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San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: May 23, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting - Agenda Item #32
ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF
UNINCORPORATED AREA REPRESENTATION TO THE SAN DIEGO
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group to express our support the County's proposed Resolution for adding an advisory member to the SANDAG Board of Directors to represent the residents of San Diego County's unincorporated communities.

Input from unincorporated communities is essential as we conduct the business of the County/Region, work to build a thriving economy, and work to save lives with improved roadway safety and wildfire evacuation routes.

Securing an Advisory Board seat on the SANDAG Board of Directors for the currently underrepresented unincorporated areas of the County will demonstrate the importance of including community members in the planning and funding of transportation infrastructure serving their communities. Inclusion of unincorporated community members as partners through a new Advisory Board seat with SANDAG will help ensure a representative community perspective on decisions that impact unincorporated communities.

Our Group believes that a rotating representative selected by and from the various County of San Diego Community Planning and Advisory Groups is a logical choice for such a representative. As Chair, I believe that the Board's proposed selection process for said representative addresses the general concerns expressed by our Group's members in relation to the selection process for such a representative.¹

¹ The County's proposed Resolution states, in pertinent part, "We believe the most inclusive, fair and transparent selection process would be similar to that used by the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to select representatives of the region's special districts. Under this process, nominations would be submitted by community planning groups for a primary member and alternate member to serve on the SANDAG Board. After the nominations are received by County staff and distributed to the community planning groups,

Accordingly, our Planning Group urges that the County Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution recommending the creation of a new Advisory Board seat on SANDAG for unincorporated community representation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darin L. Wessel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darin" and last name "Wessel" clearly distinguishable.

Darin L. Wessel, Chair
Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group

County staff will coordinate the selection of the primary and alternate unincorporated area advisory members to serve on the SANDAG Board. The chair/presiding officer of each community planning group will cast one vote for the primary representative and one vote for the alternate representative. The individuals receiving the highest number of votes for each position will be authorized to serve as the non-voting advisory primary and alternate members to the SANDAG Board representing the County's unincorporated area."