



*Serving the Environment in San Diego and Imperial Counties*

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Sierra Club is pleased to announce our newly adopted Urban Infill Policy (enclosed). This policy is the official policy of the Sierra Club and will help guide our work locally and regionally.

Sierra Club's Urban Infill Policy acknowledges and addresses that how we build our cities and towns will have immeasurable impacts on our quality of life, the climate, and sustainability of the environment. Sierra Club holds that affordable housing is a human right and that we must develop housing options for all income levels and act to address past and ongoing inequity in communities that have been left out of economic opportunity in the past.

Sierra Club supports transformative strategies that build communities that feature:

- Affordable housing accessible to all;
- Transit, bike, and pedestrian first approaches to transportation;
- Expanded opportunities for all residents to participate in the local economy and civic decisions;
- Living wage jobs;
- A balance between employment opportunities and housing;
- Access to education, services, amenities, and recreation that improve overall quality of life; and
- Measures and policies that increase climate resilience.

With the policy, Sierra Club San Diego will be looking to support and facilitate development in land use patterns that locate housing along or near transportation corridors, in areas with infrastructure in place, and which include housing for people of all ages, abilities, and income levels. Due to the many economic and environmental imperatives, we are particularly focused on increasing density in areas that are close to transit centers and corridors.

We are sharing this policy with you as an invitation to collaborate on urban infill development projects. Sierra Club would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to find ways to encourage urban infill projects in your city that meet the local and regional needs consistent with our policy.

Please let us know how we can help you build better, more inclusive, more sustainable, and climate and transit friendly cities of the future.

Respectfully,

Peter Andersen, Chapter Chair

George Courser, Conservation Chair

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