Resolution of the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee Supporting the Approved Affordable Senior Farmworker Housing at 555 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay and Condemning the Referendum to Overturn the Project

WHEREAS, farmworkers have made indispensable contributions to the economy, food supply, and quality of life in San Mateo County, generating millions of dollars annually while many senior farmworkers continue to face significant barriers to securing safe, stable, and affordable housing, and many continue working well into their senior years, because they cannot afford to retire; and

WHEREAS, the January 2023 Half Moon Bay mass shooting, which claimed the lives of seven farmworkers at two local farms, exposed the deplorable housing conditions and longstanding inequities endured by many agricultural workers and their families, prompting a community-wide commitment to advance meaningful housing solutions for farmworkers; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2026, the Half Moon Bay City Council approved a 99-year lease with Mercy Housing for the development of 555 Kelly Avenue, a 40-unit, 100% affordable housing community for senior farmworkers, many of whom earn extremely low or very low incomes, representing an important step toward providing safe, affordable, and dignified housing, while expanding affordable housing in the established downtown area, promoting equity, dignity, access to healthcare and economic security for working families, seniors, and long-time Coastside residents, and helping to address Half Moon Bay's affordable housing shortage and advance the City's state-mandated housing goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee strongly supports the approved affordable senior farmworker housing development 555 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, a project that has undergone years of public review and approval, condemns efforts to overturn the project through a referendum, and encourages its timely construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee calls upon local, state and federal elected officials, public agencies, community organizations, labor leaders, housing advocates, and residents to oppose the signature referendum effort designed to stop the project and instead support the development of 555 Kelly Avenue and other housing solutions that meet the needs of senior farmworkers and other vulnerable members of our community.

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