



June 4th, 2024

Statement on Fire at Middlefield Junction (2700 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA 94063)

At 10:15 AM on June 3, 2024, Mercy Housing received word that one building had caught on fire at our Middlefield Junction affordable housing construction site near Redwood City. We are relieved to report that no one was injured due to this incident. Middlefield Junction will consist of two buildings, both of which are currently under construction, and only one of which was impacted by fire damage. The cause of the fire remains under investigation and we will not be taking interviews at this time.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to the firefighters and the emergency response teams for their diligent work to keep all community members safe, as well as all neighbors who cooperated with the necessary evacuation of the area.

All Bay Area families understand the need for more high-quality affordable housing and childcare services, and we are devastated that we will now be delayed in completing this 179-home family community with an expansive ground-floor childcare center operated by our partners at Peninsula Family Service. We are heartened that Building A, which will include 75 units as well as the childcare center, was not impacted by the fire in Building B. Mercy Housing remains fully committed to completing this development, which has been in construction for over a year and is the result of almost a decade of community planning. As soon as it is safe for our teams, and following a thorough investigation, we will return to work at the Middlefield Junction site to assess the damage and make a plan to move forward with construction. We hope residents and partners will trust in our resolve to deliver the affordable homes and childcare spaces that San Mateo County communities deserve and need.

