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HOUSING FOR FUTURE HOMEOWNERS AND FAMILIES MOVES FORWARD IN EMERALD HILLS

**DEVELOPMENT WILL DELIVER 123 NEW HOMES, NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS, AND
EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP IN DISTRICT 4**

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego City Council today approved staff recommendation today to deny the appeal against the Emerald Hills Project, advancing a residential development that will bring 123 new single-family homes to District 4, including 13 homes reserved for moderate-income homebuyers, while investing in neighborhood infrastructure, public spaces, and long-term economic opportunity.

Located at 5702 Old Memory Lane, the project includes four pocket parks, pedestrian connections to Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park and the Chollas Radio Canyon Trail, new sidewalks, landscaping, street lighting, emergency vehicle access, stormwater improvements, and other public infrastructure designed to strengthen the surrounding community.

The development is also expected to generate approximately \$3.5 million in Development Impact Fees to support future neighborhood improvements, create construction jobs, and strengthen the local economy. As new families put down roots through homeownership, the project also helps create the conditions that support additional neighborhood-serving businesses and services in District 4.

“Our residents deserve the same investment and opportunities as every other community in this city,” said Councilmember Henry L. Foster III. “This project expands opportunities for homeownership, delivers meaningful infrastructure improvements, and represents an investment in the long-term success of District 4. Homeownership remains one of the strongest pathways to stability and generational wealth, and I will continue working to ensure our community grows in a way that strengthens our neighborhoods, improves quality of life, keeps our residents safe, and creates economic opportunity for the families who call District 4 home.”

Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, who has long championed first-time homebuyer assistance programs and expanded pathways to homeownership in historically underserved communities, attended today’s meeting to speak in support of the development.

"I support this project because it will strengthen District 4 and create a rare opportunity for first-time homebuyers in San Diego," Supervisor Montgomery Steppe said. "Every new home represents a family that has the chance to build stability, create generational wealth and establish roots in our community. Homeownership creates opportunity, strengthens neighborhoods and helps families build a future. This is an investment not only in housing, but in the long-term success of our community."

"To every member of my community who took time out of their day to participate in today's meeting, thank you," said Foster. "I appreciate the time, care, and concern you brought to this process. I understand change is difficult, but change we must. This is how we create more opportunities for families to own a home, build generational wealth, and invest in their future."

As the Emerald Hills Project moves forward, Councilmember Foster and his office will continue working to ensure the project's commitments are fulfilled, including advocating for Development Impact Fees to be reinvested into District 4 and supporting the infrastructure, neighborhood improvements, public safety investments, and economic opportunities District 4 residents deserve.

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Councilmember Foster represents San Diego's Fourth Council District, including communities of Alta Vista, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Greater Skyline Hills, Jamacha, Lincoln Park, Lomita Village, Mountain View, North Bay Terraces, O'Farrell, Oak Park, Paradise Hills, Ridgeview, South Bay Terraces, Valencia Park, and Webster.

Councilmember Foster is the Chair of the Budget & Government Efficiency Committee, Vice Chair of the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, Member of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and Member of the Community & Neighborhood Services Committee.