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Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry  
City of San Diego  
City Administration Building  
202 C Street, MS #10A  
San Diego, CA 92101

**RE: The Preserve at Torrey Highlands**

Dear Council President Pro Tem Bry,

On behalf of Biocom, I am writing to express our conditional support for The Preserve at Torrey Highlands, a Class A employment center designed to protect natural resources, provide community benefits, and support our region's economic growth and job creation.

Biocom is the largest, most experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector. We work on behalf of over 1,200 members to drive public policy, build a network of industry leaders, create access to capital, introduce cutting-edge STEM education programs, and create value-driven purchasing programs. The City of San Diego's life science cluster of over 860 establishments employs 36,000 people with an average salary of \$128,587, providing \$18.6 billion in annual economic activity.

Our support is contingent upon the addition of several life science accommodations that the developer has stated it is adding to its final plans. Namely, the addition of: a central plant with exterior access, a back of house to accommodate loading/shipping receiving areas with direct access to a dedicated service elevator, auxiliary generator enclosures, separate hazardous materials storage areas, minimum 15' floor to floor clear height throughout, upgraded structural floor loading to accommodate a greater than normal hood environment, and scalable electrical capacity.

Biocom appreciates the developer adding these features to accommodate potential life science tenants. This proposed employment center has the potential to deliver 2,000 new jobs and includes community and environmental enhancements. Provided that the life science elements are added to the final plans, we encourage your support for this project.

Sincerely,

Joe Panetta, President & CEO  
Biocom

