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**From:** Marie Roark <montessorimama22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 2:19 AM  
**To:** Phil Boyle  
**Cc:** Celeste Ezell  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Tutoring Center's approval

Dear Mr. Boyle,

I am writing today to ask you to please approve Golden Gate Tutoring Center's application for a Conditional Use Permit, so that they may use the space provided by Red Hill Church at 921 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. The GGTC is such an excellent resource in our community and my daughter has benefited from both their educationally focused summer camps to their wonderful homeschool math classes. Whether a family is looking for tutoring assistance for their schooled child or enrichment classes for their homeschooler, the Golden Gate Tutoring Center offers a wide variety of programs for everyone. Additionally, with the space at Red Hill Church they will be able to offer Maker Space Workshops and so much more! My Family and I look forward to them opening in their new location and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
-Marie Roark

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No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.

Emma Goldman

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**From:** Paula Sebastiani <tallpoppi@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:04 AM  
**To:** Phil Boyle  
**Cc:** Celeste Ezell  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit for Golden Gate Tutoring

Dear Mr. Boyle,

Please approve the application by Golden Gate Tutoring for a Conditional Use Permit at 921 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in San Anselmo. Golden Gate

Tutoring intends to create a space where children can utilize their natural creativity and learn through the process. The space will provide areas in which

children will be invited to use creative thought and problem solving skills. These particular skills are important to the development of a child's mind. Both

Daniel and Celeste are gifted educators, children are able to utilize their critical thinking skills in their classes.

Not only will this space provide opportunities for the Homeschool community to utilize classes and tutoring, children in the community will be able to take

classes after school. The location is perfect for student's to walk to after school! A community Maker's Space will be an valuable asset to San Anselmo and

Marin County.

Our children are currently enrolled in Maker's Camp this Summer and we plan to further utilize Golden Gate Tutoring for classes they will offer to the

Homeschool community. We look forward to visiting them at their larger space at 921 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

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**From:** Teresa Walker <treewalk@entropicstudio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:22 PM  
**To:** Phil Boyle  
**Cc:** Celeste Ezell  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Tutoring

Phil and the Planning Commission,

This letter is to ask for your approval for an application of a Conditional Use Permit, submitted by Golden Gate Tutoring.

We are a homeschool family and have had the pleasure of working with Daniel and Celeste for the past few years at Golden Gate Tutoring. The classes that they have provided to my children have been extremely beneficial to our homeschool curriculum. My son always comes back after one of Daniels classes with a new found love of science.

I know that limited space has been an issue at the current location. I would love to see what Daniel and Celeste would create if they had a little more room to expand and grow their amazing programs.

The new location would allow my family to ride our bikes to their classes as opposed to driving.

I really hope that the planning commission approves their request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Teresa Walker

San Anselmo Resident

May 25, 2014

Dear San Anselmo Planning Commission,

I am a San Anselmo resident writing in support of granting a conditional use permit for Golden Gate Tutoring to move into Red Hill Church at 921 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

My daughter, a junior at Drake High School, has been working with Celeste and Daniel Ezell at Golden Gate Tutoring for three years now. They have not only been outstanding tutors who bring both expertise and kindness to students in need of academic support, but they are also creative and caring people who have much to offer our community, such as maker camps, homeschooling activities, and DIY projects for families.

Another reason I support the move to Red Hill Church is that my daughter will be able to easily walk there after Drake High School dismisses. It would be great to have the location closer to the high school since students often carry such heavy backpacks which can make long walks difficult. A perk for parents is being able to do errands at Red Hill Shopping Center while waiting for our children. It also looks like the current space is becoming too small for all the children that Golden Gate Tutoring serves.

Golden Gate Tutoring brings so much good to San Anselmo families. I'm convinced my daughter could not have found better tutors. I hope you grant the conditional use permit to Golden Gate Tutoring.

Sincerely,

Lori Barak

8 Rivera Street

San Anselmo, CA 94960

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**From:** jondodi2@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 25, 2014 8:34 AM  
**To:** Phil Boyle  
**Cc:** celeste@goldengatetutoring.com  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Tutoring at Red Hill Church

Dear Mr. Boyle:

I'm writing in support of Golden Gate Tutoring's using space at Red Hill Church for tutoring and classes.

Daniel and Celeste have been a huge help to my family, providing tutoring and a homeschool class for my son this year. In the short time that I have known them, they have proven to be intelligent, responsible, and caring.

When we lived in San Jose, homeschool organizations with which we were affiliated and churches with space had very successful and mutually beneficial relationships. I would think this arrangement here would also be a positive one for both parties and for the town of San Anselmo, where I live.

Thank you.

Dodi Friedenberg  
99 Sleepy Hollow Drive  
San Anselmo

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**From:** cmsimonelli <cmsimonelli@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 2:41 PM  
**To:** Phil Boyle  
**Cc:** Celeste Jocelyn's mom; Amber French Teacher  
**Subject:** Support for Le Petit Jardin and The Golden Gate Tutoring Center

Hello Phil,

My name is Christina Simonelli, and I am a parent and a resident of Ross. We are hoping that Amber will be able to host her French immersion program at the Red Hill Church space, and we are hoping the Golden Gate Tutoring Center will also be able to have their business at the church as well.

My daughter has been a student of Amber for over a year and I have found her to be the best French language teacher in Marin. Being bilingual is very important in his day and age and we really would like Amber to continue teaching our daughter. Her location at the Red Hill Church is perfect for us as we can bike there. I know the location has been very convenient for the other families as well being that it is right on SFD.

We are also big fans of the Golden Gate Tutoring Center having their space at the church. They run a fabulous center. This location allows them to have more space to be able to help more kids learn in the community. We are very excited about the community Maker Space they plan to have as a way to create community and a fun learning space for our kids.

Both programs are such great resources, and we fully support their move to the Red Hill Church.

Thank you,  
Christina Simonelli

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**From:** Julie Schiffman <julieswebmail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 11:28 AM  
**To:** Phil Boyle  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Tutoring

Dear Mr. Boyle,

I am writing to you in support of Golden Gate Tutoring's new location at Red Hill Church in San Anselmo. I am a leader in Marin Homeschoolers with over 125 families, and our community truly needs a space where we can hold classes and other group activities. GGTC has been teaching homeschoolers for years in their limited space, and we would love to be able to expand our options if they move to Red Hill. The central location in San Anselmo is ideal for families in Ross and the West End of San Rafael to walk or bike to as we plan on doing. Their plans for a community maker space is very much supported by our community as there is no other place like that available to Marin families. GGTC's maker space would be a wonderful resource for all families, especially the homeschool community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Julie Schiffman M.Ed.  
Regional Representative for the Alternative Education Resource Organization  
County Contact for Homeschool Association of California  
Organizer/Admin for Marin Homeschoolers

May 22, 2014

Phil Boyle  
San Anselmo Planning Department  
Via email: [pboyle@townofsananselmo.org](mailto:pboyle@townofsananselmo.org)

Dear Mr. Boyle,

I'm writing to you to inform you of my strong support of the Ezell's request to relocate their tutoring business to the old school site at the Red Hill Church. I have known the Ezell's on both a personal and professional basis for many years. My children have used their tutoring center services and we are really looking forward to a more spacious environment that is easier to access. My middle schooler will be able to take the bus from White Hill to the new, proposed center and then walk home. Similarly, with the new location, I will be able to walk my elementary aged children to the new center and I won't have to sit in my car and wait through traffic at the Hub anymore.

In our small town, we have a lack of both space and facilities. The Ezell's idea to bring a larger tutoring center and potential "maker" space would take an underutilized building and create a compelling and valuable resource for our youth. There is much discussion in education and parenting circles about the difficulty reaching the "tween and teen" age children with healthy and engaging activities. This is compounded if your child is not keen on athletics. A "maker space" would provide a safe and educational space that would reach that under-served audience. A local maker space would also allow for an extra-curricular extension of the highly successful and uptrending focus on STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math).

On a personal level, the Ezell's are committed citizens to San Anselmo. They regularly donate to local charitable organizations including YES Foundation and town recreation programs and I've never known them to turn any child away due to lack of funds. Their proposal for an expanded tutoring center and maker space is just another example of their commitment to our community.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Kathleen Holtzer  
415-686-8214

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**From:** Jeanice Skvaril <skvaril@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 9:29 PM  
**To:** Phil Boyle  
**Cc:** Celeste Ezell  
**Subject:** Please Support Golden Gate Tutoring!

Dear Mr. Boyle -

I am writing you in support of Golden Gate Tutoring and urge you to approve their application to move into the Red Hill Church. GGT has been an invaluable resource for my son this past year and we hope to continue taking their classes in the years to come. Any support we can give Celeste and Daniel will undoubtedly benefit our small community.

Thank you for your consideration -

Jeanice Skvaril