

Annex Ribbon Cutting Remarks
Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters

Thank you Ida and Good Morning Everyone! Doreen and I and the County Team are so excited to be here with you today! This is a day many of us have looked forward to for many months and some of us for MANY YEARS!

As Ida has told us, the County has been in Marin City providing services over many years and has done much good work, but we've never had a place close by where residents would know they could always find us.

For years, residents, community leaders, and local organizations have shared a consistent message with the County: access matters. Services should be easier to find, easier to reach, and delivered in ways that reflect the realities of people's daily lives. Families should not have to spend hours traveling across the county to get help with food assistance, health coverage, employment services, or support for older adults. Government should meet people where they are.

The Southern Marin County Services Annex is a direct response to that call from the community. Today and starting Monday morning when we open our doors, the County will be here for the Marin City community and Southern Marin!

The journey to get here has been a long one and has taken the work of so many of us to get to this day. This is a day that shows what can happen when we work together to make GOOD TROUBLE. Some of the people at the county who made good trouble to make this happen include

- Dr Benita McLaren
- Dr. Lisa Warhuus and the County Team
- Ida Green
- D'Angelo Palliet
- Juanita Edwards and the Marin City CSD and I'll say more about them in a moment

Access to public services is not simply a matter of convenience—it is a matter of equity. When we bring services closer to people, we bring opportunity closer to people.

When residents can connect with resources more easily, communities become stronger. Children have greater opportunities to thrive. Older adults can remain independent and connected. Individuals facing hardship can access support sooner, and families can build greater stability and resilience.

This project was shaped by years of planning, collaboration, and community engagement. Residents helped inform not only what services should be available, but also how the space itself should feel—welcoming, accessible, and responsive. Their voices helped guide this effort and will continue to shape its future. And, this Annex is not only to serve Marin City, it is here to serve all of our Southern Marin communities. It is here for everyone.

This achievement would not have been possible without the partnership of the Marin City Community Services District and the dedicated staff of Marin County Health and Human Services. Their leadership, collaboration, and commitment to expanding opportunity helped turn this vision into reality. Thank you Sarah Canson and the CSD Board and Staff; Thank you Dr, Warhuss and the County HH&S team.

I also want to give special recognition and appreciation to Ida Green, whose deep commitment to Marin City and Southern Marin has been instrumental every step of the way. Her advocacy, community relationships, and unwavering focus on connecting residents to resources helped make this project possible.

This is a BIG DAY and a POWERFUL DAY. WE are honored to be with you today to cut the ribbon on the new Southern Marin County Services Annex.