



Golden Gate Regional Center

March 5, 2023
City Hall
400 Grand Ave.
South San Francisco, CA 94080

via email to council@ssf.net

Re: Support for Amendment to Baden Station Apartments Loan Terms

Dear Mayor Nicolas and City Council Members:

On behalf of Golden Gate Regional Center, I urge your support for the staff recommendation to amend the loan terms for the planned Baden Station Apartments.

Golden Gate Regional Center is a state and federal-funded nonprofit organization serving individuals with developmental disabilities in Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties. The mission of the agency is to build inclusive communities by connecting and developing innovative services and supports responsive to the needs and aspirations of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families while educating and informing all community members about the rights, value and potential of human diversity

For the Future Housing's proposal addresses a critical need for housing among the City of South San Francisco's residents with developmental disabilities. The city is currently home to over 600 adults with developmental disabilities, less than 10% of whom have been able to transition into their own apartment with supportive services due to the lack of deeply affordable housing available in the city. By collaborating with Housing Choices to set-aside 18 of the planned 36 units at Baden Station Apartments for people with developmental and other disabilities, For the Future Housing's proposal aligns with federal and state priorities to provide housing for people with developmental disabilities in typical community housing and addresses an unmet priority of the City's Housing Element.

For the Future has worked diligently to tap every available affordable housing finance program, including county funding, to make the Baden Station Apartments project 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 developmental 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 by the end of this month. If the amendments are not approved tonight the project risks losing other funding sources which could delay development for several years if not make the project entirely infeasible due to rising costs. We strongly urge you not to let these much needed units be delayed!

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Thank you for your leadership to make South San Francisco a community in which people of diverse incomes and abilities can continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

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