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Dear Selection Committee,

The San Diego Tourism Authority (SDTA) is proud to support the efforts of the Gay Games San Diego 2026 Task Force to host this spectacular event in America's Finest City.

San Diego boasts a near-perfect climate that can accommodate events of all sizes year-round. San Diego also has a well-built, tourist-friendly infrastructure, including a centrally located International Airport (SAN) and 550 hotels with over 61,000 rooms. In addition, we are blessed to have 70-miles of coastline and such world-renowned attractions as the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld San Diego and LEGOLAND California.

Over the last five decades, San Diego has developed a diverse and rich sports portfolio, hosting the X-Games, the U.S. Open (golf), the Breeders' Cup (horse racing), the America's Cup (sailing), three Super Bowls, the World Series, and MLB All-Star Game. In addition, the MLB selected Petco Park as one of the sites for this year's American League playoffs.

San Diego is also no stranger to hosting multiple-venue, Olympic-style events as we have held the annual California State Games and United States Police & Fire Championships. In addition, we were recently awarded the 2022 Transplant Games of America.

The athletes and guests of the Gay Games will feel welcome in San Diego because the LGBTQ+ community has long been an important part of the fabric of our city. While San Diego hosts one of the largest Pride festivals in America, the LGBTQ+ community is celebrated and represented year-round. In fact, San Diego has one of the largest delegations of LGBTQ+ elected officials in the state. The centrally located neighborhood of Hillcrest, which hosts much of the Pride celebrations, is brimming with gay nightlife as well as queer-owned and friendly businesses.

We stand ready to serve as a supporter of the local organizing committee and to coordinate the many stakeholders committed to ensuring a successful event in San Diego.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Coker".

Julie Coker
President & CEO
San Diego Tourism Authority

