

# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor, Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager GT  
**DATE:** May 1, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of sponsorship request from Resilient Neighborhoods

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### Recommendation

Accept sponsorship request from Resilient Neighborhoods

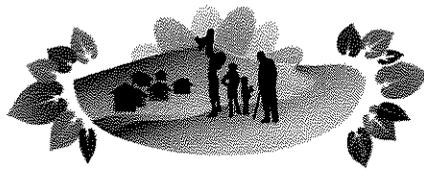
### Discussion

Attached is a letter from Resilient Neighborhoods requesting that they be able to use the Town's facilities (i.e., youth center and Women's Club) for their neighborhood team meetings as needed. Resilient Neighborhoods will be making a presentation to the Council this evening under the Reports and Presentation section of the meeting agenda.

### Financial Impact

Minimal impact as the meetings will be scheduled to avoid conflicts with regularly scheduled meetings and with rentals of the facilities.

RESILIENT  
NEIGHBORHOODS



LESS CARBON  
MORE COMMUNITY

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April 23, 2013

Tamra Peters  
Director

Dear Mayor Reed,

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Communications  
Director

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Program Associates

Steering Committee  
Robert Brown  
Cory Bytof  
Kiki La Porta  
Tamra Peters

Resilient Neighborhoods is a sponsored program of Sustainable Marin that helps families reduce their carbon emissions and build community resilience by increasing emergency preparedness, supporting local business and connecting people with neighbors. During the program's pilot year, Marin households reduced 1.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide, the equivalent to taking 123 cars off the freeway.

We hope to assist all Marin municipalities with reducing the residential portion of their GHG emissions. We are already included in the City of San Rafael's general plan, and are partnering with Mill Valley and with San Anselmo's Quality of Life Commission. Participation in the program is not only great for individual households, which can save money through energy efficiency, but also for the towns as residential carbon reductions are recorded and decreased.

Fairfax residents have completed one Resilient Neighborhoods team and another is in process now. To reach more Fairfax residents, we would like the Town's support. Including Resilient Neighborhoods in town communications would increase the visibility of the program. We also hope to partner with the Town's volunteer program, the Chamber of Commerce and Sustainable Fairfax. Finally, although most teams meet in one of the participant's homes, occasionally no homes are available and the team can't move forward. Having a free community-based meeting space would allow such teams to complete. We anticipate this happening only a few times a year.

We look forward to presenting the Resilient Neighborhoods program to the Fairfax Council meeting and to our future collaboration to reduce residential carbon emissions and build community resiliency.

Sincerely,

Tamra Peters  
Director