June 9, 2017

Honorable Kathryn Barger
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Fifth District
500 W Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Newhall Ranch – Mission Village and Landmark Village

Dear Supervisor Barger,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, which represents more than 1,650 organizations and 650,000 employees in the region, I am writing to express our thoughts and support for the Landmark Village and Mission Village developments.

Landmark Village and Mission Village, as part of Newhall Ranch, will be an asset through economic development and housing for the community while working to lower greenhouse gas emissions for the region. The Newhall Ranch Community, at buildout, will create 60,000 new and permanent jobs, generate $388 million in property taxes, and $410 million in income taxes. Newhall Ranch will also create 11.5 million square feet of job generating uses, which will help the region thrive economically.

Housing is an ongoing issue in Los Angeles and in the state, especially housing that is affordable and conveniently located for residents. With this new development, residents can enjoy living and working in the same community, eliminating the need for long commutes which leads to higher quality of life.

The Newhall Ranch Community is focused on preserving open spaces and lowering greenhouse gas emissions through the use of sustainable materials and state of the art energy efficient designs. With this in mind, 10,000 acres of the 15,000 acres of the community will be designated as open space for the community to enjoy, which will be preserved by the $13 million endowment made by Net Zero Newhall. Only one third of the entire property will be developed. In addition, this community will include solar panels and electrical charging stations in the residences.

Newhall Ranch’s ambitious plan to build a community of this size while fostering economic growth and promoting sustainability is the first of its kind and will serve as a model for years to come. The Chamber supports the development and believes this is a great opportunity to create economic growth and increase housing while making a positive impact on our environment.

Sincerely,

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CC: Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors – First District
Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors – Second District
Honorable Sheila Kuehl, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors – Third District
Honorable Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors – Fourth District
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