

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: *Homelessness in Marin: A Progress Report.*

Report Date: **May 17, 2018**

Response Due Date: **August 9, 2018**

Agency Name: Town of Fairfax

Agenda Date: **July 18, 2018**

Response by: **Fairfax Town Council**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered **R5** has been implemented (Please see attached summary describing implemented actions.)
- Recommendation numbered n/a has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (Please see attached summary describing implementation timeframe.)
- Recommendation numbered n/a requires further analysis.
- Recommendation numbered n/a will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. (Please see attached explanation.)
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Date: _____

7.20.2018

Signed: _____

Peter Lacques
Peter Lacques, Mayor

Town of Fairfax Responses: Explanation
Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: *Homelessness in Marin: A Progress Report.*

Recommendation 5: *The County of Marin and each city and town should actively seek developers to create housing for the homeless within their jurisdictions.*

Response: In May 2017, the Town approved Victory Village, a 54 unit senior housing project in which 53 units will be affordable to low-income seniors. Recently, Resource for Community Development (RCD), the non-profit developer of Victory Village, received additional funding from the County of Marin for the project. The funding does require that RCD provide five apartments to serve homeless seniors and six more apartments to serve homeless senior residents with mental illnesses, for a total of 11 out of 53 apartments. Fairfax is a built-out community and opportunities for developers to create housing, much less housing for the homeless, are limited. However, if such opportunities do arise, Fairfax will discuss with the developers their interest in providing such housing.

In April 2018, the Town Council adopted a Source of Income ordinance which prohibits discrimination on the basis of Section 8 of other 3rd party vouchers. Fairfax is the only city/town in Marin to do so. Holders of 3rd party vouchers are discriminated against which leads to homelessness (as noted in your report). As part of this program, Fairfax landlords are also eligible to participate in the County's Landlord Incentive program also discussed in your report. In addition, while the requested response is not specific to the need for emergency shelters, the report notes this need. In February 2016, the Town Council adopted an Emergency Shelter Ordinance, providing for such in specified zoning areas of the Town.