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Subject: [External] Council District 9 - Letter of Support for Agenda Item 21

Dear Clerk Potter,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera. He would like to submit a letter of support for inclusion in the public record for agenda Item [21](#) on tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting agenda. If any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you.

With Gratitude,

Ben Mendoza | *they/them*

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Ninth Council District, City of San Diego

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"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory and homelands of the [Kumeyaay](#) people."



SEAN ELO-RIVERA

COUNCILMEMBER FOR
SAN DIEGO DISTRICT 9

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May 5, 2025

County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express strong support for the approval of Disposition and Development Agreements (DDAs) for affordable housing developments at 5202 University Avenue in San Diego.

The San Diego region continues to face a severe shortage of affordable housing. As noted in your agenda materials, the region has produced only enough very low-income housing to meet 10% of the need over the past decade. The 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment indicates that 68,959 homes are needed regionally for very low and low-income individuals and households. This critical shortage directly impacts housing insecurity and cost burden for the region's most vulnerable populations.

I am excited to have the San Diego Housing Commission partner with the County on the University Avenue project. This site's adjacency to the SDHC's Casa Colina affordable housing development presents a unique opportunity for collaboration between public agencies. The proposed conveyance of this property to SDHC will allow them to efficiently leverage public resources to create approximately 90 new affordable homes for families while facilitating the planned densification and rehabilitation of Casa Colina.

I commend the County's leadership in leveraging public land for affordable housing development. The proposed actions represent significant progress toward addressing our region's affordable housing crisis through innovative cross-agency collaboration.

I strongly support the Board's approval of these DDAs and the associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings. I look forward to our continued partnership in creating much-needed affordable housing opportunities for the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sean Elo-Rivera
Councilmember, District 9
City of San Diego