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Downtown San Jose BART Station

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members,

The Horace Mann Neighborhood Association urges you to vote for the West option for the San Jose downtown BART station.

HMNA was founded in November, 1995. We have worked long and hard to make our neighborhood inviting, safe and strong.

We have done many events to support the three schools on Santa Clara Street and have done many activities with students from San Jose State University.

We have been very involved with the businesses in our neighborhood and want them to continue to flourish and provide us with the essentials we need. We have had great support and help from Grocery Outlet and Lee's Sandwiches who always are there when we need food and donations.

Please be aware of the fact that our neighborhood, and all of downtown, really, without Grocery Outlet, is in danger of becoming a "food desert". Grocery Outlet offers real food at a good price for students and many of our lower-income local neighbors. These two businesses are very community involved and often help out our neighborhood schools as well as HMNA.

We have been supported by the neighborhood churches, First Methodist on Santa Clara St. where we had meetings and activities for years. St. Patrick's (now Our Lady of LaVange), Grace Baptist on San Fernando and 10th and First Christian Church on S. Fifth St.

Locating the BART station on the East location would impact these schools, destroy the businesses and make our neighborhood unstable for many years and it will never be the same.

The West Option for the BART station is in downtown where people can go to the many new offices and restaurants, and businesses located there. West is definitely downtown and much more appropriate.

HMNA urges you to recommend the West option for the BART station.

Thanks so much.

Horace Mann Neighborhood Board