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Dear Jerry:

On behalf of Evans Hotels, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support of San Diego's bid to host the 2026 Gay Games. Evans Hotels owns and operates some of San Diego's premier resorts, including The Lodge at Torrey Pines on the Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla as well as the Bahia Resort Hotel and Catamaran Resort Hotel & Spa on Mission Bay.

San Diego is the ideal location to host this event. Of course, San Diego is known for our perfect year-round weather as well as the enormous variety of outdoor activities, attractions, and cultural institutions that appeal to all who visit and make our region a renowned vacation and meeting destination. But what really sets San Diego apart is its embrace of the value and positive impact of our region's diversity for our economy and quality of life. As one of the nation's most diverse cities in terms of race, ethnicity, and language, our region is not only multicultural, but welcoming of all communities. Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than with the LGBTQ+ community given San Diego's long history of electing LGBTQ+ officials to all levels of government, the position of Pride as San Diego's largest civic event, and the myriad of openly LGBTQ+ individuals serving in all aspects of our region, including business, nonprofit, arts, education, military, and public service sectors.

As not only a long-time San Diegan, but an active member of the LGBTQ+ community, I am thrilled to join Evans Hotels in offering the San Diego Gay Games Task Force our strongest support in your quest to secure the 2026 Gay Games for San Diego.

Evans Hotels and I stand ready to provide any assistance we can provide now or in the future, so please never hesitate to call on me.

With hope and best wishes,

Robert H. Gleason
President and Chief Executive Officer