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President Wasserman and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors  
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**11/16/21 Board Meeting Item 22 (ID 10778):  
Support to Amend Measure A Affordable Housing Bond Type 3 I/DD Guideline**

Dear President Wasserman, Vice President Ellenberg, and Supervisors Chavez, Lee, and Simitian:

On behalf of SV@Home and its members, we write to offer our strong support for staff's recommended amendments to the Measure A Affordable Housing Bond Type 3 I/DD guideline.

The current guideline requires a minimum of 25% I/DD units be included in a project, **making the inclusion of I/DD units in large projects financially difficult.** To date, larger affordable projects have found it financially infeasible to provide at least 25% of the total units for I/DD because the resulting number would be too large to be financially viable in light of current funding sources. **Adoption of staff's recommendation to amend Type 3 requirements for I/DD to a minimum of 10 homes and a maximum of 25% homes in a project will make it feasible for larger housing developments to accommodate desperately needed I/DD homes.**

As a growing number of important housing projects near transit assess how to meet their affordability requirements, **this action will enable developers to achieve the County's goal of building accessible affordable homes for individuals with I/DD near amenities.** This is important, as larger transit-oriented projects are of particular significance to people with I/DD who do not drive and rely on public transit for integration in the larger community.

Thank you for approving this important amendment. Your leadership makes it possible for residents with I/DD to continue to call Santa Clara County home.

Sincerely,



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Director of Strategic Initiatives