

Groundbreaking for New Ritter Center Building At 800 A Street with Mayor Kate Colin and Ritter Center CEO Mark Shotwell

What:

After 43 years at 16 Ritter Street, Ritter Center is breaking ground on a new facility at 800 A Street. Mayor Kate Colin and Ritter Center's CEO Mark Shotwell will discuss the strides made in addressing homelessness and poverty in Marin. Tours will be available of this \$14.5M investment in the future of our community. The new building is planned to open at the end of 2024.

"16 Ritter Street has served as Ritter Center's site for 43 years, but we have outgrown our little yellow Victorian and temporary portables. The new facility will reflect our dedication to providing high-quality services, and our commitment to serve our clients with the utmost respect and dignity that every human deserves. The new building will also enable us to evolve with the needs of Marin County's vulnerable children, families, seniors, and individuals experiencing homelessness and economic insecurity," said Ritter Center CEO Mark Shotwell.

"The groundbreaking today is truly seismic. For those of us who know and have known Ritter Center over its past four decades, we understand the critical role they play in providing services to those of us in most need. This new building will enable Ritter to expand their services to reach many more people and to have a remarkable place that can serve as a beacon of hope and dignity. MCF is honored to be a contributor to this building and to Ritter Center's profound mission," said Rhea Suh, President and CEO, Marin Community Foundation.

Why:

The current building at 16 Ritter Street has limited office and medical space, no parking, outdated facilities, insufficient interior waiting rooms, and an environment that does not reflect our dedication to providing high-quality services. Currently, the staff operates out of offices at 16 Ritter and 30 North San Pedro.

Standing at nearly 14,000 sq. ft. the new center will have the following features: twice the medical exam rooms, modern healthcare equipment, dedicated behavioral health rooms, lab for onsite testing, treatment room for minor procedures, meditation and lactation room, off-street parking and EV charging infrastructure. The Food Pantry will have storage for twice as much inventory, a walk-in cooler/freezer, a dedicated

entrance, two walk-up windows, space for 10 households to line up inside, and a large workspace for staff and volunteers.

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