



## FIRST SAMOAN CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



January 26, 2025

City of Santa Rosa Planning Department

Re: Parking

To Whom It May Concern,

Greetings from the Wellspring Church. This church was founded in 1991, and over the years, our memberships vary from 100-130, with about 40% are children. Its development was set forth in the early years with those who have since passed on, to divide its construction into three phases to lighten the financial burden.

First phase, the multi-purpose building and parking lot which started in 2008 and opened in 2011. We are currently using this building for worship and all other activities of the church.

Phase 2 was for the parsonage which started right after the Coffey Park fire when our Pastor lost their home in the fire. Now the Pastor and his family reside in this parsonage.

Phase 3 is the actual sanctuary. This would be our crown jewel of the whole project. A space we want to dedicate to worshipping our God without reservations.

We have been informed that our new building will require additional parking spaces than currently exist. With utmost respect for the City's regulations, we understand more parking would be beneficial for us, but unfortunately, we do not have any available space for additional parking.

Currently, we are only using about 60% of the parking spaces every Sunday and a lot of our members are commuting families with children. We also have access to additional parking on Greenvale Court, if needed; however, there was never a need as the existing parking was more than sufficient. Furthermore, we will be occupying only one building at a time.

We humbly request your consideration for the church to proceed with this very important phase, with its current parking situation.

Respectfully,

Rev Edward Sunia

Pastor

Rea Tuaua

Treasurer

Saofaiga Maulupe

Secretary

Pailautusi Yan Lan

Moderator