

POINT REYES STATION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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The Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903-4157

The Point Reyes Station Village Association (PRSVA) is very concerned about the proposed Land Use Policy C-PK-3. We believe it will erode the historic character of the core area, deprive property owners of their current rights while burdening them with additional fees and processes. We see no evidence that the proposed policy is necessary, nor that it will address needed visitor services or be economically viable as businesses in Point Reyes financially survive by serving residents as well as tourists.

The proposed ordinance also directly contradicts our Point Reyes Station Community Plan and erodes the effort and trust that it represents. We prefer the current zoning as it permits more visitor and resident services while it maintains much needed housing. Our current VCR zoning reflects the mixed uses that developed organically over time and generated a rich mosaic that reflects our history, is so appealing to visitors, and maintains the vitality of our authentic town. It is the right foundation to move into the future, maintain diversity, maintain affordable housing and support the services that sustains the town and its visitors.

Effective visitor policies and management programs are needed in West Marin, addressing issues such as peak traffic congestion, camping on village streets, providing a range of affordable accommodations, etc. We understand that providing visitor services is a West Marin responsibility, one that is best addressed by a collaborative effort among West Marin visitor destinations; the National Seashore, the State Parks, the County of Marin, the GGNRA and the West Marin Coastal Villages. The PRSVA, in collaboration with other Coastal Villages is holding a forum on Tourism in 2016 to initiate a productive process and we would encourage the County to delay action on this policy and join with us in exploring a range of meaningful solutions.

Sincerely,

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