

FRIENDS OF CHANATE

November 28, 2019

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Drive, Room 100 A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Via email

Re: Chanate Complex/Campus Sale

Dear Chair Rabbitt and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Recently several Friends of Chanate members had an opportunity to meet with representatives of the EAH/Christopherson team to discuss their vision for the development of the Chanate Campus. As you know, our organization is interested in seeing the subject property developed in a safe and responsible manner. After meeting with the EAH/Christopherson team we feel that their vision is not inconsistent with our objectives.

We understand that the EAH/Christopherson team is proposing to purchase the campus for \$4.25 million. They will also demolish the existing facility at their expense, while preserving the health department lab and morgue for up to seven years, allowing the County to continue occupying those buildings for a rent of \$1 per year. The proposed purchase price is consistent with the appraisal of the property commissioned by the County in 2019, which did not reflect the value to the taxpayers of the continued occupancy of the morgue and health department lab at the nominal rate of \$1 per year. There is clear value to the taxpayers from not having to pay any demolition costs, and for the ability to continue to utilize the morgue and health department lab.

The EAH/Christopherson team has been very proactive in seeking community input and have demonstrated a keen interest in building a consensus for their vision for this unique property. We believe they represent a responsible solution for addressing the continuing maintenance costs and the growing blight associated with the existing facilities.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,

Tom Brown
For Friends of Chanate

Cc: Caroline Judy, Sonoma County Director of General Services