 3 please provide the infrastructure availability or plans for the Atherton Corridor sites. 3. Under Part A, Step 6 please provide the factors considered to accommodate low and very low-income housing for all of the sites. 4. Under Part B, for the Atherton Corridor sites, please provide the evidence that the site is realistic and feasible for lower income housing. 5. Is there a master plan for all of the low-income housing, up to 516 units, for the Atherton Corridor? Does any plan consider sidewalks, traffic lights, parking spaces and public transit? How many buildings and floors on each site are envisioned? 6. Under Part C, the capacity analysis, and in particular Step 2, what were the factors to calculate the realistic capacity of the Atherton Corridor sites including redevelopment of the non-vacant sites? 7. Under Part D, why are the non-vacant sites in the Atherton Corridor considered "obsolete" or "substandard" or otherwise meet the required criteria? 8. Under Part D, Step 3A, what is the basis for finding that the current residential use for the Atherton Corridor sites is unlikely to be continued? I would appreciate your response to my 9 questions in advance of the planned call for the Novato Unincorporated area on February 17.	Email	X	X													X	
Novato, Atherton Corridor	How would you feel if the County identified your home as the possible site for rezoning to accommodate high-density housing but neglected to notify you??? And then justified its inaction as inconsequential because the properties are only under preliminary consideration. That's what happened in the Community Development Agency's Feb. 17 presentation. I call it arrogant, insensitive, high-handed and totally inappropriate. Furthermore, the process of identifying these properties is opaque at best. It is irresponsible to proceed while disregarding the infrastructure necessary to support new homes, particularly in our drought-stressed, fire-endangered landscape. It's not the kind of government that respects its citizens. I am particularly troubled that the planning for the Atherton unincorporated areas ignores the Fireman's Fund 1000-home development in Novato less than a mile away. Dumping 1400 homes into this concentrated area spells disaster and will overwhelm the San Marin-Atherton interchange.* The "Guiding Principles" you adopted in December include "environmental hazards," but they recklessly disregard the practicalities of building on these sites and the adverse impact on the local environment, It's time to go back to the drawing boards and this time develop a reality-based plan that honors your constituents. *Construction of 101 in the Novato Narrows has taken 20+ years! Nothing should proceed until CalTrans is on board with a plan and dollars committed!	Email	X	X						X		X		X				
Novato, Unincorporated	We live in unincorporated Novato and the consensus of my neighborhood is that we do not wish to have our area re-zoned to accommodate low-income housing. What's unique about our area is that we still have some room to support the local wildlife and insects. Since moving here in 2014, we've witnessed a decline in the bee, bumblebee, and butterfly populations. The Monarchs will soon be gone too due to dwindling food resources. They are key to the health of our ecosystem, and every time a property is developed for housing, the plants needed to support these creatures are destroyed. Fencing also hurts the trails and pathways necessary for the animals to get much-needed food and water. We do not want you re-zoning anything. We want to keep our neighborhoods as they are. We already struggle with water issues. Please do not make our areas more accessible for development. We do not want what little beauty is left here destroyed.	Email										X			X			

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O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	(Comment edited for length) Sustainable TamAlmonte has the following comments and recommendations regarding the merits of the above referenced Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites listed in the 2023-2031 Housing Element DRAFT Candidate Housing Sites List. Due to the unique characteristics of the area, encouraging residential development, especially high-density development, at the above referenced Sites would increase the risk of undue harm to the environment and undue hardship, illness, injury and/or death to the current and future residents. The Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita commercial lowlands, in which the above referenced sites are located, experience the most number of environmental constraints and hazards of any area in Unincorporated Marin. Both the Marin Countywide Plan's EIR and the 2012 Housing Element's SEIR demonstrate that development at these sites would exacerbate the existing dangerous conditions and add new significant adverse environmental impacts (which) magnifies the probability that a tragedy would ensue and the multiple mitigations that a developer would need to fulfill would cause development costs to soar. These factors make the sites unsuitable for affordable housing. The only acceptable course of action is to eliminate the sites from the inventory. Below is a list of the unique natural features, hazards, and limited resources in the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita lowlands that constrain development and population growth and substantiate our argument. For a quick overview of these constraints, please view the attached table. I. Dangerous Traffic with Unacceptable Level Of Service – LOS "F" Of Local Roadways:. II. Flooding, 100 Year Floodplain, Impending Sea Level Rise III. Filled Marsh Areas With High Seismic Activity, Liquefaction, Subsidence and Mud Displacement. IV. Air Quality & Noise: Increased Risk of Residents Developing Serious Illness Due to Living Near Major Roadways. V. Hazardous Materials: For additional information regarding potential health impacts to workers and future residents who may be exposed to hazardous soil conditions, related to past uses, in Tam Junction and Manzanita, please follow the below link to read the comment letter by Technical Expert Matt Hagemann. VI. Endangered Special Status Species. VII. Insufficient Services & Public Transit. VIII. Historic Wetlands and Baylands Corridor. IX. Historic Marshland That Could Be Restored. 160 Shoreline Hwy and 260 Redwood Hwy Frontage Rd. are historic marshland. X. High Density Development Is Not Consistent With the Traditional Character Of The Local Semi-Rural Communities. Conclusion: The County now has sufficient information to understand that the proposed Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Sites are inappropriate for inclusion in the 2023-2031 Housing Element Candidate Housing Sites Inventory. Not only would construction of housing on these sites exacerbate the already existing problems but doing so when the County admits in the Marin Countywide Plan EIR and 2012 Housing Element's FSEIR that significant adverse unavoidable impacts would result from such construction defies logic. Moreover, there can be no benefit that would override the impacts of environmental harm and severe illness, injury or loss of life from building on the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites, which are laden with environmental constraints and dangerous hazards. The best course of action would be for the County to revise the list to reflect the current problems with traffic, seismic activity, hazardous soil conditions, air and noise pollution, water supply, flooding, and impending sea level rise and to find that no new residential development in the Tam Junction & Manzanita areas is appropriate. Such action would be consistent with the Board of Supervisors' sensible decisions.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 123-151)	X			X					X	X		X			X	
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O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	I am in complete support of all the points made in Sustainable Tam Almonte letter of 2/24/22. Building in the proposed area is ill advised, and appears to be illegal.	Email								X	X							
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	I am writing to endorse the attached letter from Sustainable TamAlmonte to the Marin County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission regarding the merits of the proposed Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites listed in the 2023-2031 Marin County Housing Element DRAFT Candidate Housing Sites List. The need for housing our homeless is desperate but building residential space at Tam Junction is just NOT logical. The idea of building along Shoreling/ Highway 1 is very questionable. It is already a populated area with minimal sidewalks and access to needed resources. Thank you for your consideration of the attached letter	Email	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	We oppose new housing in the areas mentioned in Tam Junction due to flooding and traffic and possible fires, can't get out of here now. Tell Scott Wiener and his friends to move on.	Email				X					X			X				
O - 217 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	Yesterday afternoon, I had the pleasure of speaking with Ms. Clark about the wisdom (actually, the lack of it) in the choice of potential sites around Tam Junction. Last night, I participated in the "roadshow" and, as a result, I am asking for your help in following up on one matter. During the presentation by Jose Rodriguez, he mentioned that one of the "Guiding Principles" for the BOS is the consideration of "environmental hazards". It doesn't take long to recognize the hazards of sea level rise, a long history of flooding and traffic in our neighborhood, among others. But, in addition, Mr. Rodriguez made an interesting rejoinder to a question about whether certain sites can be included in this study if such sites have been previously reviewed and rejected. He was not too clear but he suggested that the State of California has some "requirements" if a previously rejected site is again brought up for analysis. I asked him to specify (1) which of the four Tam Valley sites have already been considered and rejected, and (2) what are the state's requirements (if any)--that are different or additional--that would apply to such sites. He did not have the information available to answer either question and it didn't appear to me that there would be much of an effort to research those questions and disseminate the answers. Hence, this email. Do you know the answers? If not, would you please put in motion an effort to discover the answers? It may not be dispositive, but then again, it may be important.	Email				X					X	X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	(Comment edited for length) Please find attached the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group's response to the proposed Housing Element update. Background: The San Geronimo Valley Planning Group was formed in 1972 to help elect Gary Giacomini to the Board of Supervisors in order to gain the critical third vote necessary to kill the 1961 Countywide Master Plan, which had envisioned 5,000 new homes and 20,000 additional residents for the San Geronimo Valley alone. While the plan was updated in 1982 and 1997, its central premise has never changed: preserving our Valley's rural character and protecting our natural environment. This commitment - along with that of many other community members - also helped permanently preserve more than 2,300 acres of open space in our beloved Valley. We have been trying to apprehend the efforts of Marin County to meet the state- mandated "housing elements" through the rezoning of existing parcels. We are very concerned that few Valley residents are aware of the potential impact of this housing mandate on our community and that the Planning Group was not included in the process from the beginning. Apparently, pressure from the State has made it a top- down County effort. The Planning Group adamantly opposes the proposed, potential locations within our community identified below. High school property - We are alarmed by Candidate Housing Site P, the proposal to build 98 above-moderate-income units through rezoning the high school property next to the Ottolini/Flanders' Ranch at the bottom of White's Hill on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Our Community Plan clearly spells out that the use of this property should remain as agriculture or open space; the high school district agreed. Our reasons are numerous. 1. It would be a visual blight, destroying not only the aesthetics of the entrance to our Valley but also jamming suburbia into the inland rural corridor. 2. It would be a dangerous location, creating a separate enclave with an entrance off a very busy highway, and removing one of the few places where traffic can safely pass slower traffic. 3. Because this property is not within the boundaries of any of our four villages, it would destroy the essence of our Valley's character, creating, in essence, a new, completely separate village of above market-rate houses. Moreover, there is no sewage or water infrastructure at this location. 4. It is an environmentally poor choice, being a wetland area, a swamp in the winter, and within the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek watershed. Former golf course club house property. Candidate Housing Site R-1. This open space, referred to as the Commons, must remain open space and not also become a "new village" location. In addition to being the likely site for a new firehouse, this is an essential area for community gatherings, and provides needed parking for and access to Roy's Redwoods, Maurice Thorner Open Preserve, and the two, newly conservation easement-protected meadow parcels (former front and back nine). The Planning Group does favor affordable housing in the Valley. We want our residents and their children to be able to afford to remain in our community and to maintain our diverse population. But the current plan seems to be solely a County "numbers game," meeting only the requirements of the State for 3,569 units in unincorporated Marin. The parcels in the Valley are identified for families earning more than $132,000 annually. For an individual, this would be the equivalent of $62.50 an hour. The Valley is a rural community. The minimum wage in California is $14 an hour. Anyone who works a full- time job should be able to afford decent housing. This plan does not provide that. The County must focus on the real need for affordable housing, with more emphasis and incentive on legalizing existing units and making it easier to create second units, ADUs and JDUs. A stronger effort is needed by the County to find appropriate parcels within our existing villages. Potentially, this might include the current location of the County fire department, which, if/when it's vacated, could be an excellent location for affordable multi-family housing. There are others. A time constraint shouldn't be the deciding factor in zoning parcels for housing. There has to be more thought put into this and community involvement shouldn't be limited to a flawed survey. We request the County hold an in-person meeting for the community as soon as possible, preferably in the multi-purpose room at Lagunitas School. Additionally, the Planning Group would like to work with you to find a way to provide more affordable housing units within our community while continuing to maintain and protect the rural character and natural resources that make our Valley such an attractive place to live and raise a family.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 234-236)			X	X	X			X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	1: can we use the Lagunitas school parcel that is before the Spirit Rock parcel? 2: If Spirit Rock is built on can it be hidden from road? 3: The visual view when you enter the Valley is gorgeous and should be maintained. 4: Lagunitas school campus has lots of unused space.	Email										X						X
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	98 houses on the San Geronimo Valley floor is a terrible idea. It would ruin the beauty of the valley which Valley residents have worked so hard over the years to preserve.Please help us … we would be most grateful if you could find other sites for these needed homes. Grateful for your attention to this.	Email								X		X						

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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Already leaving here is problematic early in the morning and many folks work and go to school over the hill and have to go then. You would be adding probably 200 or so cars to the problem for starters. As it is I no longer go to Point Reyes on the weekends because its an extremely busy place full of tourists and the locals cant park and get to services. Dennis, I have written to you before regarding the San Geronimo Valley Golf Course and you can see now that what was once a beautiful sward of land full of animals and birds and yes golfers is now a sea of weeds and fallen trees. And yes, people walk there on the paths and I guess through the tick invested grasses as well. And now you want to put up 98 (!) houses and destroy another piece of the Valley? And what about fire and earthquake considerations. If that corridor gets blocked in an emergency we would all try to get out through Lucas Valley or perhaps Highway One but regardless its scary to think of those situations. And I was here when we fought to keep that high school and all the other developments a NO GO. Successfully might I add and I believe the plan states that land was to stay agricultural. And how are you going to get all those folks home insurance? I already know people who have been denied coverage here and several of those companies I believe want to leave California altogether. Surely you can find another spot to meet whatever criteria is mandated some place else. I dont know if you even bother to read these letters but I do want to go on record objecting wholeheartedly to this.	Email				X						X		X				
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Dear Mr. Rodini please do your best to represent the better interest of all Valley residents and don't let 98 new houses be Built-in the area East of Woodacre along San Francisco Drake. The San Geronimo Valley has one road in-and-out and Our septic systems and fire protection issues are at stake! Please say no!	Email				X								X	X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Hello Dennis, I am writing as a long term resident in Woodacre with some concern regarding the 50 acre parcel alongside SFD Blvd and the Flanders ranch property. Please include all San Geronimo residents in any planning that might go forward on this horrendous possibility for 98 homes. We are already struggling with water issues, fire issues, septic issues, road access in emergencies, current Fairfax traffic jams. We already have a valley floor jammed with County infrastructure - water dept, fire dept, PGE substation, noise and lights all times of day and night. I certainly hope this possibility will become part of many public forums on your agenda for this small and fragile valley. Since the last fire on White's Hill, nothing has been done to remove the battery box from the long-broken highway sign which may have sparked that fire. I think, in speaking to my neighbors, the SGV feels a bit neglected by your office and I sincerely hope that can be rectified.	Email				X				X				X	X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I am a homeowner in Woodacre since 1972. I am of the opinion that there are some places that shouldn't be developed. I include all of western Marin in that category, but for the moment I will comment on the proposed development of 98 homes just west of White Hill on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Entering the valley, one's first impression is the beautiful rural landscape that is becoming rare in California. That experience would be negatively impacted by any development in that area. 98 Homes would mean around 200 automobiles adding to the congestion in Fairfax and San Anselmo and create a great deal more air pollution than already exists. That area is not only a seasonal wetland, but is in the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek Watershed. Construction and habitation of that area would cause irreparable harm to wildlife, including endangered salmonids and many other species. I support development along the 101 corridor.	Email				X				X		X		X	X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I am a resident and homeowner in Forest Knolls, where I live with my husband and 5 year old. I'm responding to signs I saw posted today along SFD near Dickson Ranch, in regard to the building of 98 homes on that property. I have searched online and cannot find any more information about this proposal. I would like to add my comment that you please proceed very cautiously-- while I really recognize the need for more housing and more affordable housing in Marin, I have a couple of big concerns-- environmental impact (including air quality, native species habitat preservation and restoration, and light pollution. I also have some concern about SFD as the only way into and out of the valley, in case of emergency (and, just in terms of general traffic congestion, and air pollution). So my comment is to please very carefully consider these matters before proceeding. Thank you!	Email				X						X		X		X		
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I am dead set against the proposal to develop 98 new houses on the 50 acre High School property. Such a large development is exactly the kind of change the valley has fought against for decades. Such a large development would change the Valley's pastoral character enormously and negatively. I believe the Valley's population stands around 3,500. If 4 people were to live in each house of such a new village, the valley's population would increase over 10% overnight. I would support fewer than half such units of low-income housing if they were located in dispersed fashion, and wouldn't have such a negative aesthetic consequences.	Email								X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I believe West Marin has reached its carrying capacity for new homes, especially in regards to water, roads, septic and fire safety. Are we going for maximum buildout? What happens after we add 3500 homes the State of California tells we have to do? What happens in 2031 when they say we have to do it again? I watched the zoom meeting with Leelee Thomas on February 16, and she said it's either the carrot or the stick. I did not see any carrots in the equation, only threats. The proposed 98 houses in the heart of the San Geronimo Valley is an ill conceived proposal. It does not take into consideration that the plot of land is the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek which is a coho salmon nursery. It's a flood plain when we get substantial rain - if you have ever driven by in a downpour, the entire area is a web of small streams before it gets to the main stream channel about 500 feet from there. I believe the infrastructure needed for those houses would not only be an eyesore, but also a detriment to our fragile ecosystem.	Email		X		X				X	X	X		**X**	**X**			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I could not access the Balancing Site work area so I am submitting these comments here. SGV is am amazing place to be due to low development. I have had the benefit of living here 25 years. What is being proposed in both of the areas of the School property and at the Gold Course are for higher end homes. Higher end homes are not a help for our community. We need homes for families with kids, We need Senior housing. We don't need another 127 above moderate income homes. Have some vision. Create a place with a grocery store, deli, and place for people to meet. Create Senior housing. Have ability to share vehicles. This area could become a hub for our community to use and support. It is also a sensitive environmental area. It used to be where water would spread out when it rained and slowly sink into the ground providing water all year round for the fish. More concrete and asphalt = more runoff. This vision of 98 separate high end homes here is not fitting to the rural area of our valley. It is just going to bring in more people who want a rural lifestyle from other areas and NOT give our locals homes. Every day, people, and families are looking for homes. Renters are being pushed out. It is unaffordable to live here. Solve the problem we have now, housing for our locals. Not bring more people here. Also, the place being considered at 6900 Sir Francis Drake is a privately owned place. Owned by a family that owns quite a bit of property in the Valley as it is. I certainly hope public monies are not going to rehab this property.	Email								X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I do not support 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd in the San Geronimo Valley. It would destroy our Valley's rural character and the beauty we prize in that view shed. I support seeking alternative Valley sites not visible from Sir Francis Drake Blvd to meet our affordable housing obligations.	Email								X		X						
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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I do not support new housing on the 50-acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. This important rural gateway property to the valley and nearby Pt Reyes National Seashore should remain in agricultural use as part of the historical Flanders Ranch. I support seeking alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations. Our community will vigorously oppose such inappropriate development.	Email								X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I hate to hear that 98 houses are going to be built on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. I do support seeking alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations, and hope that some compromise can be reached that won't destroy the beautiful approach to West Marin or further stress our limited resources. I know we are lucky to have remained untouched by "progress" for so long but oh boy I hope our luck holds a bit longer. Anything you can do to stop this unwelcome and depressing development will be much appreciated.	Email								X		X			X			
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I have lived in Woodacre for over 40 years. I love the contry feel and woodsy environment. I highly object to the proposed low income housing development on Flanders property. I am your constituent, and voted for you when you were running for office. Please stop any expansion, re- zoning or building projects that will bring more residences to the Valley. I travel down San Geronimo Valley drive every day as, I work in San Rafael. When I get to the corner of Sir Francis Drake, I would be looking at the very piece of land across SFD, that the houses will be built on. As I understand the proposal, 100 houses will be built on 50 acres. The new development will also add to traffic on SFD by quite a bit. Please, let's keep the beautiful rural nature of the Valley as it is now.	Email				X				X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I hope you're well and please allow me to begin by thanking you for your leadership on a range of issues important to San Geronimo Valley residents. While I know the recent report about possible locations for additional housing in the county is quite preliminary (and conducted by a third party that does not speak for Marin County residents), it makes sense that concerned citizens speak loudly and early on this topic. Please know that I do not support 98 houses on the 50 acre high school property facing Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. It would destroy our Valley's rural character. It would destroy the beauty we prize in coming over White's Hill. It would create a new, unnecessary and unwanted village. Most important, it would add a possible 200 additional vehicles and possibly up to one thousand daily vehicle trips in and out of the valley to an already congested road. Anyone trying to get to Highway 101 at 8:00 am already knows that the traffic is horrible as you enter Fairfax. This would add to that exponentially. Anyone living on or near SFD Blvd. knows that the weekends are equally tough with many tourists heading to and from the coast. While I support affordable housing I believe there are better ways and better locations to accomplish this.	Email				X				X		X						

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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I oppose 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. .West Marin is maxed out on development because of fire concerns, small roads, septic. The proposed development at the west side of whites hill is the headwaters of the Lagunitas creek which is our coho salmon nursery. It's a floodplain and is unsuitable for development. The infrastructure needed for a development would harm our fragile ecosystem. If Marin County decides to do what the State is demanding, then why not put the entire buildout on the St. Vincents property which is right next to the freeway and could handle the increase in population. We would like to see all the building be for homeless and low income people - like all the people who commute from Vallejo and Richmond to serve us daily because they can not afford to live in our county. Many other properties in Marin would be more suitable.	Email				X				X		X		X	X		X	
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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I support adding housing in appropriate locations. I do not believe the west side of White's Hill, on Tamalpais School property is appropriate. The area is prone to flooding and is vital for supporting the flow of water in the creeks that are used by salmon. Also, the county plan has been to add housing on the 101 corridor, leaving west Marin rural. As a member of the Valley Emergency Response Team, I am concerned about adding so many more cars on the road, ensuring a bottleneck in the event of an emergency evacuation.	Email									X	X		X				
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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I think that the proposed low cost housing sites and sizes and the solution is not thought out ! For instance , the 98 homes in Woodacre would create a huge traffic problem and also be inappropriate . The Olema location and proposal would ruin the nature of Olema ! And Dennis Rodoni lives in Olema ! The west Marin area has been protected for a reason ! The nature and small town is the reason that we are all here ! I've lived here for 46 years and believe that it would be more appropriate to absorb the housing on properties that are all ready developed and make it attractive for homeowners to build ADUs Please revise the thinking around this important topic of affordable housing !	Email				X				X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I'm not sure if this is accurate, but we have heard a site for 98 new homes is being proposed at the base of Whites Hill. We can only hope this is not true as that would be disastrous for the area and environment, and truly spoil the natural surroundings	Email										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	It has come to my attention, either from neighborly chats or from other sources, there is a potential plan taking shape to add housing to the San Geronimo Valley. Specifically close to 100 houses on the land we refer to as "Flander's Field", where there was once a plan for a high school. That plan didn't materialize, as this valley began to be more declarative and assertive in stating the vision for this area, and guidelines for what is / is not acceptable development. When I moved to the valley 25 years ago, I thought it might be a place to stay for a couple of years. But after understanding this community better, and listening to our elders, I came to understand and appreciate what our environmental advocates have been fighting for and diligently guarding. This is the reason I still live here today. In my home town, I watched as the cherry trees toppled, the apple orchards fell, and the planting fields gave way to urbanization and development. It still breaks my heart whenever I drive through and see the Police Station, Post Office, County Buildings and parking lots where I once played with my friends and frolicked with my dog. I am filled with such gratitude to live here in the San Geronimo Valley, comforted in knowing this place is truly special. Magical. I now take up the fight to preserve our natural beauty and the ecosystems that depend on limits to growth. My neighbor refers to entering the valley as the "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang effect", where the wheels of the car roll up under you and you start to float along in the last part of your journey home. Please help us keep this natural beauty as opposed to a Shitty Shitty first impression entering this sacred place. Also, this would impact and devastate what little is left of our natural habitat for spawning salmon...I've witnessed and taken part in many debates and county board meetings to force the stoppage of building homes due to this deleterious impact. 98 homes will be a huge battle, but taking a cue from our long term residents, environmental groups, and our elders, I can't stand back and watch this happen. I look forward to understanding both of your positions on this subject. Signed, a long time Marin tax payer, diligent voter, and newly commissioned soldier in the fight to preserve my surroundings	Email										X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Please don't approve this development! It is way too big and is in a terrible location. It will destroy the beautiful view that every Valley resident welcomes on their return home to the SG Valley. Yes we need some affordable housing, but not on this parcel, and not at market rate. The Sir Francis Drake corridor in San Geronimo should remain rural. This huge development would create a new, unnecessary and unwanted village.	Email								X		X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Please don't support the development of 98 units on former Flanders Ranch land in the San Geronimo Valley. This site stands at the gateway to the SGV and the headwaters of the watershed which houses our endangered salmonids. It is an especially sensitive location, both aesthetically and ecologically, and should be protected from all development. Just a couple of years ago, you and the BOS attempted to do a very good thing for Marin County and the SGV by purchasing the golf course, in order to protect it permanently from development and to give endangered salmonid populations a place to recover. Probably, in a few years' time, some public entity—possibly Marin County—will resume the pursuit of these goals when TPL sells the land. If the County allows a new village of several hundred people to be built, with all the ecological disturbance that entails, just a short distance upstream from the salmonid sanctuary, it will jeopardize this important environmental restoration project. I believe the 98 units are envisioned to be targeted to buyers of "above moderate" income. If so, then this suggests that the homes will be too expensive to count as the sort of affordable housing that the voting public sympathizes with. We don't want a SGV that is even more exclusive (economically speaking) than it already is—especially not at the expense of the ecology, aesthetics, etc. Please do all you can to keep the old Flanders Ranch area completely open and agricultural. Thank you very much.	Email										X					X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Please understand that our history and values are not supportive of mass development in the San Geronimo Valley. We value our rural character for aesthetic reasons but equally for safety. We must protect egress for fire primarily. In addition we do not have the infrastructure and resources to support 98 new homes. This ideal would be better served along the 101 corridor. Thank you for consideration of supporting no development of the open fields adjacent to Flander's property.	Email		X						X		X		X				

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P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	Remove the high school site from any consideration for housing. It is not supported in our Community Plan (see excerpts below). In addition, this is the critical view shed that every Valley resident experiences and "welcomes" on their return "home" to the San Geronimo Valley as they negotiate the curve, going west, at the bottom of White's Hill leaving the eastern urbanized corridor (where over 90% of Marin residents live), behind. This priceless Valley view encompasses the entire Ottolini/Flanders ranch and the Spirit Rock Meditation Center property from the meadows on the flats, to the uplands and ridge that seems to disappear going west towards the Nicasio pass. High School Site Issues: The development currently proposed would create the equivalent of a "new" village and its location next to SF Drake Blvd. would destroy the Valley's rural character. Increased traffic would overwhelm Drake Blvd. in route to and from the eastern urbanized corridor and 101. The north east section of San Geronimo Creek, which is home to coho salmon and steelhead trout, appears to be in this area. If confirmed, protection of this area could impact proposed development. FYI - Historically, this 50 acre school site was originally owned by the Ottolini/Flanders Ranch family. It was condemned for use of a planned High School -- part of the '61 Master Plan calling for 20,000 residents and 5000 homes. This '61 Master Plan was scuttled in 1972/73 after the newly elected Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the new County Wide Plan. Subsequently, the BOS began the development of highly successful Community Plans for designated areas in West Marin. At one point, (the '80's I think) the Tamalpais school board considered selling it's 3 unused school sites. Two were in the eastern corridor and one was in the Valley. The board appointed a committee to study the situation and make a recommendation. It was composed of Kate Blickhahn (Drake High School Superintendent), Dale Elliott of Forest Knolls and me. They implemented our recommendation to sell the two sites in the eastern corridor and preserve the Valley site for agriculture. The Flanders family subsequently worked out a lease (still in effect) with the District so their cattle could use it for grazing as was done when they owned it. Two proposals to create an orchard never materialized	Email				X				X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	The proposed 98 new houses on the 50 acre parcel in the San Geronimo Valley was just brought to my attention. I am not opposed to more housing, but I am opposed to how and where they will be built i(n a cluster creating a new community as well as changing the landscape as you enter The Valley). There have been other projects in the past that are woven into the existing communities. The low cost neighborhood next to the Trailer park is a fine example. I am assuming that this Federal money is to be used for our lower income population? I have lived in the Valley for 50 years at which time we voted against sewer lines and natural gas in order to keep housing developments from taking place. Will a project this large take that into consideration? I will be sure to be adding my input as this project moves forward. Dennis, as old acquaintance I'm hoping that we can find time to discuss this more, I am no longer 'asleep at the wheel'….Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.	Email		X						X		X			X		X	
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This is a terrible idea! I can tell you that it will become another problem like Victory Village. You can't just plunk down a totally different community (with different needs and mind-sets) inside another unique community. And what about water !??!?!?!?! I do not support 98 houses on the 50 acre High School property facing Drake Blvd. in the San Geronimo Valley. It would destroy our Valley's rural character, the beauty we prize in that view shed and create a new, unnecessary and unwanted village. I support seeking alternative Valley sites to meet our affordable housing obligations	Email								X		X						
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	This proposal make no sense for multiple valid reasons. Please do what you can to reject it.	Email								X								
P - 4900 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	While I support adding housing in WMarin, I believe the White Hill location is not appropriate for the reasons below: This clearly goes against our Community Plan. It is an area prone to flooding As a result of the above, it interferes with the watershed that provides the creeks that support the endangers steelhead. It will place untold stress on an already precarious road evacuation during wildfire season. the Valley is already under major stress with failing septics, with no help on the horizon as has been blocked by the Planning Group. The Valley and it's homeowners are about to be handcuffed by the new stream side ordinances, making repairs and maintenance near impossible, so the added burden of 68 homes is such a double standard. The rural character of the Valley will be visually destroyed. .I am curious why this information has been held from the public and the very short window of public comment which further punctuates your desertion, the same way you mid-handled the Golf Course debacle. Please respond with a confirmation of my very strong objection to this location.	Email								X	X	X						
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	(Comment edited for length) Please find attached the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group's response to the proposed Housing Element update. Background: The San Geronimo Valley Planning Group was formed in 1972 to help elect Gary Giacomini to the Board of Supervisors in order to gain the critical third vote necessary to kill the 1961 Countywide Master Plan, which had envisioned 5,000 new homes and 20,000 additional residents for the San Geronimo Valley alone. While the plan was updated in 1982 and 1997, its central premise has never changed: preserving our Valley's rural character and protecting our natural environment. This commitment - along with that of many other community members - also helped permanently preserve more than 2,300 acres of open space in our beloved Valley. We have been trying to apprehend the efforts of Marin County to meet the state- mandated "housing elements" through the rezoning of existing parcels. We are very concerned that few Valley residents are aware of the potential impact of this housing mandate on our community and that the Planning Group was not included in the process from the beginning. Apparently, pressure from the State has made it a top- down County effort. The Planning Group adamantly opposes the proposed, potential locations within our community identified below. High school property - We are alarmed by Candidate Housing Site P, the proposal to build 98 above-moderate-income units through rezoning the high school property next to the Ottolini/Flanders' Ranch at the bottom of White's Hill on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Our Community Plan clearly spells out that the use of this property should remain as agriculture or open space; the high school district agreed. Our reasons are numerous. 1. It would be a visual blight, destroying not only the aesthetics of the entrance to our Valley but also jamming suburbia into the inland rural corridor. 2. It would be a dangerous location, creating a separate enclave with an entrance off a very busy highway, and removing one of the few places where traffic can safely pass slower traffic. 3. Because this property is not within the boundaries of any of our four villages, it would destroy the essence of our Valley's character, creating, in essence, a new, completely separate village of above market-rate houses. Moreover, there is no sewage or water infrastructure at this location. 4. It is an environmentally poor choice, being a wetland area, a swamp in the winter, and within the headwaters of the Lagunitas Creek watershed. Former golf course club house property. Candidate Housing Site R-1. This open space, referred to as the Commons, must remain open space and not also become a "new village" location. In addition to being the likely site for a new firehouse, this is an essential area for community gatherings, and provides needed parking for and access to Roy's Redwoods, Maurice Thorner Open Preserve, and the two, newly conservation easement-protected meadow parcels (former front and back nine). The Planning Group does favor affordable housing in the Valley. We want our residents and their children to be able to afford to remain in our community and to maintain our diverse population. But the current plan seems to be solely a County "numbers game," meeting only the requirements of the State for 3,569 units in unincorporated Marin. The parcels in the Valley are identified for families earning more than $132,000 annually. For an individual, this would be the equivalent of $62.50 an hour. The Valley is a rural community. The minimum wage in California is $14 an hour. Anyone who works a full- time job should be able to afford decent housing. This plan does not provide that. The County must focus on the real need for affordable housing, with more emphasis and incentive on legalizing existing units and making it easier to create second units, ADUs and JDUs. A stronger effort is needed by the County to find appropriate parcels within our existing villages. Potentially, this might include the current location of the County fire department, which, if/when it's vacated, could be an excellent location for affordable multi-family housing. There are others. A time constraint shouldn't be the deciding factor in zoning parcels for housing. There has to be more thought put into this and community involvement shouldn't be limited to a flawed survey. We request the County hold an in-person meeting for the community as soon as possible, preferably in the multi-purpose room at Lagunitas School. Additionally, the Planning Group would like to work with you to find a way to provide more affordable housing units within our community while continuing to maintain and protect the rural character and natural resources that make our Valley such an attractive place to live and raise a family.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 234-236)			X	X	X			X		X					X	
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	1: can we use the Lagunitas school parcel that is before the Spirit Rock parcel? 2: If Spirit Rock is built on can it be hidden from road? 3: The visual view when you enter the Valley is gorgeous and should be maintained. 4: Lagunitas school campus has lots of unused space.	Email										X						

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R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I could not access the Balancing Site work area so I am submitting these comments here. SGV is am amazing place to be due to low development. I have had the benefit of living here 25 years. What is being proposed in both of the areas of the School property and at the Gold Course are for higher end homes. Higher end homes are not a help for our community. We need homes for families with kids, We need Senior housing. We don't need another 127 above moderate income homes. Have some vision. Create a place with a grocery store, deli, and place for people to meet. Create Senior housing. Have ability to share vehicles. This area could become a hub for our community to use and support. It is also a sensitive environmental area. It used to be where water would spread out when it rained and slowly sink into the ground providing water all year round for the fish. More concrete and asphalt = more runoff. This vision of 98 separate high end homes here is not fitting to the rural area of our valley. It is just going to bring in more people who want a rural lifestyle from other areas and NOT give our locals homes. Every day, people, and families are looking for homes. Renters are being pushed out. It is unaffordable to live here. Solve the problem we have now, housing for our locals. Not bring more people here. Also, the place being considered at 6900 Sir Francis Drake is a privately owned place. Owned by a family that owns quite a bit of property in the Valley as it is. I certainly hope public monies are not going to rehab this property.	Email								X		X					X	
R1 - 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (San Geronimo Valley)	I just want to add my voice to ask you not to support the new San Geronimo housing being considered. The environmental and infrastructure impact will be horrible !	Email		X								X						
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Hello and thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding Future Housing Sites in Marin County. I attended the local Housing meeting regarding Santa Venetia and Los Ranchitos on February 15th and live in the Santa Venetia area. Here are my comments from a Santa Venetia resident perspective: 1. The process, while advised by the Marin County Planning Department, is being run by a consulting agency that is not familiar with Marin County and the local areas & neighborhoods. 2. The number of assigned housing units to Santa Venetia, 422, ignores the following. Before housing site numbers are assigned and accepted, a "CEQA-lite" analysis should be performed to determine if the numbers and locations are practical from a CEQA perspective. We heard these concerns brushed off with the response that if any development is going to be done, a full CEQA would be completed before development could/would proceed. This would be an "after-the-fact" process, with the fact that the housing numbers and sites have already been assigned and accepted, and would be too late to be influential in the development process. a. There is only one practical vehicle road out of Santa Venetia to the freeway that is already heavily impacted by three schools, the one at the JCC, the Marin School, and Venetia Valley school, and a large pre-school. Traffic in & out of Santa Venetia is also already heavily impacted by the JCC, the Civic Center traffic, the Marin Lagoon traffic, the Veterans Memorial traffic, the Marin Lagoon Housing and the commercial enterprises along McInnis Parkway. b. Some of the sites selected are in wetlands areas, such as the McPhail school site next to North San Pedro Road. c. some of the sites selected are next to the Bay and subject to special development restrictions, such as the McPhail school site. d. The total number of housing units assigned to Marin County, and not just to the unincorporated areas, does not take into account the water needs. And we, Marin County as serviced by MMWD, are in the middle of a water shortage with future years looking to be worse due to Climate Change. 3. Using city limit boundaries to direct neighborhood focus and comment ignores the reality of the holistic nature of a neighborhood that crosses city limits and unincorporated boundaries. It is expedient, especially for an outside consulting firm not familiar with Marin County or Santa Venetia, but not realistic. This is especially true for the Santa Venetia area. Santa Venetia is heavily impacted by what the City of San Rafael does or does not due around the Civic Center, at the intersection of North San Pedro Road and Civic Center Drive, around Marin Lagoon Park, at the Marin Lagoon homes neighborhood, and at the Marin Ranch Airport. Using city limit boundaries is expedient but not accurate and realistic in appraising housing impacts to a neighborhood such as Santa Venetia. And restricting the geographical area that Santa Venetia residents can comment on and have input to, to not include what is inside the City limits of San Rafael for the areas noted above is violating our rights to comment on and have input to what is impacting our neighborhood. Thank you for the chance to comment	Email				X				X				X	X			
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Here in Santa Venetia, we are living with water shortages, traffic congestion, and our community's evacuation route was named the most dangerous in Marin and yet huge additional numbers of housing are proposed for this flood prone neighborhood. That's insane! We are not fooled by claims that these new residents won't drive everywhere. They will. We already know that every person of driving age in our neighborhood not only drives but owns a car, or truck. They line our streets, further restricting access routes. There are sites where housing can happen like at Northgate Mall, but not in our overcrowded flood zone.	Email				X				X	X			X				
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I am a longtime resident of Santa Venetia in unincorporated Marin County, and a member of the Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA). I, along with many of my neighbors, attended the February 15 Zoom meeting on the Housing Element initiative, which seems detached from the reality of worsening climate change. Much of Santa Venetia exists in a flood plain; other parts are in the WUI. With only a single one-lane route in and out of the neighborhood — North San Pedro Road — our existing infrastructure is already stretched to the breaking point with daily traffic congestion restricting both egress and ingress. We currently have fewer than 1800 residences in Santa Venetia, yet the Housing Element recommends 422 additional units, representing an increase of approximately 25%. Adding a fraction of 422 units to Santa Venetia would greatly compromise the safety of its residents, in addition to degrading quality of life. Many of our homes were built in the WUI. We are at constant risk of wildfire, with unstable hillsides that in recent years have collapsed onto North San Pedro Road. Like all of our Marin neighbors, we are constrained by drought. Here in Santa Venetia, our water supply comes from tanks that are sited in the WUI. Supplanting CEQA review in the drive to create multi-million-dollar homes puts our cultural as well as our natural environment at risk. For example, Oxford Valley, a known site of native tribal artifacts such as shell mounds, has been designated for 45 "above moderate income" units. Bypassing CEQA would eliminate the protection of cultural resources here and in other areas of Santa Venetia and Marin that have not yet been surveyed and would be lost forever. Our neighborhood is known to be at severe risk of flooding. The SVNA is currently participating in a collaboration between the California Dept of Parks and Rec, The County of Marin, and The SF Bay NERR to "Identify and Evaluate Sea Level Rise Adaptation Options to Solve Road Flooding in China Camp State Park." The project recently received a $525k grant to address the critical issue of flooding in the low- lying segment of North San Pedro that runs between Santa Venetia and Peacock Gap. This road is our only alternate route to Highway 101, one that our emergency responders rely upon when highway traffic is heavy. Here is a link to the July 26, 2021 article in the Marin IJ that describes the flooding (which is only expected to worsen) and touches on our risk of impeded egress/ingress in the event of a natural disaster: https://www.marinij.com/2021/07/26/china-camp-road-flooding-project-gets-525k-grant/ The Housing Element did not seem include plans for significant numbers of true low- income housing. In the future, we would like to see a plan that factors in housing that our neighbors throughout Marin County could afford.	Email		X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X			
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I am against the proposed units on North San Pedro Road. This proposed project is completely unsustainable and not researched for undesirable living situations. There are many factors that indicate this would not be a good site to build. Factors such as flood control, sea rising at a rate we can expect in the coming years, congestion, removal of a ball park and mostly there are no services to support this project. Well thought out projects include parks, services, bike paths, sidewalks and a reasonable egress in case of fire. North San Pedro Road is all ready congested due to a large school and many churches on this road. Another road to San Rafael is available to Point San Pedro Road however this road is failing due to floods in the winter and very evident sink holes that are not being addressed. More traffic would of course erode the roads further and in the past have had slides on this road particularly after recent tree removal has increased the likely occurance.	Email		X	X	X				X	X	X		X				

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R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I attended the zoom meeting a few nights ago. I share the concern of some of my neighbors, well articulated by Gina Hagen. While I totally support affordable housing (so question if this will be "affordable" for working class people), I think we already have too many high density buildings on San Pedro Road, Jcc, school, rest homes, elder affordable housing, civic center etc... So I would support maybe 25 more units or something manageable, but hundreds seems like asking for trouble in an emergency. I live on Labrea way and I am glad we have housing for families, down the street, but a common problem is the amount of cars and high occupancy of some of the apartments. The overflow of cars goes all the way to Rosal, and currently I have had cars parked in front of my house for a month and more. It is not a significant problem in my case, but my neighbor who has teenagers with cars, is having to struggle to park their own cars, while the overflow is from housing two blocks away. Obviously San Rafael is a good place for more housing and i would think a place closer to the freeway like Marin Square could be used for extra units of housing. I also would personally like to build an accessory unit in my front yard for a student, teacher, medical professional, at affordable rate. It would be nice to have a department in Marin county who could help seniors like myself design,, get permits, and loans to afford to create such units. I myself was a renter in Marin for 36 years and lived in in-law apartments. I found it much more private and a win/win solution for the owner, typically older retired person, and myself as young professional. I was excited about an organization called Lily Pads and attended a meeting but found out later the owner was no longer providing services. So this would be a great thing to promote. Thank you for including us in your work. Hope we can have more affordable housing, while preserving the safety of our neighborhoods.	Email					X			X							X	
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I served on the Santa Venetia Community Plan (SVCP) Committee for almost 10 years, including working with County Staff the last 4 years, until its final adoption in 2017. This process included a thorough survey of our neighbors who commented on every empty parcel and open space for future development (and in fact Godbe told us the response was overwhelming with a higher than normal percentage of participation). Our SVCP Committee Members represented every corner of Santa Venetia. We held community meetings (that were well-attended) so all residents had a chance to voice their opinions and ideas. No one knows Santa Venetia better than Santa Venetians. The plan was supposed to cover everything of interest to ensure a diverse, family-oriented, and happy community for years to come. Adding 442 units is simply untenable for a small, working-class hamlet such as Santa Venetia. The last two open spaces (two ball fields) are slated for high density housing. This is totally uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighbors who live in small, single- family housing. In the February 15th Housing Element Zoom call, with County Staff and Contractors from… who knows where?, we were informed that our Community Plan would need to be updated. Who would do this work? When and how soon would these updates happen? How can the County randomly update our Community Plans that we spent so many resources on. SB-9 and SB-10 are a complete contradiction to our Community Plan that we dedicated years of work and volunteer hours to finally see its adoption. These past summers, we've stayed inside due to smoke and/or triple-digit weather. We used a bucket from our shower to water our indoor and deck plants while our yard withered and died due to restrictions and requirements in place from Marin Water. We worked out evacuation routes to alert residents to escape danger due to our one road in and out of Santa Venetia. I heard chain saws, chippers, and weed whackers almost every day, regardless of the high, fire-danger days. This is due to San Rafael Fire Department notifications and requirements. Also, there is currently a plan in place for creekside residents to have their wooden levees raised two feet to protect the sinking, below-sea-level homes in the flood zone (Zone 7), due to Sea Level Rise. The CDA is currently working on a "Safety Overlay Map" to be completed after the Housing Element site are chosen. Isn't this a case of "putting the cart before the horse"? Due to the location of Santa Venetia, nestled before the ripe, fire-prone area of San Pedro Ridge and the rising Las Gallinas Creek, doesn't this deserve a second look and/or consideration of the over-inflated number of units allotted to our small hamlet. When talking to my neighbors, the 422 units sounds so incredulous, they find it impossible to believe. As a volunteer, seasoned Land Use Member, I can't say I blame them. It's mind-boggling. Please reconsider Santa Venetia's allotted housing site numbers.	Email									X			X	X			
R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	I will reiterate the comments I made at the February 15 Housing Element meeting… I've lived in SV for over 30 years. I've served on the Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association Board of Directors for almost 30 years. Through our neighborhood association, The Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA), we try to get the word out so that our residents are aware of upcoming projects and opportunity to comment. We've heard from Santa Venetia residents that they want to protect our quality of life. We are already concerned about the constant fire danger, flooding, Sea Level Rise, ingress and egress, and unsafe evacuation routes. Climate change is a huge concern for us and as well, we have run out of water in Marin County and are under strict mandates, so I can't understand how adding more and more housing units will help. And to restate, 422 units in SV is an increase of almost 25% of the 1,700-1,800 units we currently had, at last count. It's a very shocking number of additional units for us. I grew up in San Rafael. I hate what they've done to the City and have been constantly disappointed with the building choices and what they have given up. I don't want to see that happening in Santa Venetia – more congestion and loss of our green spaces. Affordable housing sounds great on paper, but we never seem to get that promise fulfilled. I've followed projects in San Rafael and for almost every project, the promise is a huge amount of housing with a small portion designated affordable and then after the project passes through the hurdles, the affordable-housing number is adjusted… always downward. I remember previously rules were passed to keep up with the demand of affordable housing, but the goalposts seem to constantly change and that number is lowered. What is the promise that won't happen with this process? Also, I heard them say at that meeting, they were giving schools and churches more flexibility by allowing them to build on parking lots? If that is the case, where will people park? They've already lowered the parking needed for new building in our communities. We already have overblown congestion, car-to-car parking along the road, and lots of red curbs. The idea of reducing parking requirements for new units AND building on parking required for old units is frightening. And finally, I realize this mandate for housing comes from the state. I believe we (my neighbors) are all on the same page when I ask that you push-back against these mandates. These are not only unrealistic for Santa Venetia but for all of Marin, the wonderful county I grew up in.	Email								X	X	X		X	X		X	

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R10 - 200 San Pedro Road (Santa Venetia)	Re: Marin County Housing and Safety Elements Update, 2023 – 2031. The Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association (SVNA) is an organization representing the interests of 1,700 – 1,800 households (4,474 residents per the 2019 census figures) who live in Santa Venetia. As an organization, we are dedicated to the enhancement and preservation of the character and quality of life of the Santa Venetia neighborhood. We do our best to represent our community and have an established reputation to be a voice for proper development. And in accordance with our mission statement, we, the Board Members of the SVNA, feel compelled to comment on this issue. We want to ensure that the Marin County Board of Supervisors receives an accurate impression from our community regarding the updated Housing Element and are writing today to summarize feedback we have heard from many of our members. Many residents of Santa Venetia, including members of the SVNA, attended the February 15 Zoom meeting where consultants representing the interests of the housing element initiative presented online tools for community feedback. We find these tools inadequate; rather than serving as an open platform for the BOS to receive realistic community input, they seem designed to provide information to housing element staff as to where to add more housing. The Housing Element recommends 422 additional units for Santa Venetia. There are currently fewer than 1,800 residences in Santa Venetia, so this represents an increase of approximately 25%— far more growth than the neighborhood has seen for at least two decades. This mandate seems utterly siloed from the worsening reality of global warming and climate change, (the existence of which was recognized both in the Countywide Plan and by the Marin County Civil Grand Jury) which is leading to catastrophic weather events such as fires and flooding. The upland parts of Santa Venetia not directly threatened by flooding are part of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and are subject to year-round fire danger. Like all of Marin, we are constrained by drought, and our water supply comes from tanks that are sited in the WUI. We are actively working actively to protect our homes; parts of Santa Venetia are now Firesafe Marin neighborhoods. Road access to Santa Venetia is highly constricted; we have daily traffic congestion that affects both egress and ingress. The remaining undeveloped parts of Santa Venetia include unstable hillsides that recently led to multiple landslides onto our roadway. All of the issues mentioned above are familiar to the Marin County BOS. They are also the same reasons that Santa Venetia has not experienced anything close to 25% growth in decades. There is no way to grow by 25% using market-rate housing on undeveloped parcels without compromising our safety. The Housing Element directly suggests that our personal safety, including safety from climate events, fire, and safe water supply, is secondary to their objectives of housing growth. One type of growth we believe is needed in Marin County is true low-income housing. By this we mean the type of housing that our current typical Santa Venetia resident could afford. We also support the right of residents to add accessory dwelling units (ADU) to their homes. However, it was clear that the Housing Element does not include plans for significant numbers of low-income housing. Instead, it promotes “market rate” housing, which we know means homes that will sell for millions of dollars each. We are effectively being asked to endanger ourselves to serve the interests of developers to sell multi-million- dollar homes to elite buyers from outside of the region. To paraphrase one of our SVNA members, “The County’s first responsibility is for the health and safety of the existing residents of our neighborhood.” We ask you to consider this as you move forward. If the intent of the Housing Element is to bypass CEQA process, as alluded to in the Zoom meeting on Feb. 15th, the existence of culturally sensitive resources, including shell mounds in Oxford Valley, still cannot be ignored. Damaging cultural resources of native peoples in order to comply with Housing Element goals would be inconsistent with Marin County values and our historical respect for our earliest Santa Venetia natives. Oxford Valley, the site of known shell mounds, has been designated for 45 “above moderate income” units. Other areas of Santa Venetia may not yet have been properly surveyed for these resources, and bypassing CEQA would also eliminate their protection. These are just a few of the concerns that we have. The SVNA has encouraged our members to send comment letters as well, citing their concerns about this update. Please include those concerns as concerns of the SVNA	Email				X				X	X			X	X		X	
R13 - 26600 State Route 1 (Tomales)	I would like to suggest an alternative site to the one listed on the east side of Hwy 1 and 1st Street in Tomales. After living in Tomales very close to 30 years, I feel the intersection there is already quite impacted due to school traffic approaching both elementary and high school, the district office traffic, our downtown businesses Including bakery, deli, and general store and much weekend tourist traffic mistaking their way to Dillon Beach. I feel one or more of the sites at old high school, or further north of “hub” of town would be more suitable and would not add to the current congestion.	Email				X												
R15 -12785 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Inverness)	The proposed development and locations designated for housing in unincorporated West Marin is ill-conceived and inappropriate. This appears to be a numbers game on the part of the County and outside, contracted MIG development agency. The plan lacks consideration for or understanding of natural resources, environmental hazards and the existing community. Communities around Tomales Bay are watershed areas with drainage into the vulnerable bay, creeks and streams, the salt marshes and wildlife habitats. The site near Vladimir’s restaurant, across from Dixon Marine, is directly across from Tomales Bay and almost at sea level. This area and the road can flood during a high tide or heavy rain, draining pollution into the bay. Also the proposed building would affect the small downtown of Inverness. West Marin is served by narrow, curving, two lane access roads. For Inverness there is only one road, in or out, a problem during flooding, fires, landslides and general overcrowding on weekends and holidays. These roads frequently need repair when lanes crumble into a creek, hillside or the bay. No freeways please, as was proposed in the 60s. I have lived in Inverness since the 70s. As a single working mother, a teacher, I raised my daughter in Inverness. Over the years I have seen families and friends move away as rentals, cottages and small units were converted to more lucrative Airbnbs and second homes. There are 4 houses around me with 2 units in each. Two are completely unoccupied. Two are rarely used by their absentee owners, leaving each second unit vacant. There are many houses like this in Inverness and far too many BnBs and other short term rentals. An absentee owner might purchase a house, spend an exorbitant amount of money improving it for short term rental or investment. Possible housing is currently available. West Marin already has serious problems related to climate change, as well as overcrowding, road congestion air and noise pollution from cars, sewage and, most obviously, water. Inverness is served by water storage tanks and is already predicted by IPUD to be more of a problem this year than last. Reservoirs dry up and water pipes only move water from one drought ridden area to another. Any development is a threat to our limited water supply. The arbitrary number of proposed building in these unincorporated areas of West Marin ignores the environment, nature and roads. The plan is insensitive to the existing communities and the influence of inappropriate, even hazardous, building.	Email				X					X	X		X	X			

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R18 - 375 Shoreline Highway (Tamalpais)	(Comment edited for length) The Tam Design Review Board is charged with focusing on and supporting the provisions of the Tamalpais Area Community Plan (TACP). In addition to laying out a description of the appropriate character of the community, this plan clearly sets forth constraints specifying that environmental hazards must be taken into account in the site selection process. Indeed, this is also crucial for the viability of the adoption of the Housing Element itself. According to step #7 of the Housing Element's Site Identification Process: "Provide in the analysis a general description of any known environmental or other features (e.g., presence of floodplains, protected wetlands, oak tree preserves, very high fire hazard severity zones) that have the potential to impact the development viability of the identified sites..." p. 10. The TACP "places a strong emphasis on protecting the public safety and preserving the natural resources of the community, while still permitting individual property owners to realize reasonable development potentials" (pg. I-3). This balance is more critical today than it was in 1992 when the plan was written, with the risk of chronic flooding, impending sea level rise, and fire in the wildland-urban interface presenting an ever- greater peril to our neighborhoods. Tam Valley, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Muir Woods Park are already viable and diverse neighborhoods, containing a range of housing from high-end single family residences to affordable apartments. Maintaining this diversity has long been a goal of the community, as expressed in Section I-C of the TACP. Added mixed use development in the Tam Junction area could, with proper planning and infrastructure update, provide needed housing which would have a minimal negative impact and enhance the community. The Housing Element should take a closer look at the potential for rezoning to achieve its goals. For those of lesser wealth to have access to the amenities available in the Tam Area, in particular good schools and proximity to jobs and open space, is a noble and important goal. There are a series of recent State laws that are aimed at helping to solve the housing crisis in California. Unfortunately, in its search for a solution to this crisis the legislature has crafted programs that offer density, height, and FAR incentives to housing developers in return for a very small number of "affordable" units without any appropriations for much needed transportation and infrastructure. There are likely to be many unintended consequences of these housing mandates which will be left to cities and counties to deal with. The most critical of these possible outcomes as they relate to the Tam area is the risk of fire and flooding and the already constricted evacuation routes in the face of such emergencies. Shoreline Highway in Tam Valley is where most of the proposed housing sites for our area lie. It is not hard to imagine the combination of a wildfire threat and high tide event occurring simultaneously, which would bring the evacuation of our entire area to a complete standstill and result in property damage and human fatalities. We further note that steadily increasing traffic impacts on Shoreline Highway from tourism continue to aggravate all these challenging conditions. 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The TACP "places a strong emphasis on protecting the public safety and preserving the natural resources of the community, while still permitting individual property owners to realize reasonable development potentials" (pg. I-3). This balance is more critical today than it was in 1992 when the plan was written, with the risk of chronic flooding, impending sea level rise, and fire in the wildland-urban interface presenting an ever- greater peril to our neighborhoods. Tam Valley, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Muir Woods Park are already viable and diverse neighborhoods, containing a range of housing from high-end single family residences to affordable apartments. Maintaining this diversity has long been a goal of the community, as expressed in Section I-C of the TACP. Added mixed use development in the Tam Junction area could, with proper planning and infrastructure update, provide needed housing which would have a minimal negative impact and enhance the community. The Housing Element should take a closer look at the potential for rezoning to achieve its goals. For those of lesser wealth to have access to the amenities available in the Tam Area, in particular good schools and proximity to jobs and open space, is a noble and important goal. There are a series of recent State laws that are aimed at helping to solve the housing crisis in California. Unfortunately, in its search for a solution to this crisis the legislature has crafted programs that offer density, height, and FAR incentives to housing developers in return for a very small number of "affordable" units without any appropriations for much needed transportation and infrastructure. There are likely to be many unintended consequences of these housing mandates which will be left to cities and counties to deal with. The most critical of these possible outcomes as they relate to the Tam area is the risk of fire and flooding and the already constricted evacuation routes in the face of such emergencies. Shoreline Highway in Tam Valley is where most of the proposed housing sites for our area lie. It is not hard to imagine the combination of a wildfire threat and high tide event occurring simultaneously, which would bring the evacuation of our entire area to a complete standstill and result in property damage and human fatalities. We further note that steadily increasing traffic impacts on Shoreline Highway from tourism continue to aggravate all these challenging conditions. While we applaud the careful consideration of available sites by MIG, as community volunteers appointed to research and uphold the values of the Tam Plan, we cannot in good conscience support the choice of the sites within our area without: 1) A detailed study of future traffic and its impacts on evacuation through Tam Junction and the Highway 101 on-ramp; 2) A careful analysis of the impact of new, medium or high-density housing on the Bothin Marsh and the risks of chronic flooding; 3) Development of a plan for Highway 1 at Manzanita and along Shoreline Highway to accommodate imminent sea level rise; and 4) Assurances that, if there is no way to avoid selecting housing sites in the Tam Plan area for development, the resulting housing will be protected from speculative investors and the potential to remove these future developments from the long-term rental market. The Tamalpais Area is so vulnerable to climate change disasters that, frankly, unless the housing built has a direct impact on resolving the housing crisis and addressing those most in need, new development will only intensify the crises of both climate risks and affordability. We understand the mandates from the State require you to make some challenging choices in selecting housing sites. In addition to placing questions of safety and environmental stewardship at the top of your agenda, we would like to suggest that you include in the current update of the Countywide Plan some further policies that will help guide County planning in the face of both State mandates and, if and when these mandates are modified, the undesirable results that might emerge. Please see the attached detailed list of policies	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 228-231)				X					X	X		X			X	
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The TACP "places a strong emphasis on protecting the public safety and preserving the natural resources of the community, while still permitting individual property owners to realize reasonable development potentials" (pg. I-3). This balance is more critical today than it was in 1992 when the plan was written, with the risk of chronic flooding, impending sea level rise, and fire in the wildland-urban interface presenting an ever- greater peril to our neighborhoods. Tam Valley, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Muir Woods Park are already viable and diverse neighborhoods, containing a range of housing from high-end single family residences to affordable apartments. Maintaining this diversity has long been a goal of the community, as expressed in Section I-C of the TACP. Added mixed use development in the Tam Junction area could, with proper planning and infrastructure update, provide needed housing which would have a minimal negative impact and enhance the community. The Housing Element should take a closer look at the potential for rezoning to achieve its goals. For those of lesser wealth to have access to the amenities available in the Tam Area, in particular good schools and proximity to jobs and open space, is a noble and important goal. There are a series of recent State laws that are aimed at helping to solve the housing crisis in California. Unfortunately, in its search for a solution to this crisis the legislature has crafted programs that offer density, height, and FAR incentives to housing developers in return for a very small number of "affordable" units without any appropriations for much needed transportation and infrastructure. There are likely to be many unintended consequences of these housing mandates which will be left to cities and counties to deal with. The most critical of these possible outcomes as they relate to the Tam area is the risk of fire and flooding and the already constricted evacuation routes in the face of such emergencies. Shoreline Highway in Tam Valley is where most of the proposed housing sites for our area lie. It is not hard to imagine the combination of a wildfire threat and high tide event occurring simultaneously, which would bring the evacuation of our entire area to a complete standstill and result in property damage and human fatalities. We further note that steadily increasing traffic impacts on Shoreline Highway from tourism continue to aggravate all these challenging conditions. While we applaud the careful consideration of available sites by MIG, as community volunteers appointed to research and uphold the values of the Tam Plan, we cannot in good conscience support the choice of the sites within our area without: 1) A detailed study of future traffic and its impacts on evacuation through Tam Junction and the Highway 101 on-ramp; 2) A careful analysis of the impact of new, medium or high-density housing on the Bothin Marsh and the risks of chronic flooding; 3) Development of a plan for Highway 1 at Manzanita and along Shoreline Highway to accommodate imminent sea level rise; and 4) Assurances that, if there is no way to avoid selecting housing sites in the Tam Plan area for development, the resulting housing will be protected from speculative investors and the potential to remove these future developments from the long-term rental market. The Tamalpais Area is so vulnerable to climate change disasters that, frankly, unless the housing built has a direct impact on resolving the housing crisis and addressing those most in need, new development will only intensify the crises of both climate risks and affordability. We understand the mandates from the State require you to make some challenging choices in selecting housing sites. In addition to placing questions of safety and environmental stewardship at the top of your agenda, we would like to suggest that you include in the current update of the Countywide Plan some further policies that will help guide County planning in the face of both State mandates and, if and when these mandates are modified, the undesirable results that might emerge. Please see the attached detailed list of policies	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 228-231)				X					X	X		X			X	
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R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	We oppose new housing in the areas mentioned in Tam Junction due to flooding and traffic and possible fires, can't get out of here now. Tell Scott Wiener and his friends to move on.	Email				X					X			X				
R21 - 204 Flamingo Road (Tamalpais)	Yesterday afternoon, I had the pleasure of speaking with Ms. Clark about the wisdom (actually, the lack of it) in the choice of potential sites around Tam Junction. Last night, I participated in the "roadshow" and, as a result, I am asking for your help in following up on one matter. During the presentation by Jose Rodriguez, he mentioned that one of the "Guiding Principles" for the BOS is the consideration of "environmental hazards". It doesn't take long to recognize the hazards of sea level rise, a long history of flooding and traffic in our neighborhood, among others. But, in addition, Mr. Rodriguez made an interesting rejoinder to a question about whether certain sites can be included in this study if such sites have been previously reviewed and rejected. He was not too clear but he suggested that the State of California has some "requirements" if a previously rejected site is again brought up for analysis. I asked him to specify (1) which of the four Tam Valley sites have already been considered and rejected, and (2) what are the state's requirements (if any)--that are different or additional--that would apply to such sites. He did not have the information available to answer either question and it didn't appear to me that there would be much of an effort to research those questions and disseminate the answers. Hence, this email. Do you know the answers? If not, would you please put in motion an effort to discover the answers? It may not be dispositive, but then again, it may be important.	Email				X					X	X						
R3 - 275 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	I wanted to share concerns about a proposed housing element on the corner of Olive avenue and Atherton (275 Olive Ave, currently a nursery). That site is a wet meadow and not an appropriate building location for a development of 50 homes. It is already subject to frequent flooding, is essentially sitting on top of a wetland nature preserve, and is basically at sea level. If you walk out there today, it is mostly under water. The inevitable sea level rise that will impact that spot makes it, and any other sites at that elevation, inappropriate for further development. Is it alright to ask why this parcel is being considered when these conditions are well known?	Email	X							X	X	X						
R3 - 275 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	The consideration of this site (275 Olive Avenue) raises a concern that other similarly inappropriate sites may also be up for consideration in other parts of Marin. Would it be possible to get a list of any sites that are within 500 feet of a wetland? I studied wetland habitat restoration planning in graduate school, and was under the impression that CEQA/CWA sect 404 prevented projects from being built on top of or close to wetlands.	Email										X						

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R5 - 299 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	I am just finding out about the rezoning proposal along the Atherton corridor in Novato, and since I missed the meeting, I am writing to express my deepest concern as well as how much I am against this proposal. I live at the end of Olive Avenue, close to Atherton Ave, and have for almost 40 years. I have watched the impact just a few additional homes have had in this area. I am tremendously concerned about the wildlife, and how this proposal would jeopardize their well being. It would greatly impact their ability to access food and water. More homes means more traffic, which means more animals in danger of being struck by cars. There is already too much traffic for this corridor, and I am referring to Olive Avenue as well as Atherton Avenue. These areas cannot handle more housing! Please reconsider this proposal and keep the wildlife and our open spaces preserved.	Email				X				X		X						
R5 - 299 Olive Avenue (Blackpoint)	I am writing to express my opinion on the potential construction of hundreds of new housing units along the Atherton Avenue corridor to meet the county's state-mandated housing quotas. I urge you to redirect new high-density housing to more appropriate areas with better access and infrastructure and with less adverse impacts on wildlife and existing residents: It is not sensible to add large new sources of traffic congestion directly onto Atherton Avenue, the only conduit for evacuation from surrounding neighborhoods during fire emergencies. The proposed development will impact a rich and diverse wildlife population in the area, beyond just the destruction of habitat in the footprints of new construction. Increases in road traffic, noise, and other human activity will invariably take a toll. Foxes, opossums, and raccoons regularly transit my yard at night (I live off of Atherton Ave) and the semi-rural neighborhood environment also supports deer, wild turkeys, hawks, quail, squirrels, owls, turkey vultures and other animals. These populations are assets to the natural environment of Marin County and are all sensitive to human encroachment. The potential housing development is grossly uncharacteristic of the adjacent neighborhoods in terms of density and appearance. The proposed housing locations do not have walk-to shopping and other services, which I believe should be a top priority for siting new high-density housing. The Atherton corridor is a narrow strip with very limited road access: One way in from the west; one way in from the east, and one secondary access (Olive Ave) from the south. This situation is a natural consequence of the geographic boundaries along the corridor. Loading up this narrow space with more traffic, more parking needs, more water requirements, and more sewer infrastructure – when other options exist -- does not make sense.	Email		X	X	X				X		X		X	X			
R7 - Eagle Rock Road (Strawberry)	I live on Eagle Rock Rd. It is already congested. Traffic conditions on Tiburon Blvd at most times make it difficult to enter the Eagle Rock area. At the proposed location there is a 4 way intersection, providing access to a gas station, a multi tenant commercial building, access to N. Knoll with section 8 housing (which is very busy) and the residents and providers to my neighbors and me. The proposed site is on a steep hillside making it difficult to build. There is a bus stop at the base where N. Knoll empties onto Tiburon Blvd. This may be good for your concerns, but every day there are cars parked on lower Eagle Rock Rd. using free parking to access the bus service, many use it for longer term parking when traveling out of the area. Building more units on your proposed site will increase street parking. It always does. Your proposal will increase foot traffic crossing 4 lane Tiburon Blvd. We see pedestrians, daily, risking their lives crossing to go to Strawberry Shopping Center. Sure, there is a pedestrian crossing lane, but with the traffic they are not always visible to drivers. It's a scary operation trying to cross. The traffic entering onto Tiburon Blvd. from Hwy 101 is already congested. Then add the traffic coming up from Strawberry Shopping Center. Certain times of the day you already have to wait for more than one light to get through. It seems that California fire seasons are getting longer and more intense. We could have a real discussion on that, but that is the reality today. We are located down hill from large open spaces. Our evacuation points are in Strawberry and with massive traffic also evacuating from points toward Tiburon, it could be a real disaster. Development on this plot is not a good idea.	Email				X	X		X			X		X				
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Unknown-052-041-27-Shoreline Highway (12 Units) (Tam Valley / Almonte)	(Comment edited for length) Sustainable TamAlmonte has the following comments and recommendations regarding the merits of the above referenced Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites listed in the 2023-2031 Housing Element DRAFT Candidate Housing Sites List. Due to the unique characteristics of the area, encouraging residential development, especially high-density development, at the above referenced Sites would increase the risk of undue harm to the environment and undue hardship, illness, injury and/or death to the current and future residents. The Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita commercial lowlands, in which the above referenced sites are located, experience the most number of environmental constraints and hazards of any area in Unincorporated Marin. Both the Marin Countywide Plan's EIR and the 2012 Housing Element's SEIR demonstrate that development at these sites would exacerbate the existing dangerous conditions and add new significant adverse environmental impacts (which) magnifies the probability that a tragedy would ensue and the multiple mitigations that a developer would need to fulfill would cause development costs to soar. These factors make the sites unsuitable for affordable housing. The only acceptable course of action is to eliminate the sites from the inventory. Below is a list of the unique natural features, hazards, and limited resources in the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita lowlands that constrain development and population growth and substantiate our argument. For a quick overview of these constraints, please view the attached table. I. Dangerous Traffic with Unacceptable Level Of Service – LOS "F" Of Local Roadways:. II. Flooding, 100 Year Floodplain, Impending Sea Level Rise III. Filled Marsh Areas With High Seismic Activity, Liquefaction, Subsidence and Mud Displacement. IV. Air Quality & Noise: Increased Risk of Residents Developing Serious Illness Due to Living Near Major Roadways. V. Hazardous Materials: For additional information regarding potential health impacts to workers and future residents who may be exposed to hazardous soil conditions, related to past uses, in Tam Junction and Manzanita, please follow the below link to read the comment letter by Technical Expert Matt Hagemann. VI. Endangered Special Status Species. VII. Insufficient Services & Public Transit. VIII. Historic Wetlands and Baylands Corridor. IX. Historic Marshland That Could Be Restored. 160 Shoreline Hwy and 260 Redwood Hwy Frontage Rd. are historic marshland. X. High Density Development Is Not Consistent With the Traditional Character Of The Local Semi-Rural Communities. Conclusion: The County now has sufficient information to understand that the proposed Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Sites are inappropriate for inclusion in the 2023-2031 Housing Element Candidate Housing Sites Inventory. Not only would construction of housing on these sites exacerbate the already existing problems but doing so when the County admits in the Marin Countywide Plan EIR and 2012 Housing Element's FSEIR that significant adverse unavoidable impacts would result from such construction defies logic. Moreover, there can be no benefit that would override the impacts of environmental harm and severe illness, injury or loss of life from building on the Tam Valley, Almonte, and Manzanita Candidate Housing Sites, which are laden with environmental constraints and dangerous hazards. The best course of action would be for the County to revise the list to reflect the current problems with traffic, seismic activity, hazardous soil conditions, air and noise pollution, water supply, flooding, and impending sea level rise and to find that no new residential development in the Tam Junction & Manzanita areas is appropriate. Such action would be consistent with the Board of Supervisors' sensible decisions.	Email (See Email Comments Received.PDF, pp. 123-151)	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
West Marin Coastal Area	The deadline for input is unrealistic and the tool is exceedingly difficult to use. I understand the County is under pressure to meet the State mandate, however this plan is like throwing darts at a map. It fails to address critical disaster planning in advance of determining even potential site selection. Responding to the coastal zone: I find it extremely distressing that with the impact of climate related severe fire risk, drought, resource depletion, traffic, parking, lack of sewer, emergency ingress/egress, etc., that we are considering adding increased density. The tool does not allow for pinpointing houses that sit empty, or the 600 plus vacation rentals in West Marin. I support accessibility to community based housing. If there were a severe limit placed on vacation rentals in the Coast Region, clawing back on permits/allowances, a number of livable units equal to the numbers proposed would be freed up. I have lived here for 40 plus years and have seen housing go the way of increased tourism, housing stock becoming vacation/business stock and 2nd home owners with frequently vacant homes. Until the Coastal Commission understands the risks involved to increased density and supports strict limitations to vacation units/business, the problem will persist no matter how many new units are introduced. It is unfortunate that it will likely take a fire storm / evacuation disaster to illustrate the hazards compounded by sheer numbers. My cottage on the Inverness Ridge burned in 95 and the risk then was a fraction of what it is today. Driving Sir Francis Drake on a usual busy weekend, or most days during the summer, is the equivalent of coastal gridlock. Adding more units at the bottom of White's Hill, Nicasio, Point Reyes, Olema, and Inverness is placing more people in vulnerable locations. Imagine residents trying, along with thousands of visitors, to flee during an inevitable disaster on a narrow artery. Stop vacation rentals; create incentives to convert empty living units to housing stock.	Email		X		X	X			X		X		X	X		X	
West Marin Coastal Area	The housing candidate sites for our Marin coastal villages are not suitable as these sites do not have jobs, public transit or community services please consider what doubling the population of these villages would mean to public safety when electricity is out our wells cannot pump water and the many propane tanks result in a hazardous mixture. Our aquifers are undoubtedly low after these droughts it will be a strain on our coastal communities to entertain a larger population many in our village are already renting their small units let's just let SB 9 do its job.	Email		X	X			X		X		X		X	X			

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West Marin Coastal Area	The proposed development and locations designated for housing in unincorporated West Marin is ill-conceived and inappropriate. This appears to be a numbers game on the part of the County and outside, contracted MIG development agency. The plan lacks consideration for or understanding of natural resources, environmental hazards and the existing community. Communities around Tomales Bay are watershed areas with drainage into the vulnerable bay, creeks and streams, the salt marshes and wildlife habitats. The proposed Cottages building site is an environmental hazard to an already contaminated salt marsh and channel leading to Chicken Ranch Beach, Tomales Bay. As a result of previous inappropriate building and filling in a salt marsh, this has been an ongoing problem for many years. The site near Vladimir's restaurant, across from Dixon Marine, is directly across from Tomales Bay and almost at sea level. This area and the road can flood during a high tide or heavy rain, draining pollution into the bay. Also the proposed building would affect the small downtown of Inverness. West Marin is served by narrow, curving, two lane access roads. For Inverness there is only one road, in or out, a problem during flooding, fires, landslides and general overcrowding on weekends and holidays. These roads frequently need repair when lanes crumble into a creek, hillside or the bay. No freeways please, as was proposed in the 60s. I have lived in Inverness since the 70s. As a single working mother, a teacher, I raised my daughter in Inverness. Over the years I have seen families and friends move away as rentals, cottages and small units were converted to more lucrative Airbnbs and second homes. There are 4 houses around me with 2 units in each. Two are completely unoccupied. Two are rarely used by their absentee owners, leaving each second unit vacant. There are many houses like this in Inverness and far too many BnBs and other short term rentals. An absentee owner might purchase a house, spend an exorbitant amount of money improving it for short term rental or investment. Possible housing is currently available. West Marin already has serious problems related to climate change, as well as overcrowding, road congestion air and noise pollution from cars, sewage and, most obviously, water. Inverness is served by water storage tanks and is already predicted by IPUD to be more of a problem this year than last. Reservoirs dry up and water pipes only move water from one drought ridden area to another. Any development is a threat to our limited water supply. The arbitrary number of proposed building in these unincorporated areas of West Marin ignores the environment, nature and roads. The plan is insensitive to the existing communities and the influence of inappropriate, even hazardous, building.	Email				X					X	X		X	X			
Woodacre	There is a lot for sale as you enter Woodacre at the intersection of Park and Railroad (and an adjacent lot that is not for sale) that would be ideal for seniors with close access to post office and grocery store and bus stop.	Email															X	X