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October 4th, 2019

Honorable President Simitian and Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear President Simitian, Vice President Chavez, and Supervisors Cortese, Ellenberg,
and Wasserman,

On behalf of SV@Home and our members, we write today in support of the Office of Supportive Housing's proposed allocation of financial resources to three developments that will provide homes for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) as well as many other affordable homes for people with low and very low incomes in Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Palo Alto.

We're excited to see the first results of the Board's September 2018 commitment to identify \$40 million in financial support to facilitate the development of homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We applaud staff for their creativity in locating sources for this initial \$10 million of loan support.

The three developments before the Board of Supervisors will provide 211 new affordable homes, of which 60 will be specifically reserved for persons with IDD and their families. Two of these developments have already received financing assistance and approval from their respective cities and the third is in the process of receiving similar support. All three will partner with the San Andreas Regional Center, which will provide onsite supportive services. The Board of Supervisors' action will allow them to move forward, and gets us one step closer to providing these much-needed homes for our neighbors with IDD.

At a time when so many different groups of people are disproportionately impacted by our region's housing affordability crisis, we know it can seem like these groups are in competition for scarce resources. We believe the Board is charting a course that demonstrates we have the creativity and ability to meet this diversity of needs.

SV@Home looks forward to working with the County to identify the remaining \$30 million of desired resources to support housing opportunities for people with IDD. Thank you for your commitment to this critical housing issue.

Sincerely,



David K Meyer
Director of Strategic Initiatives