

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS**

WHEREAS, affordable housing is one of the most urgent crises facing the San Diego Region and the entire state of California, with the lack of affordable housing options driving workforce shortages, increasing homelessness, and exacerbating social inequalities; and

WHEREAS, access to safe, stable, and affordable housing is a fundamental human right essential for individuals to thrive, achieve economic security, and participate fully in society; and

WHEREAS, utilizing public land for affordable housing development has been proven to be one of the most successful strategies in addressing the housing affordability crisis, offering a sustainable solution that leverages public resources to provide long-term benefits for communities and their residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego has championed actions to address housing affordability in recent years, by removing barriers to housing, increasing the pace of development within the unincorporated communities, and investing hundreds of millions of dollars across the region to support the development of over 2,500 units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Del Mar Fairgrounds is a regionally significant community-focused site, located within a mobility hub in the 2021 Regional Transportation Plan, with convenient access to groceries, high-quality schools, parks, and transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the City of Del Mar is aiming to do its part to address the affordable housing crisis in San Diego County and included a proposal for 61 new affordable units on 22nd District Agricultural Association property in its Sixth Cycle Housing Element plan filed with the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the development of 100% affordable housing in high-opportunity coastal communities is extremely challenging due to high land costs, but also critically important as to avoid overconcentrating affordable housing in a low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Del Mar and the 22nd District Agricultural Association have entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) to identify a portion of the Fairgrounds site to facilitate the development of 100% affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors declares its support of the ENRA between the City of Del Mar and the 22nd District Agricultural Association and the potential development of affordable housing at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in conjunction with the 22nd District Agricultural Association's master site planning process.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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