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Honorable Members of Fairfield City Council  
City of Fairfield  
1000 Webster Street  
Fairfield, CA 94533

**Re: Support Georgetown Affordable Housing Project & Help Facilitate Temporary Use Agreement with Travis Air Force Base**

Councilmembers,

Our organizations strongly support the rehabilitation of the Georgetown affordable housing project because it would bring much-needed affordable housing to our community. However, absent a temporary use agreement with Travis Air Force Base for water and sewer services, this project is in jeopardy. We strongly urge you to support this project and to help facilitate a temporary use agreement with Travis Air Force Base for water and sewer.

Like much of California, Solano County is suffering from a housing crisis brought on by a decades-long failure to build enough housing to meet demand. The crisis is felt by everyone, but is particularly acute for the most vulnerable in our communities and those whose incomes simply cannot keep pace with the cost of housing. In Solano County, the need for affordable housing is extreme. We have an affordable housing shortfall of more than 13,000 homes and renters need to earn more than \$72,000 annually - 3 times the state minimum wage – to afford the County’s median rent.

The City of Fairfield needs more affordable housing projects. Yet, since 2014, the City of Fairfield has permitted only 140 out of the 1,183 low and very-low income units required – a drop in the bucket compared with what the City needs. This has to change. The City must look for more opportunities to create affordable housing and the Georgetown affordable housing project is a perfect example of the type of housing projects that should be prioritized.

Georgetown will bring nearly 300 units of 100 percent affordable 2, 3, and 4 bedroom homes to Solano County, with 90 percent of the units available for low-income and 10 percent for very low-income individuals and families. Additionally, more than 40 units will be utilized for veterans housing, including services for disabled veterans occupying the units. With a Community Workforce Agreement in place, the rehabilitation of Georgetown will also utilize a skilled and trained local workforce and provide good wages and benefits for those working on the project.

To date, TAFB has been unwilling to enter into an agreement to provide temporary access to water and sewer services, an arrangement which is only needed until City services are close enough to utilize. It is our hope that as our elected representatives, you will make this project a priority and work with Travis Air Force Base to facilitate a solution that makes these homes a reality for our community.

Regards,

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