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To whom it may concern,

In an effort to address the regional housing needs of San Diego County, the Building Industry Association of San Diego is in firm support of the County's continuous commitment to expanding all forms of housing especially near high frequency, high-quality transit and infill development areas.

Members of the BIA generate the homes and apartments desperately needed by the next generation of households, mainly our children and grandchildren. The industry employs thousands of individuals that are part of our neighborhoods and communities. The BIA is a strong voice supporting the efforts to build all types of residential and commercial projects. BIA members build homes for our families and residents, building a healthy housing market, which supports a healthy community.

The BIA intends to build on a history of collaboration and continue to partner with the County to develop new solutions and expand housing production by streamlining housing permitting. With this, the BIA fully supports the Department of Planning & Development Services application for grant funding under SANDAG's Housing Acceleration Program (HAP).

Grant funding, if awarded, will allow for the creation of Objective Design Standards (Standards) for the unincorporated areas and accelerate implementation of Senate Bill 9 (SB 9), Senate Bill 35 (SB 35) and Senate Bill 330 (SB 330) by creating clear standards and enabling more housing to be permitted without discretionary review (or streamlined review) if the standards are met. This, in turn will allow for more housing to be built, ameliorating the housing crisis we are currently in and providing further access to housing for our families and residents.

As the Building Industry Association of San Diego, we support the development of Standards that will streamline housing development, including areas of the county with access to transportation, jobs, and infrastructure. With each SB 330, SB 35, and SB 9 eligible application, the Objective Design Standards criteria will help reduce uncertainty in the permitting process. Clear and comprehensible Standards will remove subjectivity from the application and review process and facilitate a faster/more predictable application process, measurable and verifiable by the community, developer, and County staff.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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