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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

February 22, 2018

Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor,
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Stevens Creek Promenade Signature Mixed-Use Development

Honorable Mayor and Council:

On behalf of our members, SV@Home gives its support to the Stevens Creek Promenade development proposed by FortBay at 4300 Stevens Creek Boulevard. This signature mixed-use development will provide 582 new homes at 110+ units per acre in the Stevens Creek Urban Village. Eighty-eight (15%) of the homes will be affordable, a commitment which predates the Palmer fix legislation and the city's reinstatement of the inclusionary ordinance. Since this project would redevelop an existing office park, there is no residential displacement.

The inclusion of ground floor retail space and the 1.4 acre publicly accessible promenade will aid in the city's goals of high quality urban design. Additionally, there are good linkages to transit-- the surrounding area will soon be home to VTA's Rapid 523 bus project on Stevens Creek, dedicated bike lanes, enhanced pedestrian connectivity, and other improvements that facilitate movement of people and vehicles. Locating this housing development near these transit options allows future residents to cut back on their car use, reducing greenhouse gas and minimizing traffic impacts. In summary, this development exemplifies San Jose's Urban Village goal of walkable, bicycle-friendly, transit-oriented, mixed use settings that provide both housing and jobs.

Fortbay has undertaken significant public outreach, attending all of the Stevens Creek Advisory Group (SCAG) meetings for over a year, hosting open houses, participating in city-sponsored community meetings, and meeting with individuals, neighborhood leaders, and neighborhood groups.

San Jose faces an urgent housing crisis with prices out of reach for many households, resulting in overcrowding, overpayment, homelessness, gentrification, and displacement. The lack of available, affordable homes threatens our quality of life and our economic competitiveness. These 582 units are an important piece of the solution to our most pressing problem. It is our hope that this development will serve as a catalyst for future housing development in the area, as well as provide an anchor for a positive neighborhood experience.

We urge speedy approval of this worthwhile development.

Sincerely,

Leslye Corsiglia
Executive Director