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Marin Housing Authority Reaffirms Commitment to Residents Ahead of Golden Gate Village Revitalization

Marin City, CA — May 18, 2026 — As the historic revitalization of Golden Gate Village prepares to begin in June, the Marin Housing Authority (MHA) and Burbank Housing are reaffirming their longstanding commitment to residents, community engagement, transparency, and long-term housing stability. Under the leadership of MHA's new Executive Director, Dr. Tonia Lediju, the agencies participated in a townhall meeting last Thursday at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, continuing direct engagement with residents, to provide clear information regarding resident protections, right-to-return commitments, long-term affordability, and the revitalization process ahead.

"I was pleased to join Reverend Floyd Thompkins to continue direct engagement with residents regarding the revitalization of Golden Gate Village," said Lediju. "Reverend Thompkins and the church have long been trusted and meaningful partners within this community, and that matters deeply during moments like this. Conversations about housing, stability, and revitalization must occur with transparency, trust, and in collaboration with the people and institutions that families know and rely upon.

For many families, this process carries both hope and understandable concern. We recognize the historical fears communities have experienced around displacement, broken promises, and decisions made without meaningful engagement.

Our responsibility is not simply to improve buildings, but to strengthen trust, housing stability, resident well-being, and long-term opportunity for the families who call Golden Gate Village home.

The commitment to resident protections, affordability, and right-to-return remains firm, and under my leadership, families should expect transparency, accountability, on-going communication, and continued engagement throughout this revitalization effort.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the residents of Golden Gate Village for their continued engagement, advocacy, patience, and partnership throughout this process. The voices, lived experiences, and resilience of this community continue to matter and will remain essential as this work moves forward.

My priority is ensuring families understand their rights, remain informed throughout this process, and continue to see themselves reflected as partners in the future of this community. Golden Gate Village must remain an affordable, safe, stable, and welcoming community for current and future generations."

MHA remains committed to ensuring that all residents in good standing maintain the right to return following temporary relocation associated with revitalization activities. Residents in good standing will sign a new lease before any temporary relocation occurs, formally protecting their right to return to Golden Gate Village following revitalization. These protections will remain in full compliance with HUD requirements and applicable resident relocation protections.

Golden Gate Village will continue to remain affordable housing, with residents continuing to pay no more than 30% of their household income toward housing costs. All relocation and revitalization-related expenses associated with the project will be covered through project resources — not by residents.

“This is a complex, multi-year effort that requires ongoing communication, accountability, and trust with the community,” said Larry Florin, CEO and President of Burbank Housing. “Families deserve clear information, meaningful engagement, and strong protections throughout the revitalization process. Our goal is to preserve affordability, protect residents’ rights, and improve living conditions in a manner that reflects the dignity, safety, and quality the community deserves.”

The revitalization will preserve both the community and the historic character of Golden Gate Village while improving living conditions for current and future generations. No residential buildings will be demolished and no new residential buildings will be constructed at Golden Gate Village, as part of the current revitalization effort.

Golden Gate Village is more than housing. It is a historically significant community with deep cultural, generational, and emotional roots for Marin City families. MHA and Burbank Housing remain committed to working with residents — not around residents — as this revitalization moves forward.

MHA and Burbank Housing will continue hosting regular resident meetings to provide updates, answer questions, and ensure the community remains informed throughout the revitalization effort.

For more information about the revitalization of Golden Gate Village, visit <https://ggvrenovation.org/> or email GGV-Project@burbankhousing.org.

About Golden Gate Village

Built in 1961 and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright protégé Aaron Green, Golden Gate Village was created to house workers—many of them African American shipbuilders—after World War II. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 296-unit community remains home to nearly 300 low-income families. The revitalization of Golden Gate Village aims to preserve

this vital housing resource, retain its historic character, and ensure long-term affordability for generations to come.

About Burbank Housing

Burbank Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing provider with over 45 years of experience building, rehabilitating, and managing affordable communities across the North Bay. Known for its commitment to long-term community partnerships, Burbank Housing was selected by the Marin Housing Authority to lead the revitalization of Golden Gate Village following a public process. The selection of Burbank Housing aligns with the Resident Plan's priorities, which center on community input, preservation, and affordability.

About Marin Housing Authority

MHA has served as Marin County's public housing agency, providing affordable housing solutions and rental assistance to low-income residents since 1942. As the owner and operator of Golden Gate Village, MHA administers federal housing programs, manages public housing developments, and works to preserve and develop affordable housing opportunities throughout Marin County.

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