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Department of Housing
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 11, 2010

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: SUPPORT FOR CITYWIDE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE

Dear Mayor and City Council:

On November 12, 2009, the Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (HCDC) approved the Housing Department's policy components and recommended changes for a citywide inclusionary housing ordinance. HCDC also reaffirmed its support and recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

San José has a significant need for affordable housing both for the short-term and long-term. The City needs to plan for development of 19,000 affordable housing units over the next seven years, as required by the State Regional Housing Needs Allocation. A citywide inclusionary housing ordinance can help San Jose meet these needs by providing an additional tool for the development of affordable housing. The Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission strongly supports the efforts by City Council members and staff to bring forward a citywide inclusionary housing ordinance that fairly and effectively addresses the demands for affordable housing in San José.

Thank you for considering the recommendation made by the Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Mace
Chair, Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission