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To Whom it may concern,

Listed below are the Police Department's findings for the proposed Midway Rising Project.

Area Station

Police service for the Midway Rising Project in the City of San Diego will be provided by officers from Western Division, located at 5215 Gaines Street.

Current Staffing / Officer Availability

Western Division is currently staffed with 110 sworn personnel. The current patrol strength at Western Division is 91 uniformed patrol officers. Officers work ten-hour shifts. Staffing is comprised of three shifts which operate from 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (First Watch), 2:00 p.m.- Midnight (Second Watch) and from 9:00 p.m.- 7:00 a.m. (Third Watch). Using the department's minimum staffing guidelines, Western Division currently deploys a minimum of 15 patrol officers on First Watch, 18 patrol officers on Second Watch and 11 patrol officers on Third Watch.

The San Diego Police Department does not staff individual stations based on ratios of sworn officers per 1,000 population ratio. The goal citywide is to maintain 1.48 officers per 1,000 population ratio.

Current Response Times

The police department currently utilizes a five level priority calls dispatch system, which includes priority E (Emergency), one, two, three and four. The calls are prioritized by the phone dispatcher and routed to the radio operator for dispatch to the field units. The priority system is designed as a guide, allowing the phone dispatcher and the radio dispatcher discretion to raise or lower the call priority as necessary based on the information received. Priority "E" and priority one calls involve serious crimes in progress or those with a potential for injury. Priority Two calls include vandalism, disturbances and property crimes. Priority Three includes calls after a crime has been committed, such as cold burglaries and loud music. Priority Four include calls include parking complaints or lost and found reports.

The Project is currently located in the City of San Diego; within the boundaries of police beat 611. The 2020 average response times for Beat 611 are 5.5 minutes for emergency calls, 29.1 minutes for priority one calls, 78.6 minutes for priority two calls, 106.6 minutes for priority three calls and 84.7 minutes for priority four calls.

The department's response time goals are 7 minutes for emergency calls, 14 minutes for priority one calls, 27 minutes for priority two calls, 80 minutes for priority three calls and 90 minutes for priority four calls. The citywide average response times, for the same period, were 6.5 minutes for emergency calls, 34.6 minutes for priority one calls, 133.1 minutes for priority two calls, 256.1 minutes for priority three calls and 262.4 minutes for priority four calls during that same time period. The department strives to maintain the response time goals as one of various other measures used to assess the level of service to the community.

Potential Mitigation Measures to Response Time

The department's current staffing ratio of 1.34 officers per 1,000 residents is based on a 2014 estimated residential population of 1,311,882. The ratio is calculated to take into account all support and investigative positions within the department. This ratio does not include the significant population increase resulting from employees who commute to work from outside of the city of San Diego or those visiting.

Long-Term (Community Plan Build-Out) Post-Project Response Time

There are no current plans for additional police sub-stations in the immediate area. Police response times in this community will continue to increase with the build-out of community plans and the increase of traffic generated by new growth. A Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Review (CPTED) is recommended by the police department to address general security concerns.

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