

October 19, 2017

Judy Arnold,  
Marin County Supervisor  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 329  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Supervisor Arnold:

I fully support Marin County's and the Trust for Public Land's efforts to buy the San Geronimo Golf Course. Turning that land into a public park is a fantastic idea, and one for which our community would be grateful for generations to come.

The public park would offer so much more than a flat place to walk, exercise, play with our children, and enjoy peace and quiet. More plantings would sequester more carbon, encourage beneficial insects, provide habitat for wildlife and improve our view sheds. Converting from a grassy golf course to a more natural, drought tolerant landscape would save millions of gallons of water. We could finish restoring stream banks for salmon. Our beloved Lagunitas Creek would benefit from less fertilizer and insecticides, as would our own health.

The current buildings could be converted; I understand the fire station needs a new home not in the flood plain. There are many buildings on the property that could be used for all kinds of purposes, from outdoor classrooms to storage. The community garden could be enlarged! Perhaps our traffic issues would be mitigated a bit. How wonderful!

Keep up the good work; this project gives me hope!

Thanks so much,

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