



To:

5/18/21

San Jose City Council

I am writing this letter in offer of my support for the Downtown West Development.

My business called Poor House Bistro is located at 91 S. Autumn Street and has been in operation at this location for over 16 years. Due to the sale of the property by my family, it was understood that the business and house would eventually have to be relocated to make way for the future development. I approached Google with the idea of moving the house to another location in order to keep the business in operation and preserve the historic Victorian house. They were very receptive and are helping in the efforts with the move and the building of a new foundation located in "Little Italy" San Jose. In addition, Google is exploring the idea of letting the Poor House Bistro use the existing property at 91 S. Autumn Street for food and beverage service with a Food Truck, temporarily, until the house is ready for operation at 317 W. St. John Street in "Little Italy."

I feel that the Downtown West Development will definitely increase the amount of foot traffic around the Diridon Train Station and SAP Center. More people walking about the area would be great for existing, small and new local businesses. Downtown needs to grow and this Downtown West Development is the answer to making San Jose a strong and vibrant city where people can work and play in the location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jay Meduri

President

Poor House Bistro, Inc

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May 24, 2021

San Jose City Council  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA  
*Via email*

RE: Diridon Station Area Plan

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to express concern over the distinct differences between the standards, guidelines and overall quality of the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Plan) and those of the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP). As stated in the attached letter from our organizations, we are in support of the Google Plan. Google has been responsive to many of our suggestions and requests regarding riparian setbacks, protecting and enhancing nature and habitat along the creeks, and embracing a California native plant palette that includes locally native trees such as oaks and sycamores. Downtown West has been designed to stay consistent with policies and guidelines around Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River, and to allow people to enjoy nature along the creeks. However, the same is not true of the DSAP. While we applaud the City's commitment to infill development as a strategy to meet climate goals and conserve important landscapes, the DSAP simply does not provide the same level of benefits and protections for the community and the environment in the downtown area that the Downtown West Google Plan affords.

We ask that the City work with the community to adjust the environmental and development standards to include minimum creek setbacks, building setbacks, improve lighting and bird safety requirements and guidelines, and provide adequate parks and open space that are needed to create the thriving and healthy community that the City and its residents strive for.

Sincerely,

Alice Kaufman, Legislative Advocacy Director  
Green Foothills

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Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate  
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

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Dave Poeschel, Open Space Committee Chair  
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Linda Ruthruff, Conservation Chair  
California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter



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LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER



Santa Clara Valley Chapter  
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

May 17, 2021

To: Mayor Liccardo and members of the San Jose City Council

Re: Support for Item 10.2 on the May 25 Agenda: Google Downtown West Plan

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, the California Native Plant Society Santa Clara Valley Chapter and Green Foothills write in support of the Google Downtown West Plan and its associated Development Agreement between Google and the City of San Jose.

For decades, our organizations have advocated for the preservation of the open landscapes of Santa Clara County and our native flora and fauna. At the same time, we promoted good urban planning that focuses density in the urban core, prevents displacement, protects riparian ecosystems, integrates native trees and shrubs into urban design, and promotes sustainability. More recently, we have been advocating for climate action and resilience, adaptation to sea level rise, and transit-focused mixed-use development. Google's Downtown West Plan accomplishes many of these elements. We are pleased to see the long-term vision of incorporating nature into the public urban environment and the building of a vibrant, walkable, planned community coming to life in the City of San Jose.

The Google team reached out to our groups early in the design process and has been responsive to many of our suggestions and requests regarding riparian setbacks, protecting and enhancing nature and habitat along the creeks, and embracing a California native plant palette that includes locally native trees such as oaks and sycamores. Downtown West has been designed to stay consistent with policies and guidelines around Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River, and to allow people to enjoy nature along the creeks. Our suggestions for bird safety measures, avoiding light pollution and minimizing the impacts of artificial light at night were incorporated into the plan.

The project is a downtown-focused and transit-focused mixed-use development — the right thing for San José, as the creation of jobs and housing downtown contributes to climate action and resilience, and allows for the protection of open space, as in Coyote Valley.

Respectfully,

David W. Poeschel  
Open Space Committee Chair  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Matthew Dodder  
Executive Director  
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Linda Ruthruff  
Conservation Chair  
California Native Plant Society  
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Cc: James Eggers  
Executive Director  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

**Taber, Toni**

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**From:** Hill, Shannon  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 7:57 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Cc:** Han, James; Keyon, David; Tu, John; Downtown West Project; Manford, Robert  
**Subject:** FW: Input on Item 10.2 (Downtown West) of the 5/25 Council Agenda

Please refer to the correspondence below sent for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project): Item 10.2 on the 5/25 Council Agenda.

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Planner, Environmental Review  
Planning, Building & Code Enforcement  
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Hello,

I feel passionately about the approval of Downtown West in order to facilitate new housing in a well-designed space, to promote the urbanization of the Bay's largest city, and to foster the right conditions for a thriving and expanding public transit system. Do support public transit and don't increase parking. Please approve for these and the below-listed reasons!

Dear City Council,

I urge you to approve Downtown West and its Development Agreement to create a transformational, vibrant, transit-oriented neighborhood at Diridon Station. Below are some reasons why this project should be approved along with a few small improvements I'd ask you to consider.

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Small Improvements:

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While I'm excited to see this project approved, I hope these small suggestions are considered. I look forward to seeing Downtown West becoming a transformed new neighborhood that centers San Jose.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,  
Andrew

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**From:** Hill, Shannon  
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**To:** Agendadesk  
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Sincerely,

Dr Méline Joaris  
Vendome neighborhood

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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 8:25 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: Support for 10.2: 21-1186 - Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan  
**Attachments:** 2021 Downtown West Plan.pdf

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Please see the letter of support from the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy for the May 25 City Council Agenda 10.2: 21-1186 - Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan.

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**Jason Su**  
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March 22, 2021

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

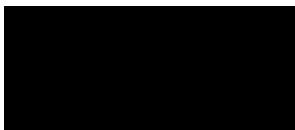
The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy (GRPC) is the City's non-profit partner providing community leadership for the active use and development of the Guadalupe River Park. We believe in and pursue the vision for the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens as identified in the San Jose Envision 2040 General Plan, Guadalupe River Park Master Plan, and Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan. It is with this lens that GRPC offers their support of the staff recommendations Google's Downtown West Project.

There are many key elements of the Project that align with the goals and values of GRPC. We particularly commend the investments in social equity, affordable housing, urban density and mixed-use neighborhoods, increase in urban tree canopy, new parks and public spaces, and highlighting the Los Gatos Creek. The Social Infrastructure Plan is also remarkable and needs to be part of standard consideration of all planning and civic development initiatives in our city.

As the Project progresses through the next phases of development, we look forward to engagement with the Google development team to continue to prioritize thriving ecosystems, stewardship of nearby public resources, fostering public life, and reinforcing connections between the Project and the community.

The Downtown West Mixed Use Project is sited adjacent to San Jose's major transit station, touches two waterways, and extends downtown westward. This Project is an opportunity to realize many city and community priorities, and be a standard in design, development, and public life. We support the Downtown West Project and encourage City Council's approval.

Regards,



Jason Su  
Executive Director  
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy



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**From:** Hill, Shannon  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 8:57 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Cc:** Downtown West Project  
**Subject:** FW: Input on Item 10.2 (Downtown West) of the 5/25 Council Agenda

Shannon Hill  
Planner, Environmental Review  
Planning, Building & Code Enforcement  
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**From:** Gavin Lohry <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2021 2:07 AM  
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**Subject:** Input on Item 10.2 (Downtown West) of the 5/25 Council Agenda

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Dear City Council,

I urge you to approve Downtown West and its Development Agreement to create a transformational, vibrant, transit-oriented neighborhood at Diridon Station. Below are some reasons why this project should be approved along with a few small improvements I'd ask you to consider.

Why Approve:

1. Vibrant, Mixed-use Neighborhood. The neighborhood has an excellent mix of homes, offices, commercial, & public space. With activated ground floors & an extensive network of public open spaces, I'm excited to spend time in this fun, engaging place. Google is looking beyond its own site to integrate with the surrounding area while increasing walkability through access to the Los Gatos Creek & Guadalupe River trails. Downtown West includes pedestrian-first blocks, bike lanes & trails which will slow down cars & create a safe space for pedestrians & cyclists. With Google's emphasis on celebrating art, local culture, & river activities weaving through Downtown West, it could serve as an international example of placemaking.
2. A Large Number of Jobs & Homes. Downtown West looks to provide 4,000 homes (1,000 of them affordable), over 25,000 jobs, & 500,000 sq ft of ground floor uses. This is the density suitable for this area and needed in our city.
3. Community Outreach and Fund. The Downtown West team has engaged in an extensive, often outside-the-box effort to reach out to the community & solicit ideas, while the pioneering \$154.8 million Community Stabilization & Opportunity Fund will support prosperity & equity in our community as the Diridon Station Area transitions.

Small Improvements:

1. Don't Increase Parking. 7,000 parking spaces is more than enough for the Sharks and this neighborhood. In fact, I think there should be less parking next to a walkable area surrounding the highest number of public transit options in the Bay Area.
2. Increase the Heights for Affordable Housing Sites. I'm concerned about the City's ability to build 800 affordable homes on 2.96 acres at the current mid-rise building heights. Based on dozens of projects Catalyze SV has reviewed in Silicon Valley, I encourage the City to increase building heights of parcels H1, H5, & H6 to 290 feet.
3. Community Benefit Funds for Transit Passes. I would like to see transit passes for contractors, service workers, & low-income residents. I hope to see the City explore purchasing VTA and/or Caltrain transit passes for low-income workers & residents from the \$22.3 million in the unallocated Community Benefits commitment.

While I'm excited to see this project approved, I hope these small suggestions are considered. I look forward to seeing Downtown West becoming a transformed new neighborhood that centers San Jose.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Gavin Lohry

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**From:** City Clerk  
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**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: We support Downtown West Project

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**From:** Joan Bucher <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 10:31 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** We support Downtown West Project

[External Email]

My husband and I own a home at 154 Sunol St, San Jose, CA 95126. We completely support the Diridon Downtown Project.

We chose to live in downtown San Jose in order to live in walking and biking distance to stores, restaurants and local businesses. After moving here, we were able to get rid of one of our cars and now are a one car household instead of two car household. I biked to work in Mountain View for over four years and used the CalTrain when cycling was not an option. We appreciate the improvements to downtown San Jose since moving here but San Jose still has a long way to go before becoming a quality city that would rival other large US cities. This project is a step in the right direction.

We must not water down the plan by adding more parking and street space for cars. Make this a true community by getting people out of their cars and using other methods of transportation.

In addition, as a community, we also must fully support the Google plans and welcome them to the community. Google has proven to be an excellent corporate citizen to the communities where they are based. (Much better than Adobe).

Thank you,  
Joan Ellison (Symonds) & Julian Symonds

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**From:** City Clerk  
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**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: Item #10.2 Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan

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**From:** Mary Helen Doherty <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 11:46 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo  
<[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item #10.2 Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As a member of the PACT Housing Team I **request your vote of approval** for the Development Agreement of the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan. Over the past 4 years we have been actively engaged with community partners regarding this development advocating for it to address the lack of affordable housing, displacement of vulnerable residents, the need for community benefits and to consider that it's impact extends beyond the Diridon Station area.

We strongly support the over \$150 million included by Google in the "Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund" that will be grounded in racial justice and governed by grassroots leaders. Community members, particularly those from communities of color, will have the authority to direct tens of millions to prevent displacement and create economic opportunity for local residents. This governance model sets a new standard and we recommend it be utilized in future development projects.

Your VOTE of APPROVAL will be deeply appreciated.

Mary Helen Doherty  
PACT Housing Team  
District 3 Resident

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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 2:08 PM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: Downtown West support letter  
**Attachments:** Downtown West CC Comments PACSJ Final.pdf

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**From:** Ben Leech <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 1:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Downtown West support letter

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Please find the attached letter of support for tomorrow's City Council Agenda Item #10.2 for incorporation into the public record. Thank you.

Ben Leech  
Executive Director  
Preservation Action Council of San Jose

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May 24, 2021

VIA EMAIL [REDACTED]

San José City Council  
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**RE: DOWNTOWN WEST (GOOGLE) DRAFT EIR FIRST AMENDMENT  
GP19-009, PDC19-039, PD19-029**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Esteemed Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Google's revised Downtown West Mixed Use Plan and the project's Draft EIR First Amendment. PAC\* SJ would like to commend both the Google project team and Planning Division staff for their comprehensive and constructive responses to PAC\* SJ's concerns about project's potential impacts to historic resources within and adjacent to the project site. As outlined in Section 1.2.2 (pp. 1-4 through 1-6) of the First Amendment, Google has made significant positive changes to their proposed scope of work since the release of the first Draft EIR, including new commitments to preserve and rehabilitate numerous historic resources originally proposed for demolition. These and other welcome changes are a direct result of Google's commitment to robust, good-faith engagement with PAC\* SJ and other community stakeholders and a testament to the benefits of open dialogue and collaboration. PAC\* SJ looks forward to continued collaboration with the City and the Google project team to implement this ambitious and exciting preservation effort.

While not all of PAC\* SJ's comments and recommendations have been incorporated into the revised Downtown West project, we are generally satisfied that our input was given fair consideration and helped contribute to an improved overall plan that better meets the project's stated objectives to *"incorporate high-quality urban design, architecture, and open spaces with varied form, scale, and design character to enliven San José's downtown"* and to *"preserve and adapt landmark historic resources and assets where feasible to foster a place authentic to San José, and foster contemporary relations to San José's history."*

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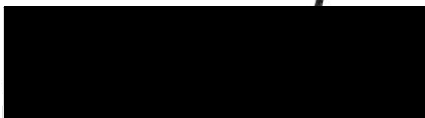


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We recognize that a strong commitment to historic preservation represents just one of many public interests served by a project of this magnitude, and that Google's equally commendable commitments to affordable housing, open space, and other community benefits have played a significant role in shaping the historic preservation scope of the Downtown West plan as proposed. In this light, PAC\* SJ remains committed to advocating for the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic resources within and adjacent to the project area in the event that the Downtown West plan is altered or amended in the future. While we commend Google for their substantial investment in preserving and reactivating numerous historic resources within the Downtown West plan area, we would also be remiss not to acknowledge the threatened loss of other important sites and structures, including but not limited to the National Register-eligible Democracy Hall (580 Lorraine Avenue) and the HRI-listed Patty's Inn (102 S. Montgomery St.). As development plans for these parcels are further refined, we encourage Google and the City of San José to revisit the adaptive reuse and/or relocation potential of these resources. We will also continue to advocate for an appropriate adaptive reuse strategy for significant elements of the National Register-eligible Sunlite Baking Company Building (145 S. Montgomery Street) within the project area.

**In summary, PAC\* SJ supports the revised project as presented and encourages its approval by City Council.** We thank the Google project team for their sincere engagement with PAC\* SJ and other community stakeholders and for their commitment to incorporating historic resources into their vision for Downtown West.

Sincerely,



Ben Leech  
Executive Director  
Preservation Action Council of San Jose



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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 2:09 PM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: 5/25 re 10.2  
**Attachments:** FINAL 10.2.pdf

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**Subject:** 5/25 re 10.2

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Hello,

See the attached letter.

Go Spartans,

Jennifer Malutta  
Director of Local & State Government Relations  
Office of the President  
San Jose State University

c: [REDACTED]  
e: [REDACTED]  
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May 24, 2021

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Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council  
City of San Jose  
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Re: Item 10.2 on the 5/26/21 Agenda

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As the most transformative university in the nation, San José State University is committed to being an essential partner in the economic, cultural and social development of San José and California. We provide a comprehensive university education, granting bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in 250 areas of study. Because SJSU has more than 36,000 students, nearly 4,300 employees, and occupies 19 acres in the heart of downtown, the future of San José is important to current and future Spartans. That is why we support Item 10.2 on the 5/26/21 Agenda.

The economic power and impact of a major development such as Downtown West is an important opportunity and milestone for the future of downtown San José. We appreciate the shared vision for focusing on building community and aiding in economic recovery for all. The Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund will increase access to higher education for first-generation students, thereby transforming their lives. Google has been a strong partner to the College of Engineering and many others on campus. We look forward to growing that partnership in the years to come.

SJSU supports Google and the City of San José's efforts in transforming the west side of downtown and the Diridon Station area. San José State University is committed to being a key partner to the city and contributor to the future of downtown San José. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
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Charlie Faas

VP / CFO Administration & Finance

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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 2:59 PM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: Downtown West Support Petition  
**Attachments:** Downtown West Petition Signers 5.24.2021.xlsx

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**From:** Corey Smith <[REDACTED]>  
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Amanda Montez <[REDACTED]> Matt Regan <[REDACTED]> Nathan Ulsh  
<[REDACTED]> Kelsey <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Downtown West Support Petition

[External Email]

Hello all,

I've attached an updated petition, now up to nearly 300 signers with the significant majority being San Jose residents.

Please let me know if you have any questions,  
Corey

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 10:42 AM Corey Smith <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Mayor Liccardo and members of the San Jose City Council,

On behalf of the Housing Action Coalition, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the Bay Area Council, South Bay YIMBY and the San Jose Downtown Association, please see the attached document with [petition signers in support of the Downtown West Proposal](#).

Please note that 78% of the signers indicated they are San Jose residents, reflecting the strong support among residents.

I've also attached the Housing Action Coalition's Letter of Support. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,  
Corey Smith  
Deputy Director, HAC

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**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 8:10 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Cc:** Phan, Johnny; Hughey, Rosalynn; Keyon, David  
**Subject:** Attorney-Client Communication: Downtown West - Required Minutes Posting

**Importance:** High

Hello,

Thanks for your response. The two study sessions that are raising this question are summarized in the table below. The project is the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project) to go before City Council this Wednesday (5/25).

Meeting Date	Body	Meeting Purpose	Additional information available from City?
November 16, 2020	City Council	Study session to familiarize City Council with the project	• Minutes
March 25, 2021	City Council	Study session for the City Council on project utilities and infrastructure	• Minutes

If minutes are pending for these two sessions, they need to be posted by Wednesday (5/26) or Thursday (5/27) at the latest to meet legislative requirements associated with the Project.

Thanks for your assistance in meeting these requirements. If you have follow-up questions about these requirements, please contact Johnny Phan.

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**From:** Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2021 4:15 PM  
**To:** Hill, Shannon <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Question about Minutes Posting

Hi Shannon,

The answer would be yes. No synopsis is provided, but minutes are eventually provided. (It can take awhile)

Regards,

**Agenda Desk**

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**To:** Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: Question about Minutes Posting

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**From:** Hill, Shannon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Question about Minutes Posting

Hello,

For City Council, are minutes typically provided for Study Sessions where no action is taken?

Thanks!

Shannon Hill  
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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: Diridon Station/Google Downtown West Project

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**From:** Vivian Kramp <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 2021 3:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Diridon Station/Google Downtown West Project

[External Email]

I read that the Council will be meeting on Tuesday about the Google project.

My main concern is the historic Diridon Station building. Google has not said what will be done with it. I want to see it preserved and restored just the way it is. It is a beautiful piece of our history and must not be remodeled in any way.

Please make sure that Google doesn't alter this building.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Vivian Kramp

[REDACTED]  
San Jose CA 95121

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**From:** City Clerk  
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**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: Enthusiastic Support for the Downtown West Project!

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**From:** Marie Burns <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 2021 2:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo  
<[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Enthusiastic Support for the Downtown West Project!

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Dear City Council,

I am a resident of District 6 and I am writing with excitement to encourage the City Council to approve the Downtown West Project. This project is a unique opportunity to transform San Jose into a more liveable and enjoyable city for those who will reside within the project area and citizens who visit or pass through. San Jose has incredible culture and this project will help make it more accessible to all.

I also encourage the city to not change the plan to increase parking or street space for cars. Having visited many amazing cities around the country and the world, my experiences have been those cities with the most vibrant culture, thriving small businesses, welcoming communities, and easiest transportation have been those that are more pedestrian friendly with safe places to walk, and multiple modes of public transportation. Parking lots and street parking take up space that could be used for recreation, pedestrians, event spaces, and businesses. In order to meet San Jose's mode shift goals, we need to make sure the plan prioritizes public transportation, safe bike infrastructure, and safe places for pedestrian traffic.

Throughout my life I have lived in places where I could walk or bike to work, but also places where commuting by car was necessary (most recently in San Jose). My quality of life was much improved when I was able to walk or bike to work. I recognize that many people will not change how they commute for various reasons (finding housing close to work is often not feasible for most people). But there are many people, like me, who would prefer other modes of transportation besides single-occupancy cars. This project would increase the availability and quality of options for

transportation. This is not only good for quality of life and providing more affordable and efficient transportation options, but also helps to address climate change and improve air quality.

To sum up, this project creates the future San Jose that I want to live in.

Thank you for supporting this project and for your service to the community,

Marie Burns  
Southwest Expy.

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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 11:56 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fw: Letter for Google's Downtown West Development Agreement  
**Attachments:** LUNA\_DowntownWestLETTER.docx

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**Cc:** Jeffrey Buchanan <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Letter for Google's Downtown West Development Agreement

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo and members of the City Council,

Please find attached a letter from our team regarding Google's Downtown West Development Agreement (item 10.2).

Best,

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## LATINOS UNITED FOR A NEW AMERICA

1692 Story Rd., Suite 225 San José, CA 95122

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council  
City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Item 10.2, Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

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This comes in addition to commitments by Google creating a path for thousands of workers to good family-supporting union jobs building and running their proposed Downtown West campus and supporting thousands of affordable homes for San José families between the project and Google's existing Affordable Housing Fund to help offset tech's role in our housing crisis.

This agreement is the result of four years of organizing. It happened because residents came out to town hall meetings back in 2017 and shared their hopes and needs, signed onto our community vision for the project, marched with us through downtown and at Google's headquarters, emailed City leaders and testified at City Council meetings, and so much more. Together, we made clear that the project must not destabilize our communities.

Google's team and City leaders listened. They've worked with our coalition of housing advocates, community organizations, and labor groups to find solutions to the community's greatest concerns and to jointly design this grassroots-governed community fund to tackle the root causes of our displacement crisis and to give the most impacted power over decisions. We collaborated to devise a process to review community benefit funds across the country, to consider best practices, to work with community members to reflect on a governance model that would intentionally address a history of racial, economic and political inequality.

The process of working together, community leaders together with Google and City staff to address the impacts of development on our communities is one that the City and other developers should seek to emulate, ensuring that as the City considers financially valuable land use changes, we develop the necessary processes to capture more of this value for the public to address potential impacts on neighborhoods experiencing the greatest pressures of displacement.

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Regards,



Mayra Pelagio  
Executive Director,  
Latinos United for a New America (LUNA)

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**Subject:** Fw: Support for Downtown West Agreement  
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**Subject:** Support for Downtown West Agreement

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Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Maria Maldonado, Fight for \$15 Northern California Field Coordinator, in support of Item 10.2 Downtown West development agreement.

Sincerely,  
Kaela Sanborn-Hum

*Community Organizer*  
*Fight for \$15*  
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Maria Maldonado

Field Coordinator

Fight for \$15 – Northern California



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<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 10.2 - Downtown West Mixed Use Plan

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Councilmembers:

Please see the attached letter from the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley in support of the Downtown West Mixed Use Plan because of the Community Stabilization Fund.

Sincerely,

**Nadia Aziz | Directing Attorney | Housing**  
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**Subject:** Item 8.2: Rent Increase Moratorium

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and City Councilmembers,

Please see attached for a letter of support from the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley for extending the City's moratorium on rent increases for tenants of rent-controlled apartments and mobilehome residents who have been financially impacted by COVID-19. We thank Councilmember Esparza for her leadership on this issue, and appreciate Councilmember Foley's work in engaging mobilehome residents and park owners to craft a policy that will ensure these protections apply to mobilehomes in a workable manner.

Thank you for your time and attention to these comments.

Best regards,

**Michael Trujillo | Staff Attorney | Housing**

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Mayor Sam Liccardo and San Jose City Council  
City of San Jose  
*Via e-mail*

**RE: Item 10.2 – SUPPORT - Downtown West Mixed Use Plan in San Jose, CA**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley writes in strong support of the Downtown West Mixed Used Plan, specifically because of the Community Stabilization Fund as part of Development Agreement between the City of San Jose and Google. Since Google made its announcement to move to San Jose, the Law Foundation, standing alongside other community organizations and partners, advocated for strong community benefit to prevent displacement and ensure that all San Joseans benefit from the opportunity the impactful Downtown West project. We are proud to be a part of a coalition that for years has worked with the City and Google to develop the Community Stabilization Fund. We urge the City Council to support this groundbreaking fund as part of the Development Agreement.

The Community Stabilization Fund provides needed resources and added stability to those most at-risk of displacement from the massive Downtown West project, specifically Latinx and AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) communities in East San Jose and Downtown San Jose. The Fund sets aside dollars to prevent displacement, as well as to support economic opportunity for all people in San Jose. We are especially proud that the Fund will be governed by community members, including those with lived experience from East San Jose and Downtown. This ensures that race equity will be central to how the Fund is managed. This Fund is a model for future development agreements. It should inspire companies to reconsider their social responsibility programs to prioritize anti-displacement measures that support communities of color's abilities to continue to live and thrive in Silicon Valley.

We urge you to pass Downtown West Plan and Community Stabilization Fund.

Sincerely,

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Nadia Aziz  
Directing Attorney