



Sunnyvale

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**Re: Letter of Support for 245 W. Weddell Drive (“Orchard Gardens”) Infill  
Infrastructure Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Velasquez,

The City of Sunnyvale writes to you in support of First Community Housing’s Orchard Gardens affordable housing development at 245 W. Weddell Drive in Sunnyvale. Orchard Gardens will renovate 30 existing units of deed-restricted affordable housing and construct 93 new units for a total of 123 units that are affordable to lower-income households. The project will help achieve the goals of the City’s Housing Element of the General Plan by providing adequate housing and preserving existing affordable housing to meet the needs of lower-income and special needs households in Sunnyvale.

The City has already committed to provide support for this high quality affordable housing project. In February of 2020, the City awarded the project \$7,500,000 in local Housing Mitigation Funds. The Planning Commission approved a Special Development Permit for the project on November 8, 2021.

Given the high infrastructure costs of this project, the City supports First Community Housing’s application for Infill Infrastructure Grant of 2019 (IIG-2019) funding under HCD’s 2022 SuperNOFA. An award of IIG funding will bring this project one step closer to completion. We thank you for your consideration of this letter and look forward to welcoming this project to Sunnyvale.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein  
Mayor, City of Sunnyvale