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Supervisor Dennis Rodoni
Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Supervisor Rodoni,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am writing to let you know that the San Geronimo Valley Affordable Housing Association (SGVAHA) is very pleased to know that the County is in negotiation to acquire the San Geronimo Valley Golf Course. We fully support the suggested use of the property for park and public use. More specifically, our Association endorses the opportunities presented by this acquisition for wildlife preservation including salmon and steelhead habitat, community gardening, and public facilities.

Additionally, we view the County's intent to preserve "the rural character and unique identities of each of our Valley communities" as essential to whatever plans are undertaken for the property. We view this as fully compatible with the very critical need in our community for additional affordable housing. The shortage of housing combined with increasing rents are problems affecting local working people who commute here to provide services in the Valley, our schools, families with young children, individuals, and senior adults who want to continue to live here.

SGVAHA's vision is a culturally diverse and vibrant San Geronimo Valley community that retains its unique rural and natural qualities while offering housing opportunities for people of all income levels and walks of life. Our mission is to create, preserve and manage affordable housing in the San Geronimo Valley and beyond. With that in mind we endorse the acquisition of the Golf Course with the hope that the planning process include serious consideration as well as further discussion and evaluation of environmental waste treatment and septic issues which create barriers to implementation of plans for auxiliary dwelling units in our towns and villages.

Our organization looks forward to the public process that is being planned and to further discussion of this new and exciting possibility for the Valley.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Sadowsky

cc: Supervisor Damon Connolly
Supervisor Katie Rice
Supervisor Kate Sears
Supervisor Judy Arnold