



March 27, 2023

The Honorable David Alvarez
California State Assembly
276 Church Ave., Suite D
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Assemblymember David Alvarez,

On behalf of the Climate Action Campaign, we support the University Avenue Densification Pilot Project to increase the number of affordable rental housing units at a property the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) owns, known as Casa Colina del Sol, and an adjacent property.

Climate Action Campaign is a non-profit organization based in San Diego with a simple mission: create a zero carbon future through effective and equitable policy action. Everyone deserves to live in a clean, healthy, safe, and affordable neighborhood.

The proposed densification project would preserve existing deed-restricted affordable rental housing, add new affordable housing units in the City of San Diego, and explore the potential of a mixed-income housing development. In addition, the pilot project would serve as an example of regional collaboration between government agencies and the impact of strategically using public land for affordable housing amid the ongoing need for additional housing that families with low income can afford.

Casa Colina del Sol is an existing SDHC 75-unit affordable rental housing development for seniors in the historically underserved City Heights community of the City of San Diego. The County of San Diego owns an adjacent property that has been identified as surplus land. Combined, these adjacent sites consist of 2.34 acres and allow for a development that meets both housing and climate policy goals.

The densification pilot would also provide the opportunity for a proof of concept for an electric affordable housing development, meeting City of San Diego Climate Action Plan's goals. Located in a Transit Priority Area (TPA), the development will also reduce automobile congestion and increase the use of alternative methods of transportation.

We thank San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, San Diego City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, the County of San Diego, and the San Diego Housing Commission for their work to innovatively and responsibly add essential affordable housing units while simultaneously advancing important climate goals.

We urge you to support this effort.

Sincerely,

Madison Coleman

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Policy Advocate
Climate Action Campaign

Serena Pelka

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