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**To:** All Council <Council@ssf.net>  
**Cc:** Rozzi, Tony <Tony.Rozzi@ssf.net>  
**Subject:** Letter of support for South San Francisco housing

Dear Mayor Addiego and Honorable City Council Members:

When they say that South San Francisco is the birthplace of biotechnology, I can echo that statement as the Chief Executive Officer of GigaGen, Inc. who has worked for 4 different South San Francisco based biotech companies over the last 17 years. GigaGen is headquartered in South City and we proudly are advancing transformative antibody drugs for immune deficiency, infectious diseases, and checkpoint resistant cancers by leveraging industry-leading, single-cell technologies that we invented.

While today we call One Tower Place home, I can remember our humble beginnings in office and lab space shared with (and leased from) Atlas Heating at 407 Cabot Rd. GigaGen employs 35 people who love this community. We have watched with great excitement the renaissance of Grand Avenue and the addition of new housing at all income levels and stages of life in and around downtown and the new Caltrain station. Some of my employees now live in the new apartments on Airport Blvd.

I am writing to support the housing proposal at Airport and Produce Avenues. In order for life science companies like GigaGen or others of all sizes to attract and retain top talent, we need much more housing at all income levels in South San Francisco.

The city of South San Francisco has demonstrated great vision and commitment to establishing South San Francisco as the epicenter of Life Sciences. And the commitment for new housing in your general plan update is exactly what is needed for you to remain the epicenter by ensuring adequate new housing at all income levels so that companies like GigaGen can recruit the best employees to live and work in the best community in the Bay Area.

Additionally, thank you for all that you have done over the past two years to keep South City safe during the pandemic and functioning exceptionally well during the crisis.

Sincerely,

Carter Keller  
Chief Executive Officer  
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