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Ms. Valerie Barone
City Manager
City of Concord
1950 Parkside Drive
Concord, CA, 94519

Re: Recommendation of Lennar Urban for the Concord NWS Reuse project

Dear Ms. Barone:

RHAA Landscape Architecture and Planning is a Bay Area-based planning and design firm that through our 57 year history, has held a commitment to creating places that enrich the fabric of their communities. With many projects completed throughout the East Bay, our most recent work in the City of Concord has been related to the Concord NWS Reuse Project. In 2013-2014 we worked for the City of Concord under Arup as part of the ABAG / MTC PDA Planning Grant (FOCUS) project to develop public open space and streetscape design guidelines and standards. Through this experience we bring a strong understanding of the Concord NWS site, the community's vision, and the potential for this project to create uniquely sustainable development that also provides tremendous benefits to the larger community through the development of parks and open space.

The selection of an accomplished developer with the creativity, unique skills, and commitment to realizing Concord's vision is essential. RHAA's recommendation of Lennar Urban is based on our ten years of experience working with the Lennar Urban team on similarly complex and ambitious projects in San Francisco – the Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point Redevelopment Project. Here we have seen Lennar's creativity and commitment to sustainability in the integration of streets and open spaces as linked green infrastructure systems that pioneer and pilot new techniques in urban forest and stormwater management for the City of San Francisco. Benefiting from a dense and mixed use development plan, the project is also pioneering streetscape design for sustainable transportation and mobility with dedicated cycle track and transit lanes integrated into a pedestrian-oriented urban realm. Additionally, Lennar's approach to public place-making brings a focus to the integration of art, history, environment, social opportunity and events, sustainability, and neighborhood values, creating the variety of places needed for a complete community.

Also notable is Lennar Urban's preeminence as a leader in the field of Naval base reuse projects – with projects including Treasure Island and Mare Island in addition to Hunters Point Shipyard. As may be important at Concord NWS, the Lennar

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team's expertise in this area at Hunters Point Shipyard was critical in developing plans for projects that were coordinated with the Navy's remediation and conveyance plans. Throughout all of our work we have noted the professionalism and dedication of the Lennar Urban team which has been committed to delivering complex projects on fast-paced schedules. Lennar has accomplished this through a collaborative approach, with city and partner agencies, and with the community through an extensive public outreach and involvement process. We believe the Lennar Urban team to be an excellent match for the Concord NWS Reuse project with the expertise, creativity, and commitment to deliver on Concord's vision.


Sincerely,



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