



December 15, 2021

Matthew Serrato
Mayor
City of Merced
678 West 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Dear Mayor Serrato,

On behalf of Leadership Council, I would like to share our support for the proposed resolution to authorize the application to the State of California for Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds. Given the enormous need for expanded affordable housing opportunities in Merced, we strongly support all efforts to bring additional funding for this purpose into our community.

Leadership Council has been in contact with the lead developers – Upholdings and Self-Help Enterprises – throughout the past year. We are excited for the proposed Mercy Village development that will bring critically-needed supportive housing units to Merced. Leadership Council supports earmarking PLHA funds for the development of Mercy Village.

Leadership Council looks forward to working with the City of Merced around future allocations of PLHA funds to expand affordable, high-quality housing options for the residents of Merced.

Sincerely,

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