

# San Geronimo Valley Affordable Housing Association

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Dennis Rodoni  
Marin County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisor Rodoni,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Geronimo Valley Affordable Housing Association, I want to applaud the County's Decision to purchase the Coast Guard property in Point Reyes. The property has the potential to address the housing crisis by providing much needed affordable housing for residents of our West Marin community.

The Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM) led the community-based effort for the County of Marin to purchase the Coast Guard property in Pt. Reyes since 2014. Now that the transfer of ownership is complete, we strongly support the selection of CLAM to repurpose this site for homes affordable to the community in perpetuity.

We believe that CLAM, as a community land trust with deep relationships with local residents and organizations, is uniquely positioned to shape the housing and community uses on the site. CLAM has partnered with nonprofit affordable housing developer Eden Housing to guide financing and construction if their joint bid is selected. CLAM's unparalleled community support, together with Eden's financial strength, experience and track record, is a strong partnership for this most important opportunity for West Marin.

We therefore strongly support CLAM's bid for redevelopment of the Coast Guard site. We encourage ongoing consideration that this property become community-owned land on a community land trust model.

We urge you along with the other members of the Board of Supervisors to act within your power to assist in making this vision a reality.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Sadowsky, Chair  
Board of Directors

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