



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association
Robert Dobrin
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Dear Robert and Giselle:

I am pleased to inform you that the Community Development Agency Planning Division will be initiating work on an update to the Santa Venetia Community Plan during the first quarter of 2013. The Santa Venetia Community Plan was selected due to the age of a master plan (1961 Las Gallinas Valley Master Plan) that includes the Santa Venetia community and benefits of replacing this document with a community plan that addresses contemporary planning issues. The community's interest and commitment to the community plan updated process is also evident in the community survey and financial support residents of Santa Venetia have provided through their own initiatives.

The community plan update will follow a work program approved by the Marin County Board of Supervisors earlier this year (refer to attached copy). The primary intent of this work program is to set out a strategic and collaborative approach to updating community plans with a focus on planning issues that are unique to individual planning areas rather than simply repeating policies or regulations that have already been adopted by the County or by addressing non-planning issues. Another important objective of the work program is to carry out the update in a well-defined and efficient process that enables the County to maintain steady progress toward updating all of the community plans that have been adopted throughout most areas of the unincorporated county.

The update process will be managed by a team of the Planning Division lead by Jack Liebster, Community Planning Program Manager. Jack will be following up this letter shortly after the New Year to make initial contact with the Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association regarding the update process, next steps and to solicit the Association's ideas on how it can be inclusive of all community interests.

We look forward to working together with the Santa Venetia community to ensure the plan update reflects both the community's aspirations and the County's goals for the future of Santa Venetia.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Crawford
Agency Director

cc. Supervisor Susan Adams