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The Honorable Kelly V. Simmons
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
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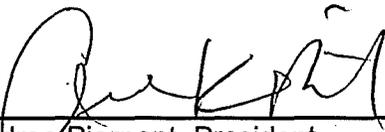
Jay Hamilton-Roth, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Simmons and Mr. Hamilton-Roth:

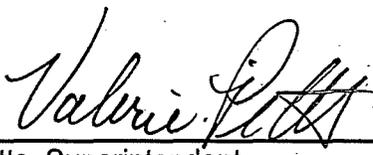
Attached please find the response requested by the 2016-2017 Marin County Civil Grand Jury from the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District Board to the recommendation (R4) that "Each school district should investigate building teacher and staff workforce housing on their land." We appreciate that the Grand Jury recognizes the cost of housing in Marin County is an impediment to recruiting and retaining the best-qualified staff for our schools. While Senate Bill 1413 paved the way for schools to establish and implement affordable workforce housing, research is currently underway to determine how to best approach a situation that requires land, financing and property management.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our public schools.

Sincerely,



Andrea Pierpont, President



Valerie Pitts, Superintendent

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Superintendent

ATTACHMENT

RECOMMENDATION

R4: Each school district should investigate building teacher and staff workforce housing on their land.

Response:

Analysis/Response to Grand Jury

The recommendation has been implemented as a collaborative effort of all school districts in Marin. The Efficiency and Effectiveness Collaborative has prioritized the topic of affordable housing this year and is researching this issue through a variety of methods including:

- Developing an inventory of currently available property
- Surveying staff to determine the level of interest/need
- Reviewing unique financing options available
- Reviewing successful efforts elsewhere in the state

The Collaborative recently hired a consulting firm to develop a realistic cost estimate for providing workforce housing, including the alternatives of building on currently owned school land or purchasing an existing multi-unit facility. Such possibilities exist under Senate Bill 1413 signed in 2016.

In addition, as part of long-range facility master planning, Larkspur-Corte Madera School District recently completed a Land and Facilities Use Analysis (DCG Study) to analyze District sites to determine the feasibility of using them more effectively and efficiently in pursuit of both fiscal sustainability and the realization of key District initiatives, including retaining quality teachers and creating possible options for teacher housing.

Our findings showed potential for developing housing options, although acreage is limited for multiuse dwellings. Barriers to this development exist, including those identified in the Grand Jury Report. LCMUSD will continue to participate in County efforts and collaboration among school districts and other partner agencies and community-based organizations to identify appropriate sites for housing. The District will also work to engage the community in plans for action in the next five years.