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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you as the President and CEO of Marian Regional Medical Center, to express my strong support for the development of this long-awaited housing opportunity. This endeavor holds immense promise not only for our community residential landscape but also for our ability to enhance healthcare services in the region.

Our hospital's success hinges significantly on our ability to attract and retain top-tier talent. However, the challenge of securing suitable housing for potential employees and physicians persists as a formidable barrier. The proposed housing project at Richards Ranch presents a unique opportunity to address this critical issue head-on. By partnering with the housing development, Marian Hospital aims to offer affordable homes to prospective staff members, thereby fostering talent attraction and retention. We appreciate the partnership with Richards Ranch and working on a "right of first offer" agreement for the multi-family rental housing and the local preference for buyers of the townhomes. This will allow Dignity employees to have priority for homeownership in the community they serve. Moreover, this collaboration holds the potential to elevate healthcare standards in our region. A stable, satisfied workforce translates directly into improved patient care and overall community well-being. By providing accessible housing options, we can ensure that our healthcare professionals remain invested in the area, thereby bolstering the quality and continuity of care for all residents. The Richards Ranch project represents a development that will help lead to a healthy community and a reliable workforce housing collaborative.

I urge you to support Richards Ranch, this beneficial project for our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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