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Via Email

March 6th, 2026

Mayor Larry Klein and Sunnyvale City Council
456 W. Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Re: Support for City Funding – 1171 Sonora Court Affordable Housing Development

Dear Mayor Klein and Members of the Sunnyvale City Council,

On behalf of **SV@Home**, I am writing to express our support for **MidPen Housing's request for City funding for the proposed 1171 Sonora Court affordable housing development.**

Sunnyvale has distinguished itself as a regional leader in advancing housing, even earning the state's prestigious Prohousing designation. This project represents an important opportunity to build on that leadership, delivering critically needed affordable homes while advancing the City's long-standing vision for a vibrant, transit-oriented Lawrence Station area. As Sunnyvale continues working to address the region's housing shortage, projects like 1171 Sonora Court play a critical role in expanding housing opportunities for residents across a range of incomes.

SV@Home's support for this request is grounded in **MidPen Housing's longstanding track record as a trusted and effective partner to the City of Sunnyvale and throughout the county.** MidPen consistently delivers high quality affordable housing, while working closely with local governments and communities to ensure their developments respond thoughtfully to neighborhood needs. Sunnyvale has already seen the results of this partnership through **Ira D. Hall Square**, which is now open and providing affordable homes to residents in the community. MidPen has also been a strong partner on the **Mathilda Avenue development**, where the organization worked closely with the City and local stakeholders throughout the development process, engaging constructively with the community and incorporating feedback along the way. These projects reflect MidPen's collaborative approach and their ability to deliver developments that strengthen neighborhoods and expand housing access.

The proposed **1171 Sonora Court development** builds on this successful partnership while advancing Sunnyvale's broader planning goals for the Lawrence Station area. The project will help the City of Sunnyvale make progress toward its RHNA, delivering **172 homes for Very Low- and Low-Income households. This includes 170 income-restricted affordable units serving households earning between 30% and 70% of Area Median Income**, with approximately 20 percent of the homes designated as Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. The development addresses the needs of a range of community members, with a mix of studio through three-bedroom apartments, providing safe, stable homes for individuals, seniors, and families alike.

Located near **Lawrence Caltrain Station**, the site is ideally positioned to support transit-oriented development while providing residents convenient access to jobs, transit, and

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neighborhood amenities. By transforming an underutilized industrial site into housing, the project will help advance the City's vision outlined in the **Lawrence Station Area Plan**, supporting the continued evolution of the area into a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood.

For these reasons, **SV@Home strongly supports MidPen Housing's request for City funding for the 1171 Sonora Court development.** MidPen's proven track record of partnership with the City, combined with the project's deep affordability and strategic transit-oriented location, make this development an important opportunity to expand housing access in Sunnyvale. We respectfully encourage the City to support this request and continue its strong partnership with MidPen to deliver high quality affordable housing for Sunnyvale residents.

Sincerely,



Regina Celestin Williams
Executive Director

Silicon Valley @ Home is a nonprofit advocacy organization that supports housing and affordable housing development throughout Santa Clara County. SV@Home works with a broad coalition of strategic partners to address the urgent housing needs of the diverse residents across all our communities. We advocate for solutions including increasing production of homes at all income levels, especially affordable housing; preserving existing affordable housing; and protecting our community's most vulnerable residents from displacement.

