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### **San Rafael Chamber Supports East San Rafael Sports Complex**

SAN RAFAEL – The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently voted to support the proposed San Rafael Sports Complex near the San Rafael airport.

After reviewing presentations from proponents, city staff and area neighbors, the Board believes the proposed project is extremely beneficial not just to San Rafael but to all of Marin County and its residents. It fills a vast and immediate need for sports fields in extremely high demand by San Rafael and Marin County. This project will increase our community’s quality of life creating a healthier community, physically and economically. The new facility will be a resource for residents of all ages- seniors parents and kids. San Rafael will benefit from new jobs and local sales tax revenues. This project will strengthen our local economy.

The San Rafael Sports Complex will be a community asset to the City of San Rafael and will generate sales tax for the City and increase the pool of local jobs, especially jobs for teenagers and young adults. In addition, local restaurants in the North San Rafael area will likely see an increase in business from all the new families visiting the area, particularly on weekends.

The San Rafael Chamber believes that Marin County residents deserve a high quality of life. Providing quality parks and recreation facilities is one way local government enhances the quality of life for its residents. For soccer alone, there are over 6,000 Marin youth playing on 500+ teams and another 4,000 adults on 300+ teams - ALL fighting for less than 50 fields in the entire county. Marin suffers from a field shortage that this project addresses for our residents.

Both the San Rafael and Marin County General Plans recognize the importance of this issue and have called for the creation of additional cost-effective all-weather fields and indoor recreational facilities to combat these existing shortages and problems. The proposed sports complex addresses the need for this shortage and will become a big part of keeping our community healthy and vibrant.

The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce believes that a healthy business community is invaluable to the community as a whole and supports the proposed San Rafael Sports Complex.

*The San Rafael Chamber represents over 550 members with over 10,000 employees. The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce is a member- based business advocacy organization providing a strong voice in support of the economic vitality of our community. For more information visit [www.SRChamber.com](http://www.SRChamber.com)*

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