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RE: Endorsement of Sherwin Williams

Dear Mr. Bryant:

For over 50 years, Greenbelt Alliance has been the champion of the places that make the Bay Area special. We defend natural and agricultural landscapes from sprawl development and help create great cities and neighborhoods to make the Bay Area an even better place to live. Since the 1980s, we have provided an independent validation of outstanding infill development to help ensure that the right development happens in the right place. Our endorsements have helped improve more than 140 neighborhoods around the region.

Greenbelt Alliance is pleased to endorse the proposed Sherwin Williams project by Lennar Multifamily Communities. As one of the largest infill and adaptive reuse development opportunities in Emeryville, this plan for up to 500 new homes, and a variety of amenities near Bay Street, has many laudable features. It will provide a walkable, vibrant community for residents, include homes for people across the income spectrum, close gaps in local trails, support the local economy, relieve development pressure on the region's open spaces, and offer a host of other environmental and quality of life benefits.

The Sherwin Williams project is another smart step in Emeryville to ensure homes and vibrant communities with strong transit connections and aggressive traffic reduction strategies. We hope that its approval will inspire communities around the Bay Area to redouble their efforts to grow smartly.

Sincerely,



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