

April 15, 2025

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 Workforce Housing

Dear Congressman Calvert,

The City of Rancho Mirage, together with local partners, will be submitting a Community Project Funding Request to your office for FY 2026 that would provide for the infrastructure expansion necessary to unlock over 600 units of affordable workforce housing in our beautiful City. I write to invite you to join the City in making a targeted investment to dramatically advance housing affordability in the 41st District by recommending the approval of this request.

On December 21, 2023, the Board of the Rancho Mirage Housing Authority approved Disposition and Development Agreements to make 25 acres of City-owned land, located southeast of the intersection of Via Vail and Key Largo, available for the development of housing affordable to working families in the City of Rancho Mirage. Three separate development teams were selected to produce a collective 600+ units a professionally managed, permanent affordable housing.

The City of Rancho Mirage respectfully requests \$5,000,000 (which includes the cost of federal and state prevailing wages) to allow for the extension of the Via Vail to the east and south to provide multi-modal access to all three proposed affordable housing communities. This infrastructure expansion is critical to all three communities and is challenging to finance with traditional sources.

In our request, we hope to demonstrate the sustained, community-driven efforts that the City has undertaken to promote the development of workforce housing at this location.

In submitting this request, we humbly ask that you join us in paving the way for housing affordability and economic security in the City of Rancho Mirage.

Sincerely,

Majna Dukic

Director of Development Services



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Dear Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of National Community Renaissance ("National CORE"), I am writing to thank you for selecting the above referenced Community Funding Project ("CPF") request submitted by the City of Rancho Mirage for Fiscal Year 2025. Since CPF FY 2025 Appropriations did not pass in the 2025 budget, I am asking for your support to prioritize the City of Rancho Mirage and its FY 2026 CPF application to fund the roadway extension and additional off-site infrastructure improvements 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 infrastructure 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 2026 to fund the extension of Via Vail and other off-site infrastructure improvements and meet the immediate need to provide the roadway infrastructure to unlock workforce housing opportunities in your district.

Sincerely,

Michael Ruane President