

March 22, 2016

Valerie Barone, City Manager
1950 Parkside Drive
Concord, CA 94519

Dear Ms. Barone:

I'm writing in support of Lennar Urban and their proposal to lead the development for the Concord Naval Weapons Station Reuse Plan.

Groundworks Office is a women-owned small business located in Berkeley, California, started in 2012 by Sara Peschel and myself. My office is comprised of a small group of landscape architects and urban designers that are on a mission to build meaningful and memorable spaces here in the Bay Area and beyond. We value design and its ability to thoughtfully solve the complex issues we face in the urban environment.

For the past 8 years, I have personally worked with Lennar Urban and its team to develop a plan for the reuse of the Naval Station on Treasure Island. This planning effort, a decade in the making, has been awarded numerous honors for its forward thinking, urban design goals and exhaustive community process. Most notably the project was recognized by the Clinton Climate Initiative as a model project, for its sustainability goals and development sensitivity. Of special note, it was resoundingly approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors with an 8-0 vote, a feat not matched by any previous development plan in San Francisco.

My firm is also currently working with the team at Lennar Urban on the reuse plan of Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, in San Francisco's southeast neighborhood. Lennar Urban has shown great leadership and acumen in the development of this community orientated, pedestrian first plan. Lennar Urban has also shown great restraint towards the allure of the current market forces, to develop fast without thought or consideration, but instead have chosen a path to "build right" at Hunters Point Shipyard.

I support the plan that Lennar Urban has put forth and believe that their interest lies well beyond the brick and mortar of the communities they build, but lies squarely in the realm of creating memorable community orientated neighborhoods.

Regards,



Brennan Cox, Partner
Groundworks Office

