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

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

Dear Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission,

The California Institute of the Arts (CalArts), a Disney endowed, internationally recognized arts college welcomed its first class in 1970, and has been serving the Santa Clarita Valley and beyond ever since. We offer comprehensive degree programs in visual, performing, media and literary arts from our campus in Valencia, where students have access to local experts and extensive community resources.

FivePoint and its subsidiary, the Newhall Land & Farming Company (who helped facilitate opening our campus), have been longstanding members of the community and bring expansive benefits to the region. The first phase of Valencia by FivePoint, now home to several thousand residents, has been a well-recognized success for the Santa Clarita Valley. The proposed next phase -- Entrada South and the continuation of the Valencia Commerce Center -- will build on that success.

Importantly, the new community will deliver more than 1,500 high-quality, price-attainable homes that can serve our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Valencia Commerce Center may also one day house creative businesses that provide solid employment and internship opportunities for our student body and graduates.

At CalArts, environmental stewardship is one of our guiding principles. It is a priority we share with FivePoint. At full buildout, Valencia by FivePoint community will be one of the largest in the nation to commit to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions, thanks to a variety of on-site and off-site investments. In addition, FivePoint has committed to permanently protect up to 10,000 acres of the vast open space we enjoy in the Santa Clarita region, and its energetic conservation work has protected a variety of native wildlife habitats and animal species.

A rising tide lifts all ships, and the health of CalArts depends on the health of our broader region. The next phase of Valencia by FivePoint will bring meaningful benefits to this community, as well as our school and our environment. We urge you to give this project your full support.

Sincerely,

Ravi Rajan, President

cc: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors