



Social Advocates for Youth is always there to serve the most vulnerable children, youth, and their families so they can realize their fullest potential to live their best lives.

Board of Directors

Gina Belforte

President

Peter Hsu

Vice President

Ty Comstock

Treasurer

Cynthia Negri

Secretary

Clay Bilby

Member At Large

Peggy Clark

Susan Barnes

Matt Brewer

Greg Hancock

Scott Lewis

Heather Nelson

Ted Patchet

Mark Stapp

Jennifer Stark

Tina Wallis

Honorary

Board of Directors

Marcus Benedetti

Bob Casanova

Connie Coddling

Matthew Davis

Nancy Fastenau

Bill Friedman

Hon. Gayle Guynup

Kevin Konicek

Matt Martin

Kay Marquet

John Meislahn

Chief Ray Navarro

Steve Page

Brian Purtill

District Attorney Jill Ravitch

Hon. Arnold Rosenfield

(Ret.)

Jenny Tamayo

Linda Tavis

Vic Trione

Steve Worthen

Shirlee Zane

Chief Executive Officer

Anita Maldonado

September 12, 2022

City of Santa Rosa Housing Authority Housing Trust Division

Housing and Community Services Department

90 Santa Rosa Avenue

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

RE: 1243 Ripley Street (SAY Teen Shelter) Loan Extension and Interest Forgiveness

Dear Director Basinger,

Please accept this application as a request to modify Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) Teen Shelter Loan.

For over 50 years, SAY has been dedicated to helping young people in Sonoma County get off the streets by developing and building relationships between street outreach staff and homeless, runaway street youth. While, in tandem, providing support and assistance to move youth into safe and stable housing and train, coach and prepare them for future independence and self-sufficiency.

The Teen Shelter is a low-barrier shelter (basic center and gateway services) and drop-in center open 24 hours a day, 365 days per year providing respite for families in crisis and family reunification services for RHY and their families. Shelter services are provided to youth aged 12-17 and 18-year-olds who are enrolled in high school. Youth 12-24 can access drop-in services related to basic needs (food and clothing), hygiene products, condoms, restrooms, and laundry facilities.

We respectfully request:

- Extend the time to pay the current loan amount
- Forgiveness of accrued interest on the current loan
- No accrued interest on the new loan
- No pre-payment penalties on the new loan

SAY's reasoning for the loan extension and interest forgiveness is because we are a non-profit organization and all of our current funding is committed to provide essential services to the children, youth, and families of Sonoma County. If we divert funding to this loan, it will negatively impact critical services.

Since the Teen Shelter does not generate any income; funding to operate their unique services come from a combination of federal, county, and private donations. As noted in our application, the total grant amount broken out by fund source is \$421,447. We respectfully request a ten-year loan extension, and our plan to repay the loan is through direct fundraising efforts by SAY's seasoned and committed Development Team.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request, in the spirit of serving our Sonoma County youth and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita Maldonado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Anita Maldonado, Ph.D

Chief Executive Officer