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Honorable Chair Georgette Gomez  
Metropolitan Transit Corporation  
1200 Imperial Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101

As you know, Housing You Matters is a very broad based, nonpartisan coalition focused on building alignment around finding housing solutions that increase the supply of housing for all income levels. Our members include builders, business, healthcare, unions, social service agencies and environmentalists. We agree that we need to work together to solve our housing crisis in order to secure a strong economic future for San Diego that is socially just, sustainable and healthy.

A major focus of Housing You Matters is to catalyze the building of more affordable homes near transit. With new and refined policies like Policy 18, MTS can make a substantial contribution to transit oriented housing. We're asking the MTS Board to set an annual goal of processing development proposals for TOD sites and direct staff to be proactive in making these goals a reality.

In 2006 San Diego Association of Governments adopted the Smart Growth Map which is updated on a regular basis. The map contains more than 200 locations in the San Diego Region which range in size from a Metropolitan Center, Urban Centers, Town Centers, Community Centers, Rural Villages, and Mixed Use Transit Corridors. This Map was approved by SANDAG Board and shows great regional alignment in where housing needs to go.

We're in a housing crisis; we have an approved regional TOD plan; MTS has 57 acres of developable land; this is low hanging fruit; let's get this done. Refining Policy 18 is a way to get this going. We appreciate your leadership Chair Gomez and look forward to a continued focus on using government land to help make a dent in our housing deficit especially for low and moderate income families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Lydon".

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