

Dear Clairemont Neighbors:

On February 5, 2019, we wrote to the Clairemont community to describe the ways that the County and our development partners would begin significantly increasing our outreach and engagement efforts to listen to and engage with you regarding our proposed affordable home community at 5255 Mt. Etna Drive.

You can find a link to all the informational materials [HERE](#)

Please note that the Summary Report for the April 11, 2019, workshop is linked under the Community Workshops section half way down the page.

Next Steps

Our next steps will be to gather the expert information, continue engaging with community members, and return to the community with design alternatives by Summer 2019 to engage in both the formal and informal processes prior to proceeding to the relevant government bodies for potential approvals.

As always, please reach out to either Angela Jackson-Llamas (Angela.Jackson-Llamas@sdcounty.ca.gov) or Omar Passons (Omar.Passons@sdcounty.ca.gov) with any questions or thoughts you have.

Update on Community Outreach/Engagement

In the time since the February 5th letter, we have met with dozens of Clairemont residents in stakeholder interviews and spoke at Planning Group, Town Council, and School Site Council meetings in the community. Unlike typical public meetings during which residents only have 1-2 minutes to be heard, we met for multiple hours with groups such as Clairemont Cares and Clairemont Town Council and agreed to follow up meetings to share how we are using the input received to help develop an affordable home community that will add to the neighborhood.

Our development partners and consultants are currently doing the required studies for potential impacts to traffic, schools, mobility, and other resource areas required as part of the environmental analysis, so we do not yet have design alternatives to share. When we do have the alternatives that are based both on community input and these expert studies, we will return to the community to share, listen, and further engage before going to the government bodies for potential approval.

We've heard from some in the community who are grateful that we are working to add affordable homes – including for seniors and families who have modest means – and from those who do not want any affordable homes at this site. We have also heard from many people who are open to some amount of affordable homes but aren't sure yet what they are comfortable with because they want to know more about the scope, how to ensure privacy of neighbors, what the parking will be on site, and other considerations. We have heard all these viewpoints and are doing our best to respect what we are hearing while being committed to responsibly addressing our region's extreme lack of affordable homes. We believe that every community member has a right to be heard and are being transparent about what we can incorporate into this development.

Together with County colleagues, I personally walked the neighborhood and knocked on the doors of neighbors immediately adjacent to the site to ensure that key information was available and to listen to those who wanted to engage. We will continue this pledge of engagement throughout the planning process.

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Thank you for your time and input in the process.

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