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Dear Ms. Carroll,

On behalf of the Golden Gate Village Resident Council, we want to thank you for your commitment to work with us to further develop a revitalization plan for Golden Gate Village that embraces deep green renovation, minimizes displacement, honors historic integrity, and creates new ownership opportunities for the residents.

It has been over a month since the Resident Council presented the Resident Plan to the Marin Housing Authority (MHA) Board of Commissioners (Board). Following our presentation, the Board directed the MHA staff to establish a working group to further explore and develop the Resident Plan with the intention of designating it as the preferred revitalization plan for Golden Gate Village. As we stated during our presentation, one of the key variables in the structure and financing of the Resident Plan is the level of cooperation and support from the MHA and County of Marin. The working group will be an important venue to establish that cooperation and support.

Unfortunately, to date the MHA has not engaged in any substantive outreach with the Resident Council to establish the working group, with no date having been set to discuss specifically how MHA plans to work in partnership with the Resident Council on the revitalization plan. We are in receipt of your email message from February 16, and appreciate the commitments made in that correspondence to work with the Resident Council. With that, however, these commitments remain vague and repeat a pattern of prior promises made by the MHA for better Resident Council outreach and involvement – promises that have been historically broken. By way of example, we understand that MHA met with HUD on February 18 to discuss the Resident Plan. Why wasn't the Resident Council invited to attend this meeting? MHA could put its commitment to "work with the Resident Council" into action through the inclusion of the Resident Council and its team of experts in these important

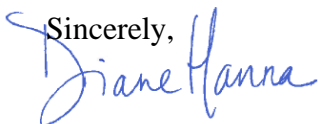
discussions. Absent that inclusion, there will be no true partnership or collaboration, nor the rebuilding of trust.

Given the continued deplorable conditions at Golden Gate Village and imminently approaching HUD Corrective Action Plan deadlines, the MHA must provide to the Resident Council specific commitments, with action items, schedules, and milestones, for the formation of the working group and active collaboration on the Resident Plan. To show that MHA is acting in good faith, we ask that you immediately schedule a meeting with us to lay out specific details and milestones for the working group, and the role it will play in the Board's consideration of the revitalization of Golden Gate Village. It is our expectation that meaningful progress on the formation of this working group will occur prior to the next Board of Commissioners meeting on March 15, 2022.

Additionally, the Resident Council strongly urges that MHA utilize a facilitator with experience in restorative justice for this working group to help ensure meetings are productive and every member of the working group is heard.

Finally, we are following up on the request made at the February 7th Resident Council meeting for a detailed rodent remediation plan that is specific to Golden Gate Village - not generic IPM guidelines. There are immediate habitability issues that need to be addressed and the continued failure to remediate the rodent infestation is detrimental to the health and wellbeing of Golden Gate Village residents. We are respectfully requesting a pest management plan be provided to the Resident Council no later than one week from today; beyond this would be an unreasonable delay.

The Resident Council is eager to begin working with MHA on the further development of the Resident Plan so that it can soon be selected as the preferred revitalization plan. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  


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cc: Marin Housing Authority Board of Commissioners  
Golden Gate Village Resident Council Board Members