



LETTERS OF SUPPORT



April 29, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of National Community Renaissance ("National CORE"), I am writing to ask for your support for the Community Funding Project request submitted by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

National CORE is honored to be one of the developer teams selected by the City of Rancho Mirage to develop and manage workforce housing on 25 acres of city-owned land. USA Properties Fund, Pacific West, and Blieu Companies are the other private developers that are partnering with the City to produce workforce housing near the intersection of Via Vail and Key Largo. Once developed, these communities will provide over 600 units of high quality, professionally managed, and service-enriched housing that enhances the neighborhood and meets a critical need for workforce housing in the city. The lack of roadway infrastructures is a major challenge for these communities and will require significant nonconventional investment to finance. An investment in the shared infrastructure will deliver needed funding that will efficiently provide multiple affordable communities at once while delivering important public infrastructure to the residents of Rancho Mirage.

National CORE, one of the nation's largest non-profit affordable housing developers, has a 30-year history of transforming lives through affordable housing and supportive services. By providing safe, stable housing and services onsite at our community centers, our developments can be a catalyst for change in the communities we serve. Our affiliate, the Hope Through Housing Foundation provides a range of supportive services elevating residents' health, well-being and self-sufficiency through adult economic mobility and financial counseling as well as after school programs and job training.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail and meet the immediate need to provide the roadway infrastructure to unlock workforce housing opportunities in your district.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Michael Ruane.

Michael Ruane
President



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Together, we transform lives and communities



March 26, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate the support of USA Properties Fund for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

In the face of the housing crisis, the City of Rancho Mirage has taken the bold step of making 25 acres of city-owned land available for the development of three separate affordable housing communities. Once developed, these communities will provide over 600 units of high quality, professionally-managed, and service-enriched housing that enhances the neighborhood and meets a critical need for workforce housing in the City. The lack of infrastructure to serve all three proposed communities is a major challenge that will require innovation and coordination to overcome.

This request has the potential to catalyze the development of these communities, impacting thousands of people for generations to come by funding the extension of the roadway needed to provide access to all three proposed communities. By investing in this shared infrastructure, Congress can efficiently invest in multiple affordable communities at once while delivering important public infrastructure to the residents of Rancho Mirage.

At USA, our mission statement is creating outstanding communities. We are a developer, manager, and owner of award-winning communities throughout California, and we focus on providing first-rate housing for our residents and communities. USA is excited to grow our presence in the Coachella Valley, by adding to our existing five communities in Riverside County.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Please help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Brown
President & CEO
USA Properties Fund, Inc.



April 19, 2024

TO: Honorable Ken Calvert (CA-41)
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure
Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate support on behalf of Blieu Companies for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to invest in the roadway extension that will unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

In the face of the housing crisis in California, the City of Rancho Mirage has taken the bold step of allocating 25 acres of city-owned land for the exclusive development of affordable housing communities for individuals and families earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income. Once developed, these communities will provide over 600 units of high quality, professionally-managed, and service-enriched housing that enhances the neighborhood and meets a critical need for workforce housing in the community.

However, these 25 acres lack adequate infrastructure, specifically roadways, required to realize development. This lack of infrastructure is a critical path hurdle that will require significant capital investment and coordination between private enterprise, local, state, and Federal government authorities. These funds will catalyze the development of affordable housing communities, impacting thousands of people in desperate need for high-quality, affordable housing. These families are often overlooked – families that are an integral part of the local economies serving in the education, healthcare, hospitality, service sectors, and more.

Blieu Companies is a mission-driven housing developer with significant operations in the Coachella Valley. Our mission with every development is to increase the standard of affordable housing. We view housing as more than simply shelter – we seek to develop a sense of place, a true home for our tenants. This mission cannot be achieved without strong partnerships within each community. We are eager to partner with you in bringing this development to fruition.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Sincerely,

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Mark Bigley
Vice President
Blieu Companies

CC: Jack Lincoln
Legislative Director
Office of Congressman Kevin Calvert (CA-41)
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April 9, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert:

As the Assemblymember for the 47th AD, I am pleased to communicate the support for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

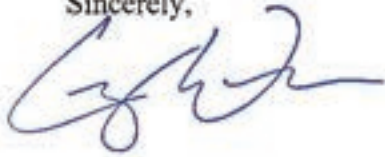
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This request has the potential to catalyze the development of these communities, impacting thousands of people for generations to come by funding the extension of the roadway needed to provide access to all three proposed communities. By investing in this shared infrastructure, Congress can efficiently invest in multiple affordable communities at once while delivering important public infrastructure to the residents of Rancho Mirage.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Please help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at Assemblymember.Wallis@assembly.ca.gov or at 760-346-6342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Wallis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

GREG WALLIS
Assemblymember, 47th District



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March 19, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
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**Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for
Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing**

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate the support of National CORE for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

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The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside is a public agency chartered by the State of California to administer the development, rehabilitation or financing of affordable housing programs. The primary mission of the Housing Authority is to provide affordable decent, safe and sanitary housing opportunities to low and moderate income families including elderly and handicapped persons, while supporting programs to foster economic self-sufficiency. The development of these units will expand the stock of much needed affordable housing by 600 units.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Please help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

Michael Walsh
Deputy Executive Director
Housing Authority of the County of Riverside



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March 19, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate the support of Lift to Rise for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

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Lift to Rise was established in 2018 with a mission to unite community and institutional leaders in addressing the root causes of poverty and inequality in the Coachella Valley. Through a community-driven process, we launched our Housing Collaborative Action Network, which comprises over 70 cross-sector partners dedicated to reducing regional rent burden by 30% through the production of 10,000 units of affordable housing by 2028. Our collaborative efforts are manifested in these three Rancho Mirage affordable developments: the City of Rancho Mirage, affordable housing developers, community-based organizations like Lift to Rise, and residents advocating for these projects helped pave the way for the approvals of their DDAs. Our efforts have already led to a dramatic increase in affordable housing supply in other parts of the Coachella Valley. However, the lack of infrastructure is impeding the success of three affordable housing projects in Rancho Mirage.



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In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Please help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

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Ian Gabriel
Director of Data, Policy & Planning
Lift to Rise



March 19, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate the support of the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

In the face of the housing crisis, the City of Rancho Mirage has taken the bold step of making 25 acres of city-owned land available for the development of three separate affordable housing communities. Once developed, these communities will provide over 600 units of high quality, professionally managed, and service-enriched housing that enhances the neighborhood and meets a critical need for workforce housing in the City. The lack of infrastructure to serve all three proposed communities is a major challenge that will require innovation and coordination to overcome.

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LIIF is a community development financial institution focused on deploying capital in projects that alleviate poverty and support healthy communities. Throughout California and multiple other states in the Country, LIIF finances affordable housing, community facilities, and charter schools. Within CA-41, LIIF manages the We Lift Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund—a \$30MM revolving fund in collaboration with Lift to Rise. The fund is structured to provide developers with low-cost, patient capital to spur the production of 10,000 units of affordable housing within the Coachella Valley by 2028. Support of this project is core to the mission of LIIF and our partnership with Lift to Rise, as well as affordable housing developers.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Please help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

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Kenny Rodgers
Deputy Market Director- Coachella Valley

March 27, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate the support of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

In the face of the housing crisis, the City of Rancho Mirage has taken the bold step of making 25 acres of city-owned land available for the development of three separate affordable housing communities. Once developed, these communities will provide over 600 units of high quality, professionally managed, and service-enriched housing that enhances the neighborhood and meets a critical need for workforce housing in the City. The lack of infrastructure to serve all three proposed communities is a major challenge that will require innovation and coordination to overcome.

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CVEP is a nonprofit organization with a mission to incite vision-driven economic transformation in the Greater Palm Springs region. By fostering entrepreneurship and diversifying industry, CVEP programs expand the availability of year-round, high-wage jobs in the region. CVEP recognizes the role that access to housing plays in a flourishing economy. Increasing the availability of housing that our region's workers, families, and seniors can afford will be key to achieving the economic transformation envisioned by CVEP and its partners.



In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

If I can answer any questions at all, please reach out to me at laura@cvep.com or 760-340-1575. I urge you to help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

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Laura E James
Interim CEO
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership



Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate the support of the Desert Recreation District (DRD) for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

In the face of the housing crisis, the City of Rancho Mirage has taken the bold step of making 25 acres of city-owned land available for the development of three separate affordable housing communities. Once developed, these communities will provide over 600 units of high quality, professionally-managed, and service-enriched housing that enhances the neighborhood and meets a critical need for workforce housing in the City. The lack of infrastructure to serve all three proposed communities is a major challenge that will require innovation and coordination to overcome.

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This growth heightens the need for our water safety programs, ensuring residents of all ages can safely enjoy aquatic activities. After-school programs become crucial for supporting working families by providing safe, enriching environments for children. Additionally, our district's general services, from recreational activities to wellness programs, contribute significantly to the community's quality of life.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Please help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kalman
General Manager
Desert Recreation District.



March 24, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Building

Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Rancho Mirage Community Project Funding Request for Infrastructure Investment to Unlock over 600 Units of Affordable Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am pleased to communicate the support of Renu Hope Foundation for the Community Funding Project request by the City of Rancho Mirage to fund the roadway extension necessary to unlock over 600 units of permanent, workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

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Renu Hope Foundation's mission is to establish programs that afford empowerment opportunities toward self-sufficiency and renewed hope i.e. continuing education, vocational and life skills development and sustainable housing to economically disadvantaged residents. Additionally, Renu Hope Foundation establishes subsidized one stop shop family services centers to prepare children 6 weeks up to school age and adults for seamless successful transitions within local education agencies, higher education and enrichment learning opportunities to gain employability skills towards financial independence and self-sufficiency through formalized partnerships with agencies that align with our mission and vision. In event the 600 additional affordable housing units are developed, low-income families seeking life skills and success within the workforce community will have a key resource, namely affordable housing and subsidized child care to facilitate attainment of self-sufficiency.

In closing, we urge you to support the City of Rancho Mirage's request for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the extension of Via Vail. We thank you for the opportunity to express why this Community Project Funding request is so important for our region.

Please help pave the way for affordable workforce housing in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Saovaros Diehl-Hope". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Saovaros" and last name "Diehl-Hope" clearly legible.

Saovaros Diehl-Hope, CEO-CBO
Renu Hope Foundation