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<u>Ex-officio</u> Donna Deutchman President & CEO Sent via email to Hai Nguyen <u>HNguyen@santa-clarita.com</u>

December 14, 2020

Dear Planning Commissioner:

I am writing this letter in support of the development of the Sand Canyon Country Club and Resort.

Homes 4 Families recently completed a 78-home community for low-income veterans on Center Pointe Parkway in the City of Santa Clarita. These military families moved in from crowded, unstable, dangerous, and/or unaffordable living conditions. Since moving into their new community, which was supported by the City, its leadership, and vital community members, they have increased their income, are no longer at risk of homelessness, and have even been supported through the COVID-19 pandemic.

We strongly believe that this resort will be good for the city and its residents, like the ones we continue to serve. It will bring hundreds of new jobs to the city, at many different levels of employment, as well as tax revenues. It will increase home value, which is extremely beneficial to our veterans—first-time homebuyers who are earning equity in their homes. It will provide another community gathering space that can support veterans and will also be a strong attraction, bringing guests and tourists to the City

In working over the years with Mr. Kim, we have found him to be a great businessman, but more importantly, somebody who cares about his community. He and this project will be an asset to the City of Santa Clarita. I enthusiastically and recommend that the Planning Commission and City Council approve this project for the benefit of the many jobs it will create in the development and building of the resort. I trust Mr. Kim as a good citizen to successfully manage and correct all environmental issues to ensure the safety of his endeavor for the betterment of the community. And then create a property with good solid jobs for future employees, including veterans, and good outcomes for the City of Santa Clarita.

Sincerely,

Donna Deutchman, President & CEO Homes 4 Families

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