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Council President Georgette Gómez  
San Diego City Council  
202 "C" Street, 10th Floor  
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**RE: Support for Morena Corridor Specific Plan**

Council President Georgette Gómez,

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing in support of the Morena Corridor Specific Plan (Specific Plan).

The Specific Plan is a vital effort to help the City of San Diego meet its climate, housing, and transportation goals as outlined in the Climate Action Plan and City of Villages Strategy. The Specific Plan adds capacity for 5,630 new homes near the multi-billion dollar Mid-Coast Trolley investment.

The Specific Plan proposes safe street improvements like a two-way cycle track along Morena Boulevard and new sidewalks, improvements that are consistent with the City's Vision Zero commitment. Circulate does not support the recommendation from the Land Use and Housing Committee<sup>1</sup> to reclassify Morena Boulevard from a three lane collector to a four lane collector because the added lane will increase motor vehicle capacity and decrease the space committed to creating safe bicycle infrastructure.

Many existing and future community members will take advantage of the transit and improved active transportation infrastructure to get to jobs or school in the transit-connected regional network. San Diego must take great strides throughout the City to meet its climate and housing goals, however Circulate supports the Specific Plan because it will move San Diego closer to meeting its goals.

Sincerely,

Maya Rosas  
Director of Policy

Cc: Mayor Kevin Faulconer

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<sup>1</sup> The Land Use and Housing Committee of the City Council of the City of San Diego, Minutes (March 6, 2019), available at <https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=1489&doctype=1>.