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January 13, 2020

City of Santa Rosa
City Council
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

RE: JOURNEY’S END MOBILE HOME RELOCATION IMPACT REPORT – PRJ19-040

Dear Mayor Schwedhelm and Council Members:

For the last two years, Tzu Chi Foundation’s case managers and volunteers have been assisting the prior residents of Journey’s End Mobile Home Park in their challenging and long road to recovery. We have worked alongside Burbank Housing, California Rural Legal Assistance, Catholic Charities, City of Santa Rosa, Community Action Partnership, County of Sonoma, FEMA, Legal Aid, Rebuilding Our Community (ROC) partners, Red Cross, and other service providers to help the prior residents access recovery resources and find solutions to the challenges they face.

Although this journey to recovery has been difficult, we are happy to report that many have found permanent housing. More than 80% of the prior residents whose homes were not destroyed are now permanently housed. And of the prior residents whose homes were destroyed that we’ve been able to contact, 83% are also permanently housed. While many have found housing, their housing costs are, on average, more than 50% of their monthly income. For a few, their housing costs account for nearly 90% of their monthly income. These statistics demonstrate the great need for more affordable housing in our community. The number of people aged 65 and older is rapidly growing as well as the frequency of natural disasters. And with each disaster comes a desperate need for housing.

Officially closing the Park is an important milestone to enabling the redevelopment of the Journey’s End Mobile Home Park into more affordable housing not only for the prior residents, but for other low-income senior households in this community. The housing assistance payments proposed to be provided by the Park Owner will greatly assist prior



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residents as they continue on their path to recovery. Tzu Chi Foundation supports the recommendation to approve the Journey's End Mobile Home Relocation Impact Report so prior residents can continue to move forward and this community can continue its efforts to tackle the housing crisis.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Northwest Region

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From: Doug Johnson <rdj2003@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 11:05 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Approval of Agenda Item 16.4

January 14, 2020

The Hon. Mayor & City Council
City of Santa Rosa
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

RE: Council Agenda Item 16.4

Dear Mayor Schwedhelm & Council Members:

The Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA) is a nonprofit trade association representing the owners and operators of mobilehome communities throughout the state of California. Having been founded in 1945, WMA is one of the oldest, largest and most respected trade associations of its kind in the United States.

On October 1, 2019, WMA voiced its support for passage of an urgency ordinance amending the Resilient City Combining District to address mobilehome park closures following a natural disaster — like the devastating Tubbs Fire. Today, we urge Council **approval** by resolution of the Journey's End Mobilehome Park Relocation Impact Report. We believe its provisions are fair, responsible and compassionate.

Respectfully submitted,

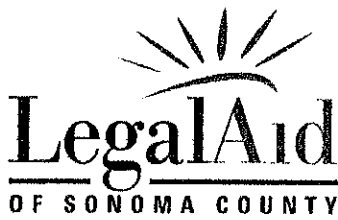
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Legal Aid's mission is to promote social justice and advance basic human rights for vulnerable people in our community.

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**Board of
Directors**

To: Santa Rosa City Council

President
Jim Andersen
*Hemming Morse
LLP*

RE: Letter of Support Regarding Journey's End Mobile Home Park Closure

Vice President
Glenn Smith
Smith Dollar PC

Dear Members of Council,

Secretary
Ed Gomez
Exchange Bank

Shortly after the Sonoma Complex Fires, Legal Aid of Sonoma County started its Disaster Relief Program. As part of that program, LASC has worked closely with the residents of Journey's End Mobile Home Park to help them recover and become permanently rehoused. Because of such work, we have gleaned significant insight into the struggles faced by the residents. We are writing today to comment on the potential closure of Journey's End.

Treasurer
Mike Molinar
*Friedman's Home
Improvement*

Generally, LASC would not support the closure of a mobile home park like Journey's End. The park served to house 116 households, provided the residents with affordable housing, and has been part of our community for many years. Unfortunately, we find ourselves in a unique situation due to the fact that Journey's End is not currently a viable mobile home park. The cost to return Journey's End to a viable park has proven exorbitant and not something that can be done without outside funding. While we have investigated alternative funding at length, we have not been able to identify a solution that will return Journey's End to the park it was prior to the 2017 Sonoma Complex Fires.

Past President
Cindy Craig
CPA, ABV

The owner of Journey's End has agreed to work with Burbank Housing to redevelop the site as high-density affordable housing. Given the financial reality faced by the park and the residents, this proposal may be the best alternative use of the site. While this is not ideal for the residents, if Burbank Housing can complete its project, the residents will at least have the option to return to the site to live in affordable housing again.

Directors

Malia Anderson
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For these reasons, we do not oppose the closure of Journey's End Mobile Home Park and support Burbank Housing's project related to redevelopment of the site as high-density affordable housing.

Julie Cyphers
Attorney at Law

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

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Director**
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Legal Aid of Sonoma County