



January 6, 2025

Hayward City Council
City of Hayward
777 B Street
Hayward, CA 94541-5007

Subject: Proposed Zoning Text Amendments to Ch. 10 of HMC and Finding that no Further Environmental Review Required Pursuant to CEQA Associated with Implementation of Hayward 2023-2031 Housing Element

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed zoning text amendments and findings presented to the Planning Commission on December 12, 2024. I believe these amendments represent a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to addressing critical housing needs in Hayward, while also promoting clarity and consistency within the zoning code.

Specifically, I am particularly supportive of the following elements:

- **Expanded Housing Options:** The amendments provide for a wider range of housing types, including SRO units, group homes, and emergency shelters. These options are crucial for meeting the needs of those transitioning out of homelessness, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents.
- **Safe Parking Program:** The proposed regulations for safe parking programs offer a compassionate and practical solution for individuals living in their vehicles. By providing a safe and regulated environment, these programs can help connect people with essential services and support their transition to stable housing.
- **Streamlined Regulations:** As a non-profit developer partnering with faith-based organizations to create solutions to homelessness and to build dignified affordable housing for our unhoused neighbors, we appreciate the amendments' clarifications to definitions and removal of outdated uses. These changes ensure compliance with state law while reducing administrative burden and costs for critical affordable housing projects.
- **Alignment with Hayward 2040 General Plan:** I am pleased to see that the amendments are consistent with the goals and policies of the Hayward 2040 General Plan. This ensures that the zoning code supports the city's long-term vision for sustainable and equitable development.

I understand that the proposed amendments have been carefully reviewed and are supported by thorough research and analysis. I urge the City Council to approve these amendments, which will have a positive impact on the lives of many Hayward residents and contribute to a more inclusive and thriving community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Taryn Sandulyak".

Taryn Sandulyak
Executive Director