



November 3, 2020

City of Santa Rosa
Planning Commission
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

RE: Letter of Support for 3575 Mendocino Avenue

Planning Commission Chair Sisco and Commissioners:

We are writing to support the 3575 Mendocino Avenue Project, which proposes to redevelop the site of the former Journey's End Mobile Home Park that was destroyed in the 2017 Tubbs Wildfire.

Catholic Charities believes that the Journey's End Mobile Home project is a powerful answer to the serious need for housing in Sonoma County.

The October 2017 wildfires severely affected the City of Santa Rosa, including the loss of over 2,800 homes. Amongst the devastation were 162 mobile homes – all completely or partially destroyed at the former Journey's End Mobile Home Park. The site has remained vacant since 2017, making redevelopment of this property key to the City's overall recovery.

Redevelopment of this site with high-density, transit-oriented housing, as proposed, is directly aligned with the City's fire recovery goals and will provide a vital source of both affordable and market rate housing for our community. Placing high-density housing at this location – an in-fill site proximate to reliable transit, medical services, commercial retail and major employers – is the type of redevelopment we need in our community. It will further our sustainability efforts and maximize investments in our transportation network.

The housing crisis in Santa Rosa can only be improved by building strategic, transit-oriented housing and 3575 Mendocino Avenue does this well. We strongly support this project and ask the Santa Rosa Planning Commission to do the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Len".

Len Marabella | CEO Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

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Health Action is a 13-year partnership of local public, private, and community-based leaders, organizations, and individuals dedicated to improving health, educational attainment, and economic well-being and reducing disparities across Sonoma County. Health Action has a proven track record of mobilizing community partnerships and resources to work collectively on these issues. We believe that everyone in Sonoma County should have access to the same opportunities for a long and healthy life. And yet, we know this is not the case. We want to stem the exodus of people leaving our county because of affordability issues, lack of opportunity, and deepening disparities.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wittke Schaffner
The John Jordan Foundation
Co-Chair, Health Action Council

Barbie Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC
Director, Department of Health Services
Interim Executive Director, Community Development Commission
Co-Chair, Health Action Council