

Assemblymember Chris Ward
California Assembly
San Diego District Office
2700 Adams Ave Suite #102
San Diego, CA 92116

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Dear Assemblymember Ward,

Greetings from Vibrant Uptown. We're a group of Uptown residents deeply committed to promoting abundant housing, efficient mobility, and innovative urban placemaking. We are excited about the potential of AB1635 and the redevelopment of the Hillcrest DMV property.

The significance of this redevelopment for our neighborhood cannot be overstated. AB1635's plan to offer a variety of housing types, catering to a range of incomes, perfectly aligns with our aim for a diverse and inclusive community. The initiative's focus on including below-market housing options reflects the ongoing efforts in our neighborhood to maintain an environment where people from all backgrounds can call home.

Moreover, the redevelopment of the DMV property is an opportunity to do more than just build homes; it's a chance to foster a stronger sense of community. The idea of integrating an LGBTQ+ cultural hub into the project resonates with our vision of inclusivity. This hub could serve as a cornerstone for LGBTQ+ organizations in the area, further strengthening our neighborhood's identity as a welcoming and supportive community.

In addition to fostering cultural richness, this project provides a unique chance to enhance our public spaces. The potential integration with the proposed Normal Street Promenade is particularly exciting. By adding thoughtful designs and public areas, the development could significantly enhance the west side's aesthetic and functionality, contributing to a more vibrant and connected urban environment.

We are wholeheartedly supportive of this initiative. We see it as a pivotal step towards realizing our vision of a dynamic, inclusive, and beautifully designed neighborhood. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate and contribute to this exciting project.

Sincerely,



Jon Anderson