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Mr. Bill Hofman, Chair
San Diego City Planning Commission
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Submitted via email: planningcommission@sandiego.gov

Re: August 27, 2020 – Item 1 University Community Plan Amendment Initiation (Towne Center Science Park)

Dear Chairman Hofman and Planning Commissioners:

I am writing to share Biocom's support for the University Community Plan Amendment Initiation for the Biomed Realty Towne Centre Science Park project.

Biocom is the largest, most experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector, headquartered in San Diego. The City's life science cluster of over 600 establishments employs 37,400 people with an average salary of \$142,000, providing \$19.6 billion in annual economic activity.

BioMed Realty is an important partner in preserving and developing the life science industry in San Diego. Our industry is running out of space to build new facilities; as such, Biocom supports efforts to expand on existing locations as a means to increase industry capacity. Towne Centre Science Park proposes to unify two adjacent sites and create a 32.47-acre R&D campus of 1,000,000 square feet of development. Its location in the city's life science hub, close to amenities and research institutions, aligns with the City's economic development strategy to support San Diego's innovation economy and produce additional middle-class jobs.

Developing land for manufacturing, research and development, and distribution is vital to regional long-term economic stability and encouragement of industry growth. We respectfully request that the Planning Commission approve the Initiation before you on August 27th as the first step to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

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