

**From:** [Margaret Collard](#)  
**To:** [Fred Castro](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Sausalito Housing Mandate -2015-2023 - 6 times higher  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:54:08 AM

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Dear Fred,

As concerned "Taxpaying Sausalito citizens" the plan to build 724 new low-income units is inconceivable to all the residents living here for the past 30 plus years.

We realize of course that the high number of units listed is to force the residents to agree to the 79 original units based on the size of the population.

We read online that 4 City Council members approved the 724 units to be built, hopefully, this is false information as we voted for them and would feel betrayed. We need accountability from your organization and from Sausalito City council members as the residents of Sausalito feel we are being manipulated and projects are done without our knowledge.

Housing has gotten expensive in Marin due to the high cost of approval of plans/ inspection and length of time.

- When applying for simple changes to improve on our homes due to rot or age, it's very trying and extremely expensive. Instead of a two-week job, it can go on and on for 2 years between permits and contractors. How can we survive like this? Does it make sense to everyone at City Hall? What is the purpose of making it so expensive and pure misery for the citizens?
- The longer it takes, the more expensive the small project becomes, how can we have affordable housing when it's so expensive to repair.

We also read that once the affordable housing is approved the Citizens and Sausalito planning cannot object to the design and lack of quality of the units that the developers may build. Does that make sense to you or anyone? Which organization makes this decision? This is not democracy if the citizens cannot object to the number of units and if the buildings are being shoddily built in our small town..

We appreciate your being part of the organization to assist with affordable housing but we object to the extremely high number of units and the fact that the winning lowest bidder may build ugly, in-expensive buildings that we cannot disapprove of. **Why should the citizens have to go through the expense and time with City planning but your organization does not have the same process? This does not make it**

a democratic society if we are not treated equally. The process needs to be revised.

Let's all work together to accomplish what's right for Sausalito. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We appreciate everyone's time and efforts.

Regards,

M Collard & Concerned Sausalito residents.

[See comments from 2 Sausalito residents.](#)

**[Letter dd August 5th, 2020 sent to Lily Whalen- Director of Community Development - Sausalito, CA.](#)**

**[From : Bob Silvestri -President Community Venture Partners.](#)**

**In our opinion, the City has been intentionally misleading the public at public hearings when questions about residential projects in the Marinship come up, by failing to disclose the existence of this Housing Study and the City's clearly stated intentions in it.**

**[e.mail from Linda Pfeifer- former City Council member.](#)**

For example, Sausalito's housing mandate for the prior 2015 -2023 Housing Cycle was **79**. The new mandate is **724** new units.



**From:** [Lisa Brinkmann](#)  
**To:** [Fred Castro](#)  
**Subject:** Ridiculous housing quotas  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:31:50 AM

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Dear Mr Castro

I urge you to reevaluate your housing quotas for Marin County, and specifically Sausalito. I believe your data is unsound, forecasting and mapping are flawed and population growth expectations are inflated. We have water, fire and stagnant growth issues facing Marin. It's NO time to give developers carte blanche to line their pockets at the local communities' expense

Please adjust your quota in accordance to current data and circumstances.

Lisa Brinkmann  
Resident/ Property Owner  


Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John DiRe](#)  
**To:** [Fred Castro](#)  
**Subject:** Sausalito's ABAG Housing Allocation  
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Dear Sir

I am writing to address the ABAG allocation of 724 housing units for Sausalito. I wanted to point out that Sausalito already has the highest population density of Marin County. The population of Sausalito (2019) was 7116 and the land area is listed as 2.26 square mile. That population density comes out to 3148 per square mile. However, the land area listed in all publications for Sausalito is grossly inaccurate. That figure includes the area of the Golden Gate National Recreation that is within the city limits and water lots deemed unbuildable by BCDC. The actual land area is approximately 1.31 square miles (see Google map below). That makes the actual population density 5432 people per square mile. The population density of Marin County (258826 pop/828 sqmi) is 312 people per square mile. That means that Sausalito is already currently 17 times the Marin County Average. I urge you to check these numbers before you make a decision. Population density matters in a town where there are only 2 ways in and out.

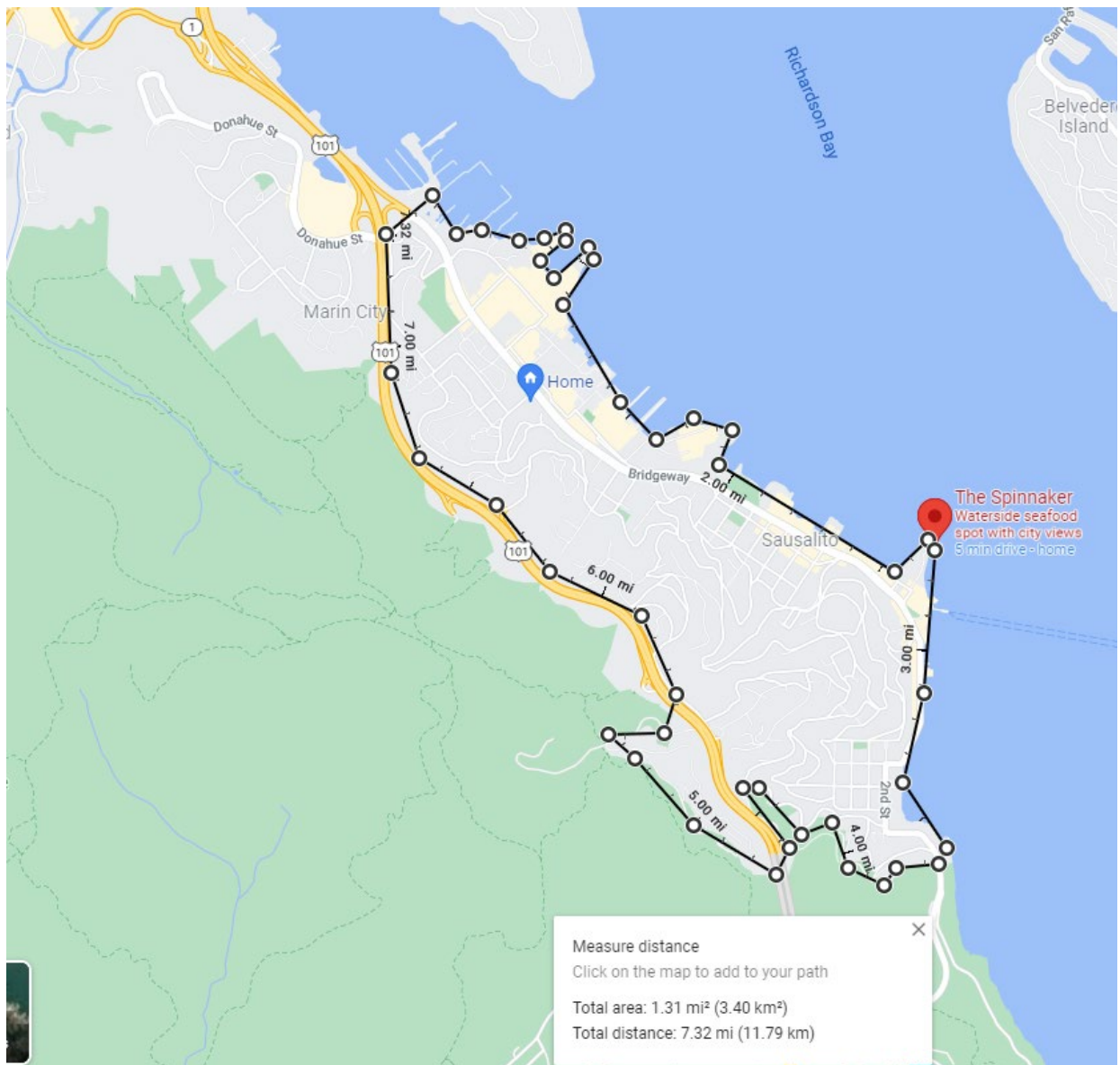
Furthermore, with the current allocation there is a risk that city officials will seek housing in our documented toxic World War II shipyard waterfront. That area provides local maritime, industrial and other jobs and lessens the need for commuter traffic.

Also, it is clear that Sausalito does not need any more moderate or above moderate housing. Only low income and very low income units are needed in Sausalito. But the numbers allocated in those categories I believe will lead to the same environmental injustice that I mentioned above.  
Please take this information into consideration.

Very Truly Yours

John DiRe





**From:** [Elly Gibbs](#)  
**To:** [Fred Castro](#)  
**Cc:** [Kristin Maas](#)  
**Subject:** Sausalito  
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- Pls listen!!!!

This is a bad idea. We can't take that growth

Here's why:

- Flawed Marin forecasting and maps
- Flawed Marin population growth assumptions
- Lack of consideration regarding Sausalito's WW2 history with toxic waste.

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** [Fred Castro](#)  
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Dear Mr. Castro,

I am very much opposed to the ridiculous amount of new housing proposed for Sausalito. The number is very far from making sense. I urge you to reconsider.

Very truly yours,

Henry Rose



**From:** [sonja.hanson](#)  
**To:** [Fred Castro](#)  
**Subject:** Re: today's hearings on Housing Element numbers in Marin communities  
**Date:** Friday, October 15, 2021 11:12:20 AM

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Dear Mr. Castro,

Please forward my comments to the ABAG Board. Thank you, Sonja Hanson

Dear Members of the ABAG Board,

where to begin, is the question. I know you have little time to hear our (residents') concerns. There are many issues on your agendas, and the number and complexity grow. Thus, the function of government has become far too removed from the people it is meant to serve. That is my first point.

The second point is we no longer seem to have the capacity for common sense; that appears true at all levels of government. This should be no surprise, since it also appears to be true for the whole human species.

Given those two points, I am not dumbfounded, nor surprised, that in the face of the Climate Crisis (and it does deserve capitalization) we do not acknowledge reality.

California (indeed the Earth) does not have the water to support an ever increasing human population; there is not enough water to support the current human population, let alone our fellow species. There will be years when we have torrential amounts of rain, but science points to increasing temperatures and diminishing water supply (rain, snow, ground) for California, overall. And, yes, I have heard of desalination (which comes with its own set of issues), but we are no where near having the



massive facilities that will be needed.

In Marin County, our water district is responding to this crisis by building a costly pipeline under the San Rafael/Richmond Bridge, and then buying water from agricultural irrigation districts in the Sacramento Valley. The farmers that “own rights” to that water will no longer grow crops, they will do “better” selling their water to Marin County, at least as long as the rain, snow and ground water tables allow.

This is all so wrong, and the numbers of new housing units that your agency is insisting upon are obscene (Webster - d: so excessive as to be offensive).

Given all of the above, if you were mandating that we build housing at all income levels as needed, that might give pause for consideration; that is not what you are mandating. The housing you are “requiring” local Bay Area communities to absorb is based on demands by developers/real estate/unions. Their demands are all based on generating profits, ie greed (no special shame there, it is at our core as a species).

Low income housing will be buried as usual, and the small percentage of low income housing units “required” in new developments, will continue to be negotiable. 28,000 homeless in the Bay Area; where are your mandates for housing for them?

It is a shame that you are complicit in all of this.

Sincerely,  
Sonja Hanson



**From:** [Kristin Maas](#)  
**To:** [Fred Castro](#)  
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