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RE. Support of proposed affordable housing development at 428 Baden Ave.

Distinguished City Councilmembers,

This letter expresses the support of the proposed development of 36 units of affordable housing at 428 Baden Ave, with 18 of these units set in preference for residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

The CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities supports systems change, capacity building, and quality of services within the community for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Survey results state that most Californian adults with developmental and other disabilities seek to live in community housing. Instead, many remain in their family member's home because of lack of affordable, accessible housing options. South San Francisco faces a growing need for affordable housing for residents with developmental disabilities. Under California's Lanterman Act and the federal Home and Community-based Services waiver, the Golden Gate Regional Center can provide these SSF residents the services they need to live successfully in integrated community housing. But without access to affordable housing, this is an empty promise.

South San Francisco is home to approximately 2,000 residents with an intellectual or developmental disability. Many of these individuals receive supportive services from Golden Gate Regional Center, as well. The proximity of this project to downtown and public transportation means residents with IDD will have access to community resources and job opportunities. The deeply affordable rents for these apartments would allow people with developmental disabilities to live in safe, stable and affordable housing.

The creation of affordable housing that includes people with developmental disabilities depends on South San Francisco City Council leadership advancing projects that include affordable units for residents with developmental disabilities in their project plans. This aligns with federal and state

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priorities, and the Council's state plan goal to increase the availability of housing for people with developmental disabilities in community housing.

Lack of affordable housing is the greatest single barrier to achieving the goal of independent living for people with developmental disabilities.

I would be pleased to further discuss our support for this proposed project at Baden Ave at your convenience and look forward to opportunities to provide testimony and support in-person.

Thank you for all that you do to serve the community,



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