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RE. Item 13: Support of Housing Development, Baden Station Apartments, and Amended Loan Terms

Distinguished City Councilmembers,

This letter expresses the support of the staff recommendation to amend the loan terms for the proposed development of units of affordable housing at Baden Station Apartments, with 18 of these units set in preference for residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

The CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities supports systems change, capacity building, and quality of services within the community for individuals with IDD and their families. Statewide inclusive and affordable housing options for individuals with disabilities must be increased and enhanced through access to housing and subsidies. Permanent, affordable, accessible and sustained housing options must be continually developed to meet both current and future needs. We know that a lack of affordable housing is the greatest single barrier to achieving the goal of independent living for people with IDD and other disabilities. South San Francisco faces a growing need for affordable housing for residents with disabilities; in 2021 our office wrote a letter in support of this proposed project. For the Future Housing's proposal aligns with federal and state priorities to provide housing for people with IDD in typical community housing and addresses an unmet priority of the City's Housing Element.

We understand that For the Future has worked to tap every available affordable housing finance program, including county funding, to make Baden Station Apartments feasible, while targeting rental units at the proposed property to Extremely Low and Very Low-Income populations, requiring on-site supportive services including individuals with IDD and other disabilities. Amending the loan terms for city funding, as proposed by staff, will allow the project to close on their construction loan and begin construction on these much-needed supportive housing units. If the amendments are not approved by this City Council, the project risks losing other funding sources. This office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities hopes to see the loan amendment approved, for this purpose. The deeply

*"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."*

affordable rents for these apartments would allow people with developmental disabilities to live in safe, stable and affordable housing, in their city of South San Francisco. The creation of affordable housing that includes people with disabilities depends on South San Francisco City Council leadership advancing projects like Baden Station Apartments.

Thank you for all that you do to serve the community,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheraden Nicholau". The signature is fluid and cursive, starting with a large loop on the left and ending with a long, sweeping tail on the right.

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