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San Diego City Council
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Subject: Support for Complete Communities: Housing Solutions (Item 601)

Dear Council President Gómez and Councilmembers,

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 Complete Communities: Housing Solutions Initiative. This program provides an inclusive approach to addressing the City's need for more housing, and equitable and sustainable neighborhoods for all San Diegans. While the recent updates to Housing Solutions may make it less beneficial to certain projects, it is still a new tool that could be useful to building more affordable housing in our City.

Housing Solutions addresses the need for affordable housing and more compact units in Transit Priority Areas while investing in neighborhoods.¹ This opt-in incentive program will provide a streamlined development process to building these units and implements neighborhood amenities that will further enhance mobility options.²

We appreciate the Mayor and City Council's willingness to explore innovative solutions to address the housing crisis. Housing Solutions is another tool that takes necessary steps to encourage more smart growth development. For these reasons, I urge the City Council to support Complete Communities: Housing Solutions.

Sincerely,

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Policy Manager

CC: Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Mike Hansen, Planning Director

¹ Staff Report for Complete Communities: Housing Solutions and Mobility Choices Initiative, City of San Diego, October 23, 2020, [https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Staff%20Report%20for%20-%20%20\(\).pdf?meetingId=4151&documentType=Agenda&itemId=193100&publishId=424519&isSection=false](https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Staff%20Report%20for%20-%20%20().pdf?meetingId=4151&documentType=Agenda&itemId=193100&publishId=424519&isSection=false).

² Id.