



May 21, 2022

Dear Corte Madera City Council:

We are writing on behalf of **YIMBY Law** regarding Corte Madera's 6th Cycle Housing Element Update. **YIMBY Law** is a legal nonprofit working to make housing in California more accessible and affordable through enforcement of state law.

We are writing to remind you of Corte Madera's legal duty to affirmatively further fair housing, which entails 'taking meaningful actions... that overcome patterns of segregation' §8899.50(a)(1).

The City of Corte Madera is uniquely positioned to affirmatively further fair housing, as Corte Madera is an exclusionary city that is wealthier and whiter than the rest of the Bay Area. Berkeley researchers have found that your city exhibits high levels of segregation. This socioeconomic segregation is caused by the exclusionary cost of housing in your community, where the average home is \$2,034,674, per Zillow's data as of April 2022. This home price is only affordable to someone earning a salary of \$990,831, meaning only the top 1% can afford to settle down in your community. In fact, the average home in your community costs more than many castles in the France.

Thank you,

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