

**From:** [Geissberger](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding Item 8.3  
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Larkspur City Council,

I would like to express my opposition to the City Council waiving the processing fees for the 1251 South Eliseo Dr. Project at this time. This project is already costing taxpayers excess of \$20 million dollars and will continue to be funded by tax dollars for decades to come. Community safety has been the main concern for this project and to date there is no solid plan for safety measures to be put in place, in addition funding for a Community Safety Services team does not exist and there is no long-term funding identified. As Council-members Way and Candell know, the current unfunded proposal is to have only 1 person in the parking lot, Monday - Friday from approximately 7am-5pm for the next 2 years. This leaves nights and weekends unprotected and is not what the public was led to believe would be in place to help ensure community safety. This money may be better spent funding our police department who will be the primary first responders to this facility and surrounding areas.

I would encourage the City Council to pause on this decision and gather more facts about this project and help determine how this project will impact our city resources and finances. I would encourage the council to talk with our police department and possibly other police and fire departments who regularly engage with persons with mental illness, drug addiction, and homelessness and hear first hand the impacts this project may have on our limited resources.

On February 11, 2022 you sent a letter to the County regarding this project and I would encourage you to read the letter again in its entirety to see if your requests or concerns about this project have been addressed to date, in particular the segment below regarding funding and resources to local agencies:

*The loud volume of these arguments draws focus from what our Council finds to be very reasonable concerns. Multi-unit housing puts residents in close proximity and with close proximity comes conflict, regardless of the health and wellness of the tenants. Permanent supportive housing adds mental health and addiction issues to the mix. There will be challenges and there Proposed Project Homekey Site at 1251 South Eliseo Drive February 11, 2022 Page 2 will be a demand for public safety and public health services. We request that the County fully articulate its plan to provide these services or to contribute funding and resources to the local agencies that will provide support.*

Full letter:

<https://www.ci.larkspur.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/14563/City-of-Larkspur-Letter-Concerning-Proposed-S-Eliseo-Project-Homekey-Site-2-11-22>

Regarding the cities housing element goals and policies related to waiving fees, I

suspect those were put in place for a different type of low income housing project that are more open to the general public than this project, which requires access to this housing via Marin's coordinated entry system, thus limiting who is eligible to reside there. Also concerning the housing accountability unit, it would be worth exploring what penalties and actions could be taken against the city if they do not waive these fees.

There is no need to rush on this decision as money can always be refunded at a later time if your research confirms there should be limited need for our police and fire services.

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