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Executive Director

City Council Members
City of Concord
1950 Parkside Drive, MS/01
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to support your efforts to redevelop the Concord Naval Weapons Station as a new vibrant community in Concord. I know you are proud of being one of California's best places to raise a family so I ask that you all ensure that this new development provides the economic stimulation for Concord to remain a city that is family focused.

As a nonprofit director providing services to families in crisis throughout the Bay Area I am keenly aware that families need affordable housing, safe open spaces and resources that enhance the social fabric of their communities.

I understand that you are about to select the developer for this significant project in your city, I would encourage you to look at which development team can play a key role in the overall prosperity of the project. I would encourage you to select a developer with experience in not only addressing the physical transformation of the project but one that has just as much experience working with the community.

I worked with Lennar Urban for six plus years and I know that Kofi Bonner (Regional Vice President of Lennar Urban) will assemble a development team that will work diligently with you, your staff and most important the community stake holders to ensure that every aspect of the project is developed to meet the needs of your residents. You will find that Mr. Bonner will be accessible to give updates, discuss issues and explain project performance to you and the community, he will be present. Additionally Lennar Urban is known for partnering with local non-profit organizations, and small business owners in and around its development projects to ensure benefits to the entire community. Lennar Urban has a record of working with the Unions and job training programs so that local residents have access to the employment opportunities resulting from the project.

I am confidently recommending Lennar Urban as a developer with the expertise and experience to work with you to transform and redevelop the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

Sincerely,

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