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To: Miriam Lens
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To: 'List-Mayor-Council'
Subject: December 14 Council Meeting

In care of Fran David, City Manager, City of Hayward.

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

This Email is forwarded, since unfortunately we are unable to attend the City Council meeting, to respectfully urge you to support the Dream Act. Passage of the Dream Act would appropriately would make it possible for "certain illegal alien students who graduate from U.S. High School, who are of good moral character," to earn conditional permanent residency. Within six years, the individual would be required to either earn a four year degree or serve two years in the military and receive an honorable discharged. In either case, they would have clearly demonstrated that they have earned citizenship and should be honorably welcomed as fellow Americans. In our view, it would be morally wrong to deny citizenship to individuals willing to put their lives on the line for our country or, by earning a four year degree, prepare themselves to contribute greatly to the well being of our nation? Our strong belief is that to deny these worthy individuals potential citizenship would not only be incredibly unjust, but also be a major travesty.

A second issue being taken up by the City Council are temporary changes in the BMR ordinance which would sunset on 12/31/2012. Our family firm has invested millions of dollars in the City of Hayward in recent years and is proud of what we, in consort with the City, have accomplished in the Eden/Saklan RDA. After assembling 12.5 acres in that area over a six year period, we sold the lands to KBH who thereafter successfully built and sold 149 homes. Our mutual accomplishment transformed the area from a blighted location to a very fine residential community.

We have since been working hard to repeat what we accomplished in the past by assembling an additional 12 plus or minus acres contiguous with the KBH project. In our view, repeating what we successfully accomplished in the past, would go a long way toward completing conversion of the area to a recognized and respected place in Hayward in which to live and work.

A major impediment to doing a project with a price point in the affordable housing range, as we are contemplating, is the fact that we lack the option of paying in-lieu fees which, if permitted, would make such a project economically feasible. The consequence of not having available the option, would be to delay residential construction which would positively impact economic recovery and job creation. Although we are not authorized to speak in behalf of small business in general, it is our belief that a vast majority would join our firm in strong support of the proposed temporary change in BMR policy.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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