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Hello,

Attached please find a letter of support for Item 25 from Tuesday's board meeting.

Best,



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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**TODD GLORIA**

MAYOR

May 22, 2023

Honorable Chair Nora Vargas  
Board of Supervisors  
San Diego County  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

**RE: Item 25: Authorize Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission for Collaborative Efforts to Address the Housing Shortage**

Dear Chair Vargas:

As Mayor of the City of San Diego, I am writing to express my strong support for Item 25, "*Authorize Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission for Collaborative Efforts to Address the Housing Shortage*," on the May 23, 2023 Board of Supervisors agenda. By approving this action, you are making it possible for our region to compete for desperately needed funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Homekey Round 3 funding opportunity.

In every corner of our region and all across America, the crisis of homelessness and housing shortages continues to grow. As leaders of our communities, it is our duty to do all we can to address this problem at every level, develop and implement all possible solutions, and fight to bring in resources to create as much housing as possible to help those in San Diego. The actions you are bringing forward would build on the City and County's successful partnership on Homekey which has secured funding for nearly 400 homes for the San Diego region.

By authorizing funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and Behavioral Health Impact Fund and providing behavioral health supportive services, the City and County are positioning our region to leverage this important opportunity to deliver over 300 new homes in San Diego for people currently experiencing homelessness.

Despite the challenges we face, I am continually inspired by and grateful for the unique collaboration and dedication shared between the City, the County, the Housing Commission, and so many critical partner agencies throughout San Diego. I am confident that we can continue working towards solutions and progress together.

I respectfully request your support for this item and thank you for bringing it forward to the board for their consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Gloria", written in a cursive style.

TODD GLORIA  
Mayor  
City of San Diego