

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0552

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Members of the San Diego Planning Commission
City Administration Building
202 C Street, 12th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Proposed Parking Standards in Transit Priority Areas

Dear San Diego Planning Commission Members,

I write to express my support for the proposed parking standards in Transit Priority Areas (TPAs). San Diego has before it an opportunity to make a significant advance in supporting environmental quality, mobility and quality of life, all in conformance with the Climate Action Plan and while supporting more housing. The parking standard recommendations put forth by the Planning Department will take the burden of the cost of parking off away from housing costs in areas where the market will support reduced parking, and will also incentivize those living near transit to use it. The options presented to builders in these recommendations provide an exciting and evidence-based framework to increase housing affordability and supply, to reduce vehicle-miles-traveled, and to grow communities in which we can live, work, and play.

In Congress, I have worked to address the threat that climate change poses to our region, and I have been a longtime supporter of expanding the accessibility and reliability of more transportation options for San Diego. Incentivizing investment in our transit network by removing the mandates for parking is an important way to leverage the billions of dollars of investment San Diego and federal taxpayers have invested already. And it's an important step in healthy economic growth; we know that talented young workers in our growing innovation economy value transit flexibility and are increasingly choosing to forego owning a car. San Diego should support policies and projects that will help attract and retain the next generation of talent. Investing in our housing and transit infrastructures are crucial ways to remain competitive.

I appreciate your consideration of these proposed standards. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or Kiera Galloway in my office, at (858) 455-5550.

Sincerely,



Scott Peters
Member of Congress

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