

From: [Melanie hahn](#)
To: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
Subject: Redemption through Christ Recovery Center
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:41:21 PM

******CAUTION:** This is an EXTERNAL email. Exercise caution. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email.****

Melanie Hahn

[REDACTED]

Gilroy, Ca 95020

[REDACTED]

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

701 Ocean Street, Room 500

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Subject: Proposal to Repurpose Redman Hirahara House as the
“Redemption Through Christ Recovery Center”

As a lifelong resident of the Bay Area and a dedicated caregiver deeply committed to faith-based healing, I write to you concerning the Redman Hirahara House in Watsonville, slated for possible demolition this August. I respectfully request your consideration of an alternative plan that would preserve this historic structure and transform it into a vital community resource: the Redemption Through Christ Recovery Center.

Vision & Purpose

I envision the property as a healing sanctuary for individuals recovering from substance use, trauma (such as domestic violence or childhood neglect), and emotional distress. Rooted in a Christ-centered approach, the center's mission emphasizes:

- Spiritual restoration through scripture, prayer, pastoral counseling, and daily devotion
- Holistic wellness—including healthy eating, fitness activities, outdoor hiking, and life skills
- Inpatient care that integrates trauma-informed therapy with faith-based practices

Our slogan:

“Redemption Through Christ, Where Peace and Serenity Is Obtained Through Our Lord Jesus.”

This model is more than another clinical program; it is a transformative space where individuals can rebuild their identity in Christ, supported by therapeutic structure and community fellowship.

Community Benefits

Historic Preservation: Rescues a culturally significant building, preserving local heritage.

Improved Public Health: Provides structured, trauma-informed care for vulnerable populations facing addiction and emotional pain.

Economic Impact: Creates jobs, draws volunteers, and brings supportive services to Watsonville.

Spiritual & Social Renewal: Fosters a culture of compassion and community support across recovery journeys.

Feasibility & Support

- Located near public transport and natural settings, ideal for recovery and reflection.
- Organizational readiness: I am in the early stages of assembling a board, securing funding, and partnering with healthcare and faith-based professionals.
- Serves underserved populations: Focuses on low-income individuals, providing sliding-scale or scholarship-supported treatment.

A Call to Action

I respectfully ask the Board to:

1. Suspend demolition for 6–12 months

2. Authorize a feasibility study on adaptive reuse
3. Engage in public hearings to gather local support
4. Open a dialogue between me, church leaders, and health partners to develop a viable restoration plan

In Conclusion

The Redemption Through Christ Recovery Center is not just a real estate project—it is a hope-filled mission to restore lives, families, and community. Saving the Redman Hirahara House can be a legacy of faith, beauty, and renewal that endures for decades.

Thank you for your time, heartfelt consideration, and service to Santa Cruz County and Watsonville. I am available at your convenience to present a more detailed proposal and welcome the opportunity to work together to bring healing and restoration.

Sincerely,

Melanie Hahn