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Dear Caltrain Board of Directors:

[A few sentences about your organization or group.]

We write to show our support for an affordable housing policy, to be passed as part of your transit-oriented development policy.

Building homes near transit is an important piece of the efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout California. In the past several years, greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles has increased in our state, as thousands of workers have had to move far away from their jobs in order to find affordable homes in the Central Valley and the Outer Bay Area.

In addition, our local businesses are struggling because of the cost of living for our employees. Land adjacent to Caltrain stations is some of the most valuable land on the Peninsula. Building housing, particularly affordable housing, will increase Caltrain ridership, increase foot traffic for downtown businesses, and make it possible for employees to live near their work.

Please pass an affordable housing policy with two tenets:

- Land owned and identified for development by Caltrain will be prioritized for housing
- Any housing proposal should have a baseline requirement of 20% BMR, deed-restricted units

We understand that the Board wishes to pass a transit-oriented development policy before the end of 2019. We support this timeline, and look forward to the upcoming Board discussions.

Respectfully submitted,