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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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MAYOR

April 29, 2024

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

RE: Support for Item 33: ENSURING TRAFFIC ALLEVIATION, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, AND ACCESS TO GREENSPACE IS PRIORITIZED AT THE SPORTS ARENA REDEVELOPMENT SITE BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS REGARDING A CITY OF SAN DIEGO ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT OR SIMILAR ALTERNATE FUNDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Dear Chairwoman Vargas:

As Mayor of the City of San Diego, I am writing to express my support for Item 33 "ENSURING TRAFFIC ALLEVIATION, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, AND ACCESS TO GREENSPACE IS PRIORITIZED AT THE SPORTS ARENA REDEVELOPMENT SITE BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS REGARDING A CITY OF SAN DIEGO ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT OR SIMILAR ALTERNATE FUNDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS" on the April 29, 2024, Board of Supervisors agenda.

I am pleased to see the County considering the exploration of potential options for infrastructure funding mechanisms, including an Enhanced

Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD), to improve public infrastructure in the Midway community in collaboration with the City of San Diego.

The San Diego region is experiencing an affordable housing crisis with over 171,000 units assigned to jurisdictions in the County by 2029, including over 68,000 that must be built for households that make under 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). On October 3rd, 2022, the County and City of San Diego held a joint meeting where elected leaders from both bodies passed a resolution committing to building 10,000 affordable homes on public land by 2030. The County's support for this item will build on that joint meeting by putting government-owned land to good use.

The proposed project at the Midway Sports Arena site proposes over 4,250 homes including 2,000 deed-restricted affordable homes. The project would bring thousands of new good-paying union construction jobs to the region and several acres of new public parks, plazas, and open space. This project has the potential to be the largest affordable housing development under construction in the State of California.

The City Council voted unanimously on March 11, 2024, to explore infrastructure funding mechanisms, including an EIFD. The EIFD may contribute to infrastructure improvements that alleviate traffic flow concerns, enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and increase park and open space availability throughout the redevelopment site. The City Council's unanimous vote demonstrates the unified support for a project that will serve as a transformative catalyst for the Midway community.

I write to express my strong support for this item and respectfully request the County Board of Supervisors to support this item. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



TODD GLORIA
Mayor
City of San Diego