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To: City of Sunnyvale Housing and Human Services Commission
From: April Mo and Matt Lewis, MidPen Housing Development Department
Date: April 18, 2018
RE: Persian Drive Sidewalk Project – Comments for Special Meeting

MidPen Housing is pleased to have been able to kick off the design process for the Persian Drive Sidewalk Project just steps away from our Edwina Benner Plaza affordable housing community for families. We are excited to partner with the City using FY-2016-2017 CDBG funds to bring this project to life.

This new sidewalk will improve walkability for the residents of our housing project as well as the broader neighborhood. It will provide key link between a fast-growing residential area and the Moffett Park employment hub via a pedestrian bridge over CA-237, which currently has no sidewalk connection where it touches down on Persian Drive.

We have been coordinating design work between the City's public works, engineering, and environmental services teams and our civil engineer and landscape designer. There have been many conversations to ensure the design incorporates as much stormwater treatment and native landscaping as practicable. We are working on our conceptual design and will soon be working on applying for an encroachment permit. Ultimately, we are still on track to complete the sidewalk this summer.

The Bay Area's booming economy and high demand for construction materials and labor have directly impacted our project. A recently obtained rough estimate of what it will cost to complete the sidewalk (\$1,500,000) is an unanticipated 54 percent higher than the combination of our grant allocation (\$883,000) and City wastewater treatment funds (\$973,000 combined).

We plan to further refine cost estimates so that the project can be completed within its allocations. With these cost factors in mind, we support Staff's recommendation for an additional allocation of CDBG funds to the Persian Drive Sidewalk Project in the 2018 Action Plan, and hope you will approve the same.

At our Edwina Benner Plaza housing project, construction has been progressing and we anticipate completion in August or September. We are starting the marketing process and will begin taking tenant applications in May or June.