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Tracy Fershaw, Associate Grant Analyst
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Subject: Support Letter for City of Del Mar Grant Request for Exploratory Studies Relating to Potential Affordable Housing Development Opportunities on Del Mar Fairgrounds Property

Dear Tracy Fershaw:

I am writing to express support for the City of Del Mar's request for grant funding to support exploratory studies relating to potential housing opportunities at the Del Mar Fairgrounds (Fairgrounds) property. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (22nd DAA) is the State of California entity that owns, operates and oversees the Fairgrounds. The staff of the 22nd DAA and its nine-member, Board of Directors (appointed by the Governor), work closely with the City of Del Mar. We recognize the City is a key stakeholder as the local jurisdiction where the Del Mar Fairgrounds is located and the owner of roads and services (i.e. water, sewer, and fire services) that are used by the Fairgrounds.

The 22nd DAA will be continuing its Strategic Plan process in 2022. Through our strategic planning process, we are seeking to create a Master Plan for the long-term economic stability and viability of the Fairgrounds. We understand the City is interested in promoting affordable housing development as a potential future use for incorporation on the Fairground's property and support the City's interest in using their request for grant funds to prepare feasibility studies, provide technical expertise, and participate in the 22nd DAA's Strategic Plan/Master Plan process. It is anticipated that the forthcoming details from the proposed grant tasks will help the applicable stakeholders better understand the City's vision and supporting details for its advocacy that affordable housing be considered as a development concept during the strategic planning process.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Dustin Fuller, Supervising Environmental Planner at 858-792-4212 or via email at dfuller@sdfair.com.

Sincerely,

Carlene Moore, Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Members of the Del Mar City Council
Ashley Jones, City of Del Mar, City Manager