



CITY OF DEL MAR™

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22nd District Agricultural Association
Board of Directors & Chief Executive Officer
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project – Support for Joint Resolution

Dear Board President Schenk, Members of the Board, and CEO Moore,

On July 15, 2024, the 22nd DAA Board of Directors, took action to, among other things, direct Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Carlene Moore to, *“Pause affordable housing discussions with the City of Del Mar until and unless the Del Mar City Council officially opposes Alternative A in accordance with the City's December 2023 Guiding Principles,”* related to the LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project.

Since that time, Del Mar City Manager Ashley Jones, Councilmembers Dwight Worden and Tracy Martinez, CEO Carlene Moore, and Board Strategic Planning committee members Michael Gelfand and Joyce Rowland, met to discuss the action taken by the Board and how to best move forward.

It is extremely important to understand that the City of Del Mar has not taken a position on any of the proposed rail realignment alternates. While individual council members may have shared their personal concerns or preferences about this project, they do not speak for the City. The City Council as a body cannot control or be responsible for the individual actions or comments of its members in their capacity as private citizens.

Of particular importance, the City Attorney has publicly advised that the Del Mar City Council should not take a position on any proposed alignment at this time due to potential conflicts of interest based on the proximity of property they own and distance to any of the proposed alignments. These potential conflicts cannot be better understood and legally evaluated until more specific details are known about the design of each alignment. This is a unique challenge for Del Mar governing officials, and the City Attorney's advice makes it legally problematic for the Del Mar City Council to address the Board's requested action.

However, in response to concerns from the DAA Board, Solana Beach, other important primary governing body stakeholders, and the public, City of Del Mar officials

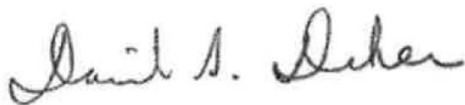
spearheaded a highly collaborative effort with representatives from Solana Beach, San Diego, and the Fairgrounds to draft a joint resolution that highlights areas of mutual concern and sets expectations for fair and equitable engagement and collaborative process moving forward. The Del Mar City Council will be considering adoption of the proposed resolution on Monday, September 9, 2024, and the Solana Beach City Council will consider its adoption later the same week.

As noted at the July 15, Board discussion, the City worked collaboratively with representatives from the Fairgrounds to draft and adopt the following City Council guiding principle specific to the Fairgrounds, *“With regard to study of a potential Fairgrounds rail alignment, SANDAG must respect and protect the operational, economic, environmental and planning needs of the 22nd DAA and of the proposed Del Mar housing program on the Fairgrounds, and as a key stakeholder, the 22nd DAA must be proactively engaged by SANDAG throughout the process.”*

The City stands behind this guiding principle and has continually advocated for representatives from the Fairgrounds to be included in important project meetings and the upcoming Values Analysis process to be undertaken by SANDAG.

The Fairgrounds is an important and valued partner to the City, recognizing that negative impacts to the Fairgrounds will result in negative impacts to the City and the broader Del Mar community and region. Our hope is that we can work together with other important project stakeholders to modify existing routes or introduce new routes that will achieve the goals and objectives of this important project in the least impactful way possible. We look forward to continuing to partner with the Fairgrounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Druker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dave Druker
Mayor

cc: Del Mar City Council
Ashley Jones, City Manager
Clem Brown, Assistant City Manager