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Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers, Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Khamis and Peralez.

**RE: Item 2.15 - Santa Clara County Regional Housing Needs Allocation
Subregion**

We write today on behalf of our members to register strong support for the City of San Jose's participation in the Santa Clara County RHNA Subregion, and urge the City Council to agree to participate alongside the other 15 jurisdictions in the County.

No one is in disagreement that the region is experiencing a housing crisis, and most would agree that no one city can solve the crisis on its own and that a regional response is needed. Unfortunately, local jurisdictions throughout the County are not meeting their RHNA goals. While many are meeting their targets for market rate housing affordable to those with above moderate incomes, we are collectively falling far short of the demand for housing affordable to lower-income households.

A RHNA Subregion provides a unified voice in responding to the area's housing needs, allowing all cities in the County to work together to plan for housing, develop strategies and tools, and collaborate on regional and Statewide advocacy. Additionally, a Subregion would offer other opportunities for cooperation, including sharing Housing Element consultants, sharing expertise, analyses, and policies, as well as potentially enabling a shared review by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department. Three of the Bay Area's nine counties already have RHNA Subregions, including San Mateo County.

We see only positives in taking positive action. We would like to recognize Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Jones for their leadership on this issue, and we look forward to seeing further collaboration in tackling the region's affordable housing shortage.

Sincerely,

Leslye Corsiglia
Executive Director

