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Attached please find my letter in support of the San Marcos Ranch Project.

With regards,

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Re: San Marcos Ranch Housing Project

I am writing in support of the San Marcos Ranch Housing Project. As the leader of a team that just constructed 208 units of interim supportive housing in Santa Barbara I can think of no better project as a next step for our residents. The location, inclusion of amenities and affordable housing makes this the perfect project for Santa Barbara and our incredible need for housing. The number of families with minor children experiencing homelessness increased from 93 families (272 people) in 2023 to 125 families (364 people) in 2024. This project, with its' multi bedroom units will go a long way to addressing the needs of families.

Housing is the greatest social determinant of health. Without housing we cannot survive. Contributing factors to the number of families, people living in vehicles, and people experiencing homelessness for the first time include the lack of affordable housing; stagnation of wages versus rent costs; and the end of COVID-inspired eviction moratoriums, emergency housing vouchers and rental assistance programs.

This project is a huge step forward in addressing the lack of housing and the lack of affordable housing. I look forward to seeing the Board of Supervisors voice unanimous support of this project.

With regards,

Jack Lorenz