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Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 W. El Camino Ave
Sacramento, CA 95836

RE: Letter of Support – Danco Communities’ Affordable Housing Project, Alvarado Gardens 13831 San Pablo Ave, San Pablo, CA

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support from the City Council of the City of San Pablo for the above-referenced project for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program through Super NOFA. The project proposes 100 multifamily residential units and will sit on 4.46 acres in the center of our community at the former location of our City Hall. The project will serve low income and extremely low-income families that fall between 30% and 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

This project will bring much-needed affordable housing to families in the San Pablo area and will meet a strong unmet need in our community. San Pablo has many households that are low-income renters who, even before the COVID-19 pandemic were already housing cost burdened and/or living in overcrowded units. The 2020 Affordable Housing Strategy found that the City's demographics generally reflect the characteristics of areas that are vulnerable to gentrification and displacement. The project will benefit the community as it meets the needs of current and future San Pablo residents. It will also allow for significant progress to be made in meeting the City’s Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers.

The City of San Pablo has not had a new affordable housing development in over a decade and is in need of this project to create safe, quality, and affordable housing opportunities for all residents. The site is well suited for affordable housing as it has excellent transit access and is immediately walkable to grocery stores, community centers, library, pharmacy, health services, and employment centers. We also believe that this project will bring further investment into the downtown San Pablo area and will help to further revitalize the area.

We are pleased to hear that Danco Communities is anticipating partnering with local non-profit San Pablo Economic Development Corporation on this project and that the development will have an ownership member that is intimately involved with and invested in the economic development and success of the community as a whole.

We believe that the Alvarado Gardens project is an excellent candidate for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and we extend our strongest support for its submittal. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rita Xavier
Mayor