September 2, 2025

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT Entrada South (Project 00-210) and Valencia Commerce Center (Project 87-150)

Dear Members of the LA County Regional Planning Commission,

I have lived and worked in the Santa Clarita Valley for nearly 40 years. I have seen this region blossom into a vibrant, thriving community I am proud to call my home. I am writing you today to express my support for FivePoint – a company that serves and gives back to the community at every opportunity – as they seek your approval of the next phase of Valencia by FivePoint.

I was fortunate to serve as the Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley for 29 years. During that time, I worked closely with many organizations and volunteers in our community. They included the men and women who planned the original Valencia in the 1960s, as well as those who are now planning the continuation of that vision, Valencia by FivePoint. I am pleased to note that FivePoint and its predecessor company, Newhall Land & Farming, have been longstanding partners and supporters of our Boys & Girls Club for many years.

Valencia by FivePoint will be good for our community. The first phase, Mission Village, is already home to 3,500 residents, and the next phase promises to deliver an additional 1,000+ homes, enhance environmental protections, and generate additional tax revenue that funds the region's public services – including services for youth. Long-term, Valencia by FivePoint will create up to 21,500 homes, making a real dent in our housing crisis.

Valencia by FivePoint will also include large amounts of dedicated and preserved open space, including 50 miles of public trails. These will be open not only to children and families who live in Valencia, but to those from all over the Santa Clarita Valley. The Boys & Girls Club takes pride in helping to enrich the lives of all children who come to our facilities and take advantage of our programs. Providing access to nature in this way is crucial to supporting their overall health and well-being, and fostering their own love for the great outdoors. I commend FivePoint for creating these resources that benefit the broader community.

As someone who remains active with many groups in our Valley, I encourage smart development that will increase the region's economic prosperity, provide much-needed housing, and protect our vast and beautiful open space for future generations. I strongly support the next stage of Valencia by FivePoint for the reasons listed above, and I encourage your approval as well.

Sincerely,

Jim Ventress

cc: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors