

Due to audio difficulties Supervisor Mary L. Adams as submitted her comments for the record on this item:

*The Board of Supervisors, at a workshop on May 5, 2020, reviewed the draft version of the Development Evaluation System. BOS directed that the ordinance clarify that a failing score and staff recommendation for denial do not circumvent the discretionary process afforded to the applicant. In other words, a failing score is not an automatic denial. This change was made and is reflected in the document being presented to us today.*

*The Board directed staff to create an executive summary document as part of the overall DES Program that would provide a simplified explanation of the DES process for the public. The staff has produced a beautiful brochure that is an easy to understand document about the DES process for potential applicants.*

*What we have before us today is the culmination of years of effort by many people. I want to thank the staff and members of the public who contributed in a constructive way to putting together a very complete package for how to evaluate major subdivisions that get proposed outside of our priority growth areas.*

*The DES represents the core concern about where growth should go that has been debated now for two decades. I do not think we need to re-open that debate. We need to move ahead with this so that our staff can move on numerous other General Plan implementation tasks that are still waiting to be done.*

***Most importantly, not having moved forward with implementation of the General Plan was one of the most concerning areas for our planning process that was identified in the Citygate report. If we don't do this today, I fear we will fail in the effort we just committed to with improving RMA through Citygate's recommendations. This Board cannot afford to continue to debate the DES any longer.***

*It may not be perfect, but given that it was supposed to have been completed many years ago, I am in support of approving the package of materials before us today and I am ready to move approval to adopt the ordinance, resolution and certify the addendum to the General Plan Final EIR as laid out in the agenda materials and staff report at the appropriate time.*