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RE. Support for affordable Housing project at 3051 Edison Way, Redwood City

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

This letter expresses this State Council Bay Area Regional Office's support for the proposed affordable housing project plan at 3051 Edison Way in Redwood City.

The CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities supports systems change, capacity building, and quality of services within the community for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and their families. Inclusive and affordable housing options for individuals with IDD must be increased and enhanced through access to housing. Permanent, affordable, and sustained housing options must be continually developed to meet both current and future needs.

Through the proposed 70 units of affordable housing, with approximately 35 units specifically for the IDD community, the project at 3051 Edison Way, Redwood City, aligns with the need for affordable housing for San Mateo County community members who are disproportionately impacted by affordable housing scarcity - including those with IDD. We understand that Novin Development, the project's developer, plans to offer a mix of one and two-bedroom units at 40% Area Median Income (AMI) and below for the IDD community, in addition to offer 30% to 80% AMI units for workforce housing.

San Mateo County faces a growing need for permanent, accessible, inclusive, and affordable housing for residents with IDD and other disabilities. Based on 2023 population statistics, it is estimated that over 12k San Mateo County residents have an IDD. We believe this project's focus on serving IDD households will also contribute to the County's goal of meeting the 5% homeless preference threshold. Your dedication to ensuring individuals with developmental disabilities have access to the safe and inclusive housing they rightfully deserve is leadership in action.

"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."

I would be pleased to further discuss our support for this project anytime. Thank you for your service to the county and its residents.

In Partnership,



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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Campbell Black Family <campbellblackfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 1:14 PM
To: CEO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Subject: Nov. 14, 2023, Agenda Item 5: Measure K – Special Olympics Northern CA

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Special Olympics Northern California's (SONC) request for a Measure K funding allocation of \$75,000 to support SONC's February 2024 Basketball Invitational, April 2024 Menlo Games and new athlete and volunteer coach recruitment efforts in San Mateo County.

Special Olympics events and opportunities are important for our family and friends. Our son will be starting swimming next season with Special Olympics and he is so excited to be able to participate with coaches who take the time to work with him and other members of the disability community. We found out about Special Olympics at a community event where our son got to spend some time with coaches, get exercise, and have fun! Our close family friend is also a participant and coach and we love seeing great examples of athletes with differences participate. It is so important for us because representation matters.

Special Olympics Northern California promotes inclusion in the community and empowerment of children and adults with intellectual disabilities – both on and off the field. The funding support from Measure K allows Special Olympics Northern California to continue its work throughout San Mateo County communities. I support their request and hope you will see the benefits and keep them in our community.

Sincerely,

Grace Campbell and Keegan Black
Brisbane, CA 94005

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CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Matthew Cadigan Hearn <mcadiganhearn@gmail.com>
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Subject: Special Olympics

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Honorable Board of Supervisors, as some one who has both participated and observed others taking part in Special Olympics activities. I would greatly appreciate if you would support it in the discussion occurring sincerely Matthew Cadigan Hearn.

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From: Matthew Cadigan Hearn <mcadiganhearn@gmail.com>
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Honorable Board of Supervisors , I would greatly appreciate if you would support Special Olympics in matters being discussed today sincerely Matthew Cadigan Hearn.

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From: Amanda Trice <amandamtrice83@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 6:39 PM
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Subject: Support for affordable housing

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of affordable housing at 3051 Edison Way in Redwood City. Affordable housing specifically for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is critical for our community and this project has plans for units for individuals with IDD.

Sincerely,

Amanda Trice

CEO_BoardFeedback

From: Ali Marick <alimarick@gmail.com>
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I grew up playing sports, and eventually played volleyball in college and continued my love of the sport by coaching at the high school, middle school, and club levels. I cannot emphasize the positive impact volleyball, and sports as a whole, has had on me and my community. The Special Olympics allows everyone the opportunity to participate in an inclusive platform for athletes to showcase their abilities, build self-confidence, and foster a sense of belonging. For athletes, participating in Special Olympics can be a source of joy, accomplishment, and social connection. It goes beyond just physical activity, promoting social skills, teamwork, and personal growth.

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Sincerely,

Ali Marick
Belmont