



San Diego Building Trades Endorses NEIGHBORHOOD NEXT

Region's pre-eminent construction unions reach agreement with local team to redevelop Sports Arena site

SAN DIEGO (March 23, 2022)---The San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council and its 22 affiliated unions representing 30,000 workers today announced its support of the Neighborhood Next proposal to redevelop the Sports Arena site. Neighborhood Next's plan has been hailed as a frontrunner among the group of interested development teams because of its vision to transform the site into a European-style urban village with more housing units proposed than any other team being considered by the city, serving as a "living blueprint" for San Diego's sustainable future.

"We are excited by the Neighborhood Next plan because it's so rare to see such a bold proposal to create well-designed, affordable homes at a scale that will make a dent in our housing crisis," said Carol Kim, business manager of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council. "It's clear that this local team understands San Diego and the quality jobs we expect, and has committed to building the middle class and affordable homes that San Diego is missing. They are setting a standard that the skilled and trained local workers who build a neighborhood should be able to live in that neighborhood, making Neighborhood Next a model of what we expect going forward."

The Neighborhood Next team is the third to win the endorsement of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council.

"We envision this to be a new blueprint for urban living in San Diego, both in the way it's designed and the way it's constructed. This neighborhood will be inclusive and beautiful from the start," said Zach Adams with Neighborhood Next. "We look forward to working collaboratively with the building trades, because it will take a true team effort to create thousands of good-paying jobs and make this project one that is built by San Diegans, for San Diegans."

Development plans from five teams, including Neighborhood Next, to remake the 48-acre Sports Arena site are currently under consideration by Mayor Todd Gloria and the San Diego City Council. In the spring, the Mayor is expected to select one or more plans for City Council consideration.

"The Neighborhood Next proposal is visionary, but also grounded in developing thousands of critical housing units for working families," said Jeremy Abrams, President of the Building Trades and Business Manager of IBEW Local 569. "We like that this plan will empower the surrounding neighborhood with much-needed infrastructure and amenities, and power up the economy with good union construction jobs and career opportunities. We're proud to partner on this effort to build a stronger Midway community."

For more information on the Neighborhood Next project, please visit www.NeighborhoodNext.com.



For more information on the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, please visit www.sdbuildingtrades.com.

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consists of the affiliated construction and trade unions representing workers in San Diego County. Currently, 22 unions representing over 30,000 workers are affiliated with the Building Trades Council. Among the Council's responsibilities is to be a clearinghouse of information for its affiliated unions on legislative issues at all levels of government, the body that approves strike sanctions for affiliates, acts as the lead in negotiations for Community Hiring Agreements and Project Maintenance Agreements, and is the body that speaks for the Building Trades on issues of concern. Business Manager Carol Kim manages the day-to-day operations of the Council and acts as its spokesperson.

About: Created by a local team of trusted home builders and world-renowned designers, [Neighborhood Next](#) is a true urban neighborhood and living blueprint for San Diego's sustainable future, showing how San Diego's housing, climate and transportation goals can finally be brought to life in one location.

It aims to create "San Diego's next great neighborhood" with 21 acres of parks and shared spaces, 5,000 homes for all income levels including at least 25 percent for low-income residents, and a "radically walkable" design that embraces a car-free culture with bike paths, trails, and direct access to multi-modal transit. It envisions a new or revitalized 16,000-seat sports arena and transformational elements such as a bridge over Interstate 8 that connects Midway to the San Diego River and a cultural hub for a school or library. The effort is led by a local team of affordable and middle-income home developers and world-class arena builders with decades of experience. Neighborhood Next features trusted companies founded and headquartered in San Diego that have operated here for more than 50 years and locally employ 1,700 people, including ConAm, affordable home builders Wakeland Housing and Community Housing Works, and middle-income home builder Malick Infill Development. They are joined by a globally-recognized design team known for shaping great neighborhoods and delivering iconic arenas that are integrated within communities, including Gehl, 3XN Architects, Crossroads, and PCL Construction.



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