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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please find attached our letter of support for Item #14 on the upcoming BOS Agenda for Sept 15, 2026.

Thank you,

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September 11, 2026

RE: SUPPORT Agenda Item #14: Housing Successor Agency funds for loan financing for Mercury Brea LP

Dear Chair Chaffee and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of **People for Housing OC**, I am writing to express our strong **support** for **The Mercury Apartments, an 85-unit affordable senior housing community approved by the Brea City Council on August 19th 2025** to be located at the southeast corner of Mercury Lane and Berry Street.

Orange County and California as a whole are experiencing a rapid rise in the number of older adults struggling to find and maintain housing. The “Silver Tsunami”—the aging of the Baby Boomer generation—means that over the next decade, a record number of seniors will be living on fixed incomes while housing costs continue to outpace pensions and Social Security benefits. At the same time, senior homelessness is growing faster than any other age group, driven by a combination of skyrocketing rents, people outliving their retirement savings, and a lack of affordable homes that can accommodate older residents’ mobility challenges or other disabilities. Without action, such as the construction of the Mercury Senior Apartments, increasing numbers of older residents will face the devastating reality of housing insecurity.

The Mercury Senior Apartments offers a proactive, compassionate, and community-minded response to this crisis by serving households at 30%, 50%, 60%, and 70% of area median income. **We respectfully urge you to do everything needed to move this project forward, towards construction.**

Sincerely,

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