

San Rafael Chamber

July 31, 2013

Jon Friedenber
Chief Fund and Business Development Officer
Marin General Hospital
250 Bon Air Road
Greenbrae, CA 94904

Dear Jon:

The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce has made a decision to endorse the Marin General Hospital Measure (designation TBD) on the November 2013 ballot; which will allow the Marin Healthcare District to issue \$394 million in general obligation bonds to make seismic upgrades to Marin General Hospital to meet stricter California earthquake standards and keep open Marin County's only designated trauma center. We understand that the measure will also allow the Hospital to enhance and expand emergency and other medical facilities; to provide the latest lifesaving treatments for heart, stroke, cancer and other diseases and to reduce wait times in the emergency department.

As a leading business organization in Marin County, the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of providing high quality, state-of-the-art healthcare to all of the citizens of Marin County; including those who belong to other healthcare organizations or who cannot afford to pay for it. Nothing could be more vital to the health and well-being of our community. We realize that Marin General Hospital is a 60-year-old medical facility and is long overdue for a rebuild to bring it up to current seismic safety standards, and to create a facility that better matches the way medicine is practiced today. We also appreciate the economic impact Marin General Hospital has on the community, and the enhanced impact the construction of the hospital will bring to Marin. Marin General Hospital is a vital part of our local economy and our community. We look forward to your enhanced presence in Marin.

Please feel free to include the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce on any list of endorsees of the bond measure, and to call on us if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Rick Wells
President and CEO

cc: Chamber Board of Directors
Marin County Board of Supervisors