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Chair Mary Ann Gaido
Planning Commission
City of Irvine
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92623-9575

RE: Support for Development of Metropolis Apartments in Irvine Business Complex

Dear Chair Gaido:

I am writing on behalf of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC) to support of the proposed development of Metropolis Apartments by the SARES-REGIS Group located at the corner of Main and Cartwright in the Irvine Business Complex (IBC).

As one of the first residential projects in the IBC, Metropolis Apartments will establish precedence for future development projects. Metropolis Apartments will facilitate ongoing community and economic development in the IBC. This project will significantly benefit your community by building 457 units for Irvine residents, 47 affordable units, and generate over 1,000 jobs. The immediate proximity of the development will encourage the commuting workforce to not only work, but also live in the community as Irvine residents. Residents will enjoy the interconnectedness of the courtyards, recreation areas, 1.38-acre park, and access to the rest of the community. Walkability and integration into the community make Metropolis Apartments a truly sustainable multi-family development. In addition to developing the area, SARES-REGIS remains committed to preservation of the California Sycamore trees located along Cartwright and Main.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage the Planning Commission's approval of Metropolis Apartments.

Sincerely,

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