

Black Point Community Plan Update Advisory Committee
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Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
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Dear Supervisors,

It was an honor to serve as the Black Point Community Plan Advisory Committee, but regrettably we cannot endorse the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt the Black Point and Green Point Community Plans as written.

For nearly three years the Advisory Committee worked side by side with county staff through more than 80 hours of meetings, three public workshops, and multiple grassroots community outreach activities. We volunteered our time, money, and expertise to a noble cause and were proud of the Draft "Black Point-Green Point" plan we created together, standing by our recommended policy language.

It wasn't until the eleventh hour when a handful of neighbors, mistakenly convinced the plan would allow Black Point to control Green Point and levy road repair assessments, persuaded the Board to direct staff's dismantling of the entire document. In its place now stands two partial community plans: a beautifully updated yet severely truncated plan for the older section of Black Point and a bandaged 1978 plan for the newer section of the community known as Green Point.

Black Point (including Green Point) residents were promised a full package update, complete with a series of public workshops and opportunities for public feedback at every step of the process. Instead, Green Point residents wasted their time contributing to a plan that now excludes them and in exchange are relegated to a plan written before most of their houses were built. Neither plan delivers what was promised to the community, and each disenfranchises the residents of Green Point, including the two who served on this committee.

We greatly appreciate Kristin Drumm's guidance, industriousness, and remarkable professionalism throughout this process, but we deeply regret this outcome and hope future such endeavors by the county will consider our experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Susanna Mahoney, Vice-Chair