



October 31, 2019

Councilmember Vivian Moreno
Chair, Land Use & Housing Committee
San Diego City Council
202 C Street, MS #10A
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Councilmember Moreno:

I am writing to express Biocom's support for the City of San Diego's second phase of the 12th update of the Land Development Code (LDC).

Biocom is the largest, most experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector, headquartered in San Diego. 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.

Biocom has worked with our life science developer members to draft language for the second phase of the 12th LDC update, found under Issue Item #5: Descriptions of Use Categories and Subcategories. These proposed changes will allow for accessory amenities that serve life science developments in a way that preserves the industrial nature of the zones.

Building projects in the life science industry have been moving away from purely industrial towards more "campus" like developments. In order to attract and retain talent in San Diego, it is necessary for life science developers to offer on-site or adjacent amenities such as restaurants, gym facilities, groceries, and convenience sales. We support these amenities being allowed in a way that does not significantly alter the nature of industrial zones where these developments are built, as proposed in the LDC update.

Biocom initiated the language in Issue Item #5 and we strongly encourage the commission's passage of this item.

Best regards,

Joe Panetta, President and CEO
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