

January 14, 2025

Subject: **Accessible Housing in the City of San Diego**

Dear Mayor Gloria and Members of the City Council,

The San Diego Accessibility Advisory Board (AAB), **respectfully requests clarification regarding the City's Housing 2.0 initiative, specifically regarding how accessibility improvements are prioritized, implemented, and tracked in both new and existing housing developments.**

At November's meeting, AAB discussed the growing role of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in addressing San Diego's housing shortage and the corresponding opportunity to advance accessibility for seniors, people with disabilities, and residents seeking to age in place. As noted during the discussion, there are currently no local, state, or federal requirements mandating accessibility in ADU construction, despite their increasing prevalence across the city.

We respectfully request clarification on how accessibility outcomes are being tracked and reported within the Housing 2.0 package. As the City approves new housing developments at scale, it is critical that accessibility be treated not as an afterthought, but as a measurable priority aligned with San Diego's commitments to equity and inclusion.

Thank you for your leadership and continued engagement on this important issue. The Accessibility Advisory Board looks forward to ongoing collaboration and welcomes the opportunity to support the City in strengthening accessibility outcomes across its housing initiatives.

Respectfully,

Accessibility Advisory Board, City of San Diego:

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