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RE: Development Approval for Quarry Falls project, proposed by Sudberry Properties

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am a volunteer on the City's Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) and I have reviewed many development proposals over the past 5 years. Many projects look and feel the same, and utilize 'state-of-the-art ideas and technology' from the 1980s... Some forward-thinking Developers utilize the Sustainable Building Expedite Program and make commitments to energy efficiency and renewable energy. Sudberry Properties has made this commitment to Sustainable Building for their Quarry Falls development.

As you can see from the development plans, there has been substantial attention paid to resource conservation and sustainable building and living. I support this project and I will highlight just one under-emphasized aspect. It is difficult to show on plans the infrastructure benefits of State and Federal subsidies that come with Sudberry's Sustainable Building vision. For example, the solar electricity systems planned for the project will be subsidized by the state for 22% of the cost and Federal tax incentives provide another 60%. That means 82% of renewable energy infrastructure investment is paid for by (non-City) government incentives. San Diego tax revenues going to Sacramento and Washington DC, come back to San Diego in the form of these incentives. They help us build a clean, renewable energy grid and provide Sustainable Building infrastructure for our community.

Please give extra consideration to Sudberry Properties to develop this project and to provide leadership to other developers with similar projects in San Diego.

Sincerely,

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