



March 14, 2023

Michele Evans, Chair
And Members of the Planning Commission
City of South San Francisco
400 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Dear Chair Evans, Vice Chair Faria, and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Bay Area Council (BAC) I would like to urge the Planning Commission to approve the 7 South Linden Avenue project on March 16, 2023. Our organization has long appreciated the consistent vision and leadership in the City of South San Francisco on striking a responsible balance between quality of life for residents, supporting a strong local economy, and planning for the future. This project furthers those goals in commendable harmony.

South City's leadership on regional economic issues is well known, as it is a life science cluster and the birthplace of biotechnology in the State of California, and bringing more housing to the City can enhance that image and the local economic benefits it brings. Approving this project highlights your focus on achieving the housing and policy goals in your 2015-2023 Housing Element, including the goals to advance deed-restricted affordable housing. It helps justify funding and completing an improved South San Francisco Caltrain Station and encourages transit-oriented development through the DSASP.

And despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, this project has maintained momentum through a robust community engagement effort, helping keep the Shape SSF 2040 General Plan update process moving forward to adoption last year.

BAC has evaluated this project we support it for the following reasons:

- 543 units in a single project, walking distance to downtown and transit
- 15 percent of the units will be affordable rents and deed-restricted for 55-years
- A large percentage of the units are 2-bedroom and can accommodate families
- The project fully aligns with your new General Plan, Housing Element, and the goals for the Lindenville Area Specific Plan;
- Sustainable, as it is 100% electric and water efficient, with ample EV and bike parking
- Paying important impact fees totaling over \$19,000,000 to benefit the entire community.

BAC is proud to support this Project and recognize the ongoing leadership role that the City of South San Francisco plays in demonstrating to all Bay Area cities that it is possible to provide new housing. Thank you for your consideration, and we hope you approve this project.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Mirante', written over a horizontal line.

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