



To Whom It May Concern:

The Bay Area Housing Advocacy Coalition (BayHAC) is pleased to endorse Sares-Regis Group's proposed project at 1001 N. Shoreline Blvd. in Mountain View. After a detailed presentation from the project team, our Project Review Committee determined that the innovative project meets our high standards in addressing the regional affordability and displacement crisis.

The project would transform surface parking lots and existing landscaping into 303 new homes, including both ownership and rental opportunities, as well as 40 new permanently affordable subsidized homes. Located directly adjacent to a major job center, the new homes will help address the City's jobs-housing imbalance and will play an important role in alleviating the regional housing shortage. The team has even taken the initiative to get a plan amendment to help add significant and much-needed density to the area.

The project was designed with mobility and connectivity top of mind, with new paths for pedestrians and bikes, convenient bike storage rooms, and a central community plaza. New residents would be able to utilize the new dedicated bus lane and proposed bike and pedestrian overpass along Shoreline Boulevard. Given these efforts by the project team, we encourage Mountain View to take advantage of this opportunity to further enhance access to public transit for the site. The design has a unique shared parking plan, where residents, office workers, and retail customers and employees can share a parking garage made to accommodate all three parking demands. Our Committee would prefer a smaller parking structure, but we realize this preference is aspirational due to the realities of financing and neighborhood demands. We encourage the team to continue to be open to potential opportunities to reduce the parking further.

Beyond the environmental benefits that come from the project's emphasis on mobility and connectivity, the project has all-electric buildings, recycling and compost facilities, solar PV panels, new electric vehicle charging stalls. In addition, the project will plant 192 new trees, use water-conserving fixtures and irrigation, and use high-performance building envelopes. These features make for a LEED Gold equivalent project.

Beyond the new homes built, the project provides an additional community benefits package worth an estimated \$5.6 Million dollars, including a \$2.8 Million contribution to the City's General Fund. Of this, approximately \$1.3M is to be a Community Benefits fee that could be utilized for improvements to the surrounding neighborhood and the remaining \$1.5 Million is proposed as a voluntary Shortfall Contribution to the School District above and beyond the state-mandated school fees.

Sares-Regis has taken part in extensive, ongoing, and good-faith community outreach with participation in over 15 community meetings throughout the planning process. Our endorsement follows that of Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Bay Area Council, and Mountain View YIMBY.

Ultimately, BayHAC is proud to endorse this project proposal, which will provide well-designed, well-placed homes, helping to alleviate our housing shortage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd David". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd David, *Executive Director*

Bay Area Housing Advocacy Coalition