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Subject: RE: Support maximum affordable housing on PUC site

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Dear City of South San Francisco,

I request this to be included in the packet to City Council.

I am a long-time South San Francisco resident that has called South San Francisco my home since 2002, a former City of South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department employee, and a current urban planner. I am writing in support for development of housing, especially 20%+ below market rate affordable housing, to the fullest extent possible on the PUC site.

The Bay Area is in the worst housing crisis we have ever seen. As the Bay Area has seen jobs grow faster than the region could build housing, regular people can't afford to make the next rent or mortgage payment, and people who grew up in South San Francisco can't afford to live in this city. Though this isn't a just a South San Francisco problem, South San Francisco consistently fails to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals, exacerbating the housing crisis. Now we have a vacant blighted lot that has the opportunity to become part of the solution to our problems.

The proposed project site at El Camino and Chestnut/Westborough is within the El Camino Real Priority Development Area designated by MTC and ABAG. It is along the highest frequency SamTrans Route ECR and steps from the South San Francisco BART Station. For those concerned about traffic congestion, you have the power to reduce parking minimums to encourage people who don't have a car to use the many transit services accessible in the area. You have the power to require alternative transportation modes, like ride-hail credits and bikeshare and bus passes, for future residents. Moreover, you have the power to get funding from both MTC and ABAG to support the much-needed housing in Priority Development Areas.

To deny the PUC site, all residents, and future residents an opportunity to provide much-needed housing because a few vocal residents at a public meeting screamed the loudest would be a mistake. I ask you to please make the right decision and increase housing and density to its fullest extent possible in South San Francisco, particularly on the PUC site.

Thank you.

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