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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposal being put forth by the Friends of Presidio Hills Golf to revitalize the course.

I am a non-golfer, but have been a Mission Hills resident since 1995 and routinely drive past the course. I have watched it steadily decline over the years, a decline that has seemed to accelerate these past few years due at least in part to the drought.

Today, the course looks more like a dirt lot and I can't see anyone wanting to spend time playing there. This is such a shame. Old Town is such a vibrant place with so many visitors. A beautiful course would be such a nice addition to the shops, restaurants and museums in the area. There could be some nice tie-ins with events at area restaurants and hotels.

Beyond the aesthetics though, this course has served to launch so many great names in golf. So many kids have enjoyed learning how to play there. I'm a Mission Hills resident because of my interest in early San Diego and the historical aspects of our wonderful community. How nice it would be to return this course to the center of golf it once was.

I reacted to a San Diego Union Tribune article by Logan Jenkins in November, 2016. I've since become very involved in the Friends group – maintaining a small website, collecting names of interested people for the email list and maintaining email minutes and records of activities.

I have been so amazed at the over 60 people from all walks of life who are interested in joining the Friends and helping to revitalize the course. Some golfed there as kids, or as parents who have fond memories of teaching their kids to play there. Some are from the neighborhood like me. Some are aficionados of golf history. Some are PGA players. Some are garden club members or members of area churches who are interested in volunteering. Some no longer live in San Diego, but still want to contribute. It has been so gratifying to watch the interest accumulate from all over.

I was thrilled when Gina Champion-Cain assembled her world class team to respond to this RFP. I know of no other group that has the expertise, enthusiasm and good-heartedness to truly turn this around. I hope they are given the opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,



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