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*"By far  
the greatest  
and most admirable  
form of wisdom  
is that needed to plan  
and beautify  
cities and human  
communities."*

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Dear Mayor, Council Members, and Planning Commissioners:

San Diego is an incredible city, in part because our city officials have been smart in planning for a fast-growing community. Now that we are looking forward to the future, the need is to be even smarter.

As a member of the community and as a practicing design professional, I am submitting this letter of endorsement for Quarry Falls, the sustainable, mixed-use community in Mission Valley proposed by Sudberry Properties, Inc. Quarry Falls will be a model community. It embodies the type of smart growth and sustainable planning that will ensure a viable future for San Diego and a high quality of life for our current and future residents. Quarry Falls incorporates the principles of smart growth and sustainable design. Those qualities are thoughtfully integrated into the Quarry Falls plans—making it a community that will serve as a model for future development in Mission Valley and, indeed, for all the region.

Sustainable, environmentally sensitive design is extremely important today, and I am excited that those principles are incorporated into the concept for Quarry Falls. Quarry Falls will provide multimodal transportation solutions such as pedestrian bridge access to trolley stations, walkable streets, and jobs close to homes. Quarry Falls is a registered LEED-ND pilot project that utilizes a number of sustainability features such as solar orientation and energy management systems, high-efficiency irrigation systems, and a number of other features. The LEED-ND model is the underlying theme of the General Plan and how San Diego will be building communities in the future. Consequently, I urge your favorable support of Quarry Falls.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Bill Anderson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, City Planning & Development