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House Standing Committee of the City Council and Planning Commission
Municipal Services Building
Council Chambers
33 Arroyo Drive
South San Francisco, CA

RE: Housing Standing Committee of the City Council and Planning Commission
Agenda Item 1: South San Francisco Former PUC Site, Missouri Road

Dear Mayor Matsumoto and Appointed Members Addiego, Faria, Ruiz, and Wong,

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, I am writing to express our support for the Former PUC Site development proposed by AGI-KASA. Mixed-Use developments offer amenities that can cater to everyone's needs. The South San Francisco PUC Housing Development would not only address today's increasing need for additional housing but also bring childcare facilities, retail businesses, and a public park to its residents. The Leadership Group strongly supports this invitation to create a community for South San Francisco residents.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group was founded in 1978 by David Packard, Co-Founder of Hewlett Packard. Today, the Leadership Group is driven by more than 330 CEOs/Senior Executives to proactively tackle issues to improve our communities and strengthen our economy, with a focus on education, energy, the environment, health care, housing, tax policy, tech & innovation policy, and transportation. Collectively, Leadership Group members provide nearly one out of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley.

We are enthusiastic about the 800 new units that the 5.9-acre project provides. These homes would bring 159 much-needed affordable housing units to the South San Francisco area. A "Market Hall," consisting of 13,200 square feet of commercial space will host small local manufacturing and retail businesses. New facilities built as a part of this project will be available to its new residents but also existing residents in the area, Kaiser employees and patients, and future South San Francisco Civic Campus community members.

Additionally, this site is an ideal location for high-density housing, given its proximity to the South San Francisco BART station. The area surrounding the proposed development includes small multi-unit residential buildings, leaving the proposed project as the highest density project in the area. We commend AGI's promise to keep its projects' roofline below the overall elevation of neighboring Kaiser Hospital, preserving precious views and for working with the local community. An ample amount of public parks and open space, including pedestrian paths and bike lanes will encourage alternative modes of transportation. The project will also improve the current centennial trail, that runs



atop the BART tunnel and connects to El Camino Real by bringing better lighting and fencing and adding a fitness station, as well as a picnic area.

The city of South San Francisco, like most cities in California, is in desperate need of housing at various income levels. The PUC site not only addresses our housing crisis but also works towards fostering a community feel within its residents. The Leadership Group is committed to increasing the housing supply in the Bay Area and we strongly advocate for the proposed development before you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Guardino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "G".

Carl Guardino
President & CEO
Silicon Valley Leadership Group