

Mark Brown MWPLA Executive Officer, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 345, San Rafael, CA 9490

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Dear Mr. Brown,

We are Ready Country Club (RCC), a group of volunteer neighbors who want to promote fire safety in our community. Our leadership committee was formed late in 2019 to work on the development of a plan and application to secure "Firewise Status". This was achieved early in May 2020 and was recently renewed in 2023.

Members of our committee routinely attend the Firewise Site Leaders meetings sponsored by FireSafe Marin. At the November meeting, we first learned of the completion of MWPA's unique *Evacuation/Ingress/Egress/Risk Assessment* project report.

As a Firewise community with very restricted evacuation corridors, we are greatly concerned about the additional burden that will be placed on our community by the proposed development in Dominican Valley. In the event of a wildfire, many of our residents will be required to navigate through narrow single-lane roads with no alternates available. These same roads are the ones that the residents of the proposed development will also have to rely on which will magnify the danger for all.

We do not believe that the full extent of the evacuation danger which will be created by the new development has been recognized and we would like to request your support to investigate and quantify the problem so that it might be fully considered during the ongoing review process by the City of San Rafael. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further.

Sincerely Yours,

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