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Accessibility Advisory Board
Civic Center Plaza
1200 Third Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Accessibility Advisory Board Members,

Thank you for reaching out to Mayor Todd Gloria regarding the accessible home programs in the City of San Diego.

Through both Housing Action Package 1.0 and 2.0, the City Planning Department was proud to include two programs to incentivize homes with accessible features. In the first Housing Action Package, the City amended the Housing Accessibility Program to provide incentives to new homes that exceeded the California Building Code accessibility requirements. In the second Housing Action Package, the City's ADU Home Density Bonus was amended to allow for an additional accessible ADU to encourage their development. We are currently conducting outreach for the Neighborhood Homes Initiative and asking stakeholders what type of interior features would be helpful in new homes built in more places throughout San Diego. We look forward to discussing the initiative with the board and understanding how Neighborhood Homes can provide more accessible homes.

All of these actions are part of the City's goal to provide homes for all of us. The City recognizes the need for accessible homes and is working to ensure they can be built in San Diego. Since homes are constructed by private and non-profit entities, we understand there are some programs that successfully incentivize homes and that there are numerous other economic factors that can affect how many homes are actually constructed. We want all of our programs to lead to more home development that meets the needs of community members.

We agree with the need to track the progress of these initiatives to determine their success and see if any amendments are needed to improve their viability. The City Planning Department conducts an annual review of home permits issued and will continue to report on the use of the City's programs.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions and thank you for serving on this important advisory board.

Sincerely,



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