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Dear Robin:

On behalf of the City of San Diego's Municipal Golf Committee (MGC), this is a follow up to your De Anza Community Workshop held on November 7, 2016 and our letter to you of July 28, 2016. Last night, the MGC discussed the Draft Concept Alternatives presented on November 7. The MGC very much appreciates and fully supports that two of the three Concept Alternatives retain the Mission Bay Golf Course (MBGC) in its current essential form and acreage. We do *not* support Concept 2, which proposes to eliminate MBGC.

We strongly support a public 18-hole golf course of approximately 50 acres. Such a course would be environmentally compatible with the other uses proposed at De Anza. The MBGC's mature ficus, palm and other trees are excellent habitat for the bird life which is already found on the course and which will someday enjoy the new marsh and other habitat improvements proposed in all of the Alternative Concepts.

The junior and family golfers now using MBGC are very compatible with the users who will presumably be drawn to the beaches, gardens, swimming, skateboarding and other sporting amenities suggested in each of the designs. We are mindful that young people are an important part of MBGC's mission – local golf instructors refer young golfers from all over the City to practice at MBGC, especially in the winter because it is lighted and can be used after school.

In addition, we learned at our meeting last night that new modular public facilities are slated for construction at MBGC in 2018, making the golf venue an even stronger complement to the other uses contemplated by all three of the Alternatives. When complete, MBGC will have a dining and event venue available not only to golfers but to users of the rest of the new parkland.

We do not take a position on other elements of the Concept Alternatives other than to express the hope that the ultimate design will not be so elaborate as to make it financially unfeasible to complete in some sort of reasonable timeframe. We are all looking forward to a completed project where golf and other compatible forms of recreation are enjoyed.

Thank you very much for your attention to our views.

Sincerely,



Michael Zucchet
Chair, City of San Diego Municipal Golf Committee