

**Fw: SAP Center, SSE & Downtown West project**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 4/27/2021 8:06 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Laurel W <laurel.warkent[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 11:12 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

&lt;[REDACTED]&gt; District3 &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

**Subject:** SAP Center, SSE & Downtown West project

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo, District 3 Councilmember Raul Peralez & the San Jose City Clerk,

The Sharks Sports & Entertainment organization (SSE), informed Sharks fans this week that their requested modifications to the Downtown West (Google) project have not been incorporated into current project plans. SSE has been working together with the City over the past few years to find common ground on the project, in order to account for construction and provide adequate access and parking for Sharks fans.

Google's environmental report on the potential impact of the Downtown West project acknowledges that it could increase daily automobile trips to and from the Diridon area by at least seven times (from 19,200 to 136,600 daily trips). Yet, the proposed project would significantly reduce the capacity of the street network, leading to gridlock. The cumulative effect of multiple large construction projects (including Google, BART, Caltrain and potentially high-speed rail) will result in many years of construction around SAP Center, with no cohesive plan to mitigate the impact and accessibility issues for fans that must drive to Sharks games. For many fans in the Bay Area, current public transit options are limited.

The San Jose Sharks is a distinctive San Jose brand. It brings national recognition to the City, elicits pride from residents and generates a great deal of revenue in areas surrounding the arena, such as San Pedro Market and other local restaurants and hotels. Without a cohesive plan to account for years of

construction, road closures and limited access to parking, I fear that SAP attendance will greatly diminish and we run the risk of SSE moving the franchise out of San Jose.

I understand that the final approval phase of the project goes before the San Jose Planning Commission on April 28th and then to the City Council on May 25th. As a loyal Sharks fan, I urge you to please consider SSE's project revisions to the Downtown West project, in order to protect the future of SAP Center and the San Jose Sharks.

Sincerely,  
Laurel Warkentin  
Concerned Bay Area resident and loyal Sharks fan

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**Fw: Protect SAP Center at San Jose**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/27/2021 8:08 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** lilgbear1 <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 8:40 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Protect SAP Center at San Jose

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Let's move the Sharks to a new home in Oakland!

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**From:** Russell Scott <russell.scott@[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 8:19 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Protect SAP Center at San Jose

[External Email]

SJ City Government,

Please think about the bigger picture.

The people of San Jose should be first. Goggle see's San Jose as a stepping stone on their path.

SAP Center needs to stay and be a priority.

R.Scott

West SJ

Sent from my iPhone

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**Fw: Protect SAP Center at San Jose**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 4/27/2021 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Richard Peterson <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 5:02 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Protect SAP Center at San Jose

[External Email]

I wish to register my concern that the Google develop may have a severe negative effect on operations of SAP center. As a long time visiter to SAP and with a spouse of a long time downtown business, I know how vital visitors are to the downtown area. Steps must be taken to allow access and parking for SAP in order to foster continued support for the business community and SAP.

Sincerely,  
RK Peterson

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Tue 4/27/2021 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Scott Wendler <s.wendler@att.net>**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 5:02 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Protect SAP Center at San Jose

[External Email]

Dear San Jose City Clerk,

Having read the agreements between the city and Google, as well as the agreements between the city and the Sharks, I have grave concerns about the San Jose Sharks and the Arena's long term viability. As a long time resident, and one who has worked downtown over 20 years, I understand downtown San Jose would be a shell of what it is without the Sharks. I'm all for the Google development, as long as it doesn't infringe on the long established institutions, like the Sharks and the Arena. These institutions are major reasons downtown San Jose is so attractive to Google.

Regards,

Scott Wendler

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**Fw: Protect SAP Center at San Jose**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 4/27/2021 9:01 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Lisa Lee <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:57 AM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Protect SAP Center at San Jose

[External Email]

I am writing in regards to the newly proposed Google project.

I am very dismayed to hear and see that this project has progressed this far without actually addressing the MANY MANY MANY issues it will cause the residents that already populate the area.

Please reconsider the size and location of the project.

It is ridiculous to continue to put up large work buildings and assume an infrastructure will follow.suit.

STOP 🛑

The infrastructure needs to be in play well before hand.

This area has undergone tremendous growth in the span of 12 -15 years and no infrastrucrure has been put into play. It is a nightmare to navigate the area. The housing is not plentiful nor is it affordable.

Shoving another institution that has the means to build a COMPLETE INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE is what should be considered if not demanded by this body that oversees the area. How are you allowing it to happen otherwise? Stop being bullied and pushed around. Enough is enough. Half the building will no doubt remain empty with the changes we are seeing in the workplace. How is this at all forward thinking? Environmental sound? Good for the environment?

Just the worst idea of the day.

Concerned Citizen

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Tue 4/27/2021 8:10 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Stacy Ness <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 6:50 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Protect SAP Center at San Jose

[External Email]

Hello

As a San Jose resident I am very concerned about the development plans for Google. If the last year in lockdown taught this area anything it is the need for large venues to host events to allow the public to return to a state of normal. Allowing a tech giant like Google to bully the city into getting their way will negatively impact venues such as SAP. The majority of the population still drives cars and that is not going to go away anytime in the near future, especially with all the funding delays in public transportation. Do not allow Google to remove any downtown parking. I am already seeing a negative impact where I live on 11th street after the repaving project that removed several parking spaces on my street and now my driveway gets blocked by people parking 2 to a space previously allocated for 1 car. This problem is only going to get worse when Google moves downtown. There needs to be enough parking for SAP and Google. IF San Jose were to lose SAP center and the San Jose Sharks it would devastate the city. As a resident and tax payer of downtown San Jose I suggest in the deal with Google more parking garages be created that are multi use. Dont' let a large corporation with sexist practices win. Google is not a good neighbor or example for a business.

Best Regards  
Stacy

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**FW: I support the Downtown West Mixed Use project**

PlanningSupportStaff &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Thu 4/29/2021 1:22 PM

**To:** Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>**Cc:** Han, James <[REDACTED]> Tu, John <[REDACTED]> Severino, Lori

&lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

**Correspondence for City Council packet**

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**From:** Joan Bucher [mailto:[REDACTED]]**Sent:** Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:10 AM**To:** PlanningSupportStaff <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** I support the Downtown West Mixed Use project

[External Email]

I own a home close to the SAP Center in the St Leo neighborhood and enjoy attending Sharks games. My husband and I walk or ride our bikes everywhere including grocery shopping and errands. We also use CalTrain to go to Palo Alto and Mt View. We are against encouraging people to use their cars. We are FOR using trains, bikes and other modes of transportation. People will not change their habits until they are confronted with the need to change. That is how I changed from using a car. We sold one car last year due to lack of use and only have one car now.

Property values will increase and quality of life will improve with this plan.

In order to achieve the City's mode shift goals, we must put this kind of plan in place that provides choices other than single occupancy vehicles. This is especially true in an area next to what will be a world class transit center, a great bike trail and is urban.

- Too much parking and street space for cars means the City will be stuck in a car-centric mentality.
- Do not water down the plan with more parking and street space for cars. Put people first.

Joan Bucher Ellison (Symonds)

Julian Symonds

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**FW: Protect SAP Center at San Jose - Planning Commission Agenda 4-28-21 item 8.a**

PlanningSupportStaff <[redacted]>

Fri 4/30/2021 10:45 AM

To: Agendadesk <[redacted]>  
Cc: Severino, Lori <[redacted]> Tu, John <[redacted]> Han, James  
<[redacted]>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Consuelo Maria Mata [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:42 PM  
To: PlanningSupportStaff <[redacted]>  
Subject: Protect SAP Center at San Jose - Planning Commission Agenda 4-28-21 item 8.a

[External Email]

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been a very long active Hockey Fan for the San Jose Sharks @the SAP Center for 30+ Years

Please protect the SAP Center for the San Jose Sharks at San Jose.

Regards,  
Consuelo Maria Mata-Lopez  
Email: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/30/2021 1:38 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Severino, Lori <[REDACTED]> Tu, John <[REDACTED]> Han, James <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Leigh Ann Ryder <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 10:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Protect SAP Center at San Jose

[External Email]

I am a resident in district 5. I am concerned about Google driving how the area around the arena is used. I work near the 49 stadium and traffic and light rail delays (pre pandemic) were terrible every game due to not enough parking and streets not built to support that. Please don't restrict tank access like that and make attending events difficult

Regards  
Leigh Ann Ryder

iPhone. iTypos. iApologize.

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**FW: Support jobs and homes near transit - Planning Commission 2021-04-28 Agenda Items 8(a) and 8(b)**

PlanningSupportStaff &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Wed 5/5/2021 9:38 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Cc: Tu, John &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; Han, James &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; Severino, Lori

&lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Pat Blevins [mailto:[REDACTED]]**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:27 AM**To:** PlanningSupportStaff <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Support jobs and homes near transit - Planning Commission 2021-04-28 Agenda Items 8(a) and 8(b)

[External Email]

I don't know if its too late to offer an opinion about how the City can support both jobs and homes near transit, but if I may, I think this is the most positive choice.

By placing new homes, whether houses or rental units far from transit lines the City just increases our already intractable problem with traffic. Further, with no real traffic control offered by the police department, individuals drive recklessly and put people's lives in danger.

But if people could live near where they work or have easy access to clean, public transportation, car traffic would not worsen.

Thank you for considering this opinion after the Commission meeting was held.

Patricia Blevins

San Jose

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### FW: Downtown West & DSAP Amendment: Emails for 5/25 CC

Hill, Shannon <[REDACTED]>

Thu 5/6/2021 9:06 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Tu, John <[REDACTED]> Han, James <[REDACTED]> Severino, Lori <[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]> Downtown West Project <[REDACTED]> Ruano, Jose <[REDACTED]>

Hello,

Elizabeth Canales-Mora requested that I forward correspondence for the 5/25 City Council to this address. Please refer to the email below from Mary Cassel.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Shannon Hill  
Planner, Environmental Review  
Planning, Building & Code Enforcement  
City of San José | 200 East Santa Clara Street  
[REDACTED] | (408) 535 - 7872

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**From:** Hill, Shannon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** Canales-Mora, Elizabeth <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Downtown West Project <[REDACTED]> Keyon, David <[REDACTED]> Tu, John <[REDACTED]> Han, James <[REDACTED]> Ruano, Jose <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Downtown West & DSAP Amendment: Emails for CC

Hi Elizabeth,

Please include the email below in the package for the 5/25 City Council hearing.

Thanks!

Shannon Hill  
Planner, Environmental Review  
Planning, Building & Code Enforcement  
City of San José | 200 East Santa Clara Street  
[REDACTED] | (408) 535 - 7872

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**From:** mary cassel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 3:30 AM  
**To:** Hill, Shannon <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re:

[External Email]

I Hope this is safe!!!! Reg Dierdon planning : better put some parking towers in - cars Will come and our neighborhood streets are already overcrowded. Where would we park? We can't put up parking P towers !!!

On Wed, Apr 28, 2021, 6:34 PM Hill, Shannon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Mary,

Your email below has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration at tonight's Planning Commission meeting.

Best regards,

Shannon Hill  
Planner, Environmental Review  
Planning, Building & Code Enforcement  
City of San José | 200 East Santa Clara Street  
[REDACTED] | (408) 535 - 7872

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**From:** mary cassel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:21 PM  
**To:** Hill, Shannon <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:**

[External Email]

Name : Mary Cassel  
Concerned about changes proposed - open. Space and parks - dierdon

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**From:** Brian Carr <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:20 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Walesh, Kim <[REDACTED]> Klein, Nanci <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Community members should govern the Google community fund

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo, Councilmember Maya Esparza, Ms. Klein, and Ms. Walesh,

As a resident of District 7, I urge you to empower community members to decide how we spend community benefit funds from the San José Google project.

Our community has made clear that the Google project cannot destabilize our communities: it must include affordable homes, protection for tenants, and good jobs so that renters, low-wage workers, and people of color can stay here and thrive.

For Google's commitment to put millions of dollars into a San José Community Fund to be truly meaningful, our community must have real power over where this money goes. Specifically:

1. We need to ensure this fund is centered on addressing racial justice and the root causes of displacement and strengthening our communities of color, so we can all stay in our homes, work at good jobs, and pursue our dreams.

2. We need the governing board of this Fund to be made up of grassroots San Jose leaders from Black, Brown, Indigenous and Asian communities: individuals with firsthand experience living through, and

fighting against racial injustice and displacement.

3. Grassroots community leaders on the Fund's board must have decision-making power over strategic and annual plans and yearly budgets, and the authority to monitor and evaluate the project's impact.

Sincerely,

Brian Carr

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**From:** Bob Brownstein <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:57 PM

**To:** District3 <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Walesh, Kim <[REDACTED]> Klein, Nanci <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Community members should govern the Google community fund

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo, Councilmember Raul Peralez, Ms. Klein, and Ms. Walesh,

As a resident of District 3, I urge you to empower community members to decide how we spend community benefit funds from the San José Google project.

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Sincerely,

Bob Brownstein

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**From:** Matt Savage <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:46 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Walesh, Kim <[REDACTED]> Klein, Nanci <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** We need community members to be in charge of Google's community fund

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Ms. Klein, Ms. Walesh, and Councilmember Davis,

While the Google project will bring many benefits to our community, it should also include affordable homes, protection for tenants, and good jobs so that renters, low-wage workers, and people of color can stay here and thrive.

Our community needs real power over where this money goes for Google's commitment to San José to be truly meaningful, Specifically:

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Sincerely,

Matt Savage

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Fri 5/7/2021 9:02 AM

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**From:** Brian Wheatley <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 8:43 AM

**To:** District9 <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Walesh, Kim <[REDACTED]> Klein, Nanci <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Community members should govern the Google community fund

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo, Councilmember Pam Foley, Ms. Klein, and Ms. Walesh,

As a resident of District 9, I urge you to empower community members to decide how we spend community benefit funds from the San José Google project.

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Brian Wheatley

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**FW: New Google Center & SAP Center Parking [ ref:\_00D507IUG.\_5001T1VD13v:ref ]**

PlanningSupportStaff <[redacted]>

Fri 5/7/2021 9:05 AM

To: Agendadesk <[redacted]>

Cc: Tu, John <[redacted]> Han, James <[redacted]> Severino, Lori <[redacted]>

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**From:** District 6 [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:13 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** PlanningSupportStaff <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: New Google Center & SAP Center Parking [ ref:\_00D507IUG.\_5001T1VD13v:ref ]

[External Email]

Hi Roy,

Thanks for your support of the Downtown West Mixed Use plan for Google!

Best,  
Mary Anne Groen  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Councilmember Davis

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Roy Leonard [redacted]  
**Sent:** 4/27/2021 11:32 AM  
**To:** [redacted]; [redacted]  
**Subject:** New Google Center & SAP Center Parking

Hi

I strongly support the downtown west mixed use plan for Google, mixed use, homes and parks.

The SAP Center/Sharks request to preserve thousands of parking spaces is not a productive use of our spaces. Spectators and audience members have alternative methods of transportation to successfully and easily get to the SAP Center. Reducing the number of spaces will likely have no impact on their matches or shows, but utilizing those spaces in a more productive manner will have a huge impact to everyone else.

Regards

Roy Leonard  
CA 95125



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**From:** Barbara Ramos <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 10:23 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Walesh, Kim <[REDACTED]> Klein, Nanci <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Community members should govern the Google community fund

[External Email]

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Sincerely,

Barbara Ramos

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April 26, 2021

VIA EMAIL ([city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov))

City of San José  
Planning Commission



with Lardinois, Pierluigi Oliverio, and Deborah Torrens

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

Dear Chairperson Caballero and Esteemed Commissioners,

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.

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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We therefore support the revised project as presented and encourage its approval by the Planning Commission and City Council. We also look forward to continued collaboration with the Google project team, Planning Department, and other stakeholders to implement this ambitious and exciting preservation effort.

Sincerely,



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**Fw: Community members should govern the Google community fund**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Sun 5/9/2021 1:13 PM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** James Marshall [REDACTED]**Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 11:22 AM**To:** District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Welsh, Kim <Kim.Walsh@sanjoseca.gov>; Klein, Nanci <Nanci.Klein@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Community members should govern the Google community fund

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo, Councilmember Dev Davis, Ms. Klein, and Ms. Welsh,

As a resident of District 6, I urge you to empower community members to decide how we spend community benefit funds from the San José Google project.

Our community has made clear that the Google project cannot destabilize our communities: it must include affordable homes, protection for tenants, and good jobs so that renters, low-wage workers, and people of color can stay here and thrive.

For Google's commitment to put millions of dollars into a San José Community Fund to be truly meaningful, our community must have real power over where this money goes. Specifically:

1. We need to ensure this fund is centered on addressing racial justice and the root causes of displacement and strengthening our communities of color, so we can all stay in our homes, work at good jobs, and pursue our dreams.
2. We need the governing board of this Fund to be made up of grassroots San Jose leaders from Black, Brown, Indigenous and Asian communities: individuals with firsthand experience living through, and fighting against racial injustice and displacement.
3. Grassroots community leaders on the Fund's board must have decision-making power over strategic and annual plans and yearly budgets, and the authority to monitor and evaluate the project's impact.

Sincerely,

James Marshall

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**Fw: Google Downtown West Comment**

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**From:** Hunter Wills [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:26 PM  
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**Subject:** Google Downtown West Comment

[External Email]

Hi,

I am concerned about being able to safely and comfortably walk from the proposed Google campus to the other side of the train tracks. I propose that a pedestrian bridge is added over the train tracks from the north end of Google's proposed campus to Lenzen Avenue to better connect the two sides of the tracks.

Thanks!

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## Fw: Support for Downtown West, City Council 05/25, Agenda Item 10.2, 10.3

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Mon 5/17/2021 9:57 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Kevin Wang <kjw@leftsock.com>

**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 9:14 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

<[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support for Downtown West, City Council 05/25, Agenda Item 10.2, 10.3

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I support the Downtown West project, please approve 10.2 and 10.3!

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**Fw: Support for Downtown West, City Council 05/25, Agenda Item 10.2**

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Mon 5/17/2021 9:56 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Kristal C <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 7:52 AM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

&lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

**Subject:** Support for Downtown West, City Council 05/25, Agenda Item 10.2

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Good morning,

I support agenda item 10.2 Downtown West project. I am excited to see change in DTSJ for a world-class transit and bicycling in San Jose. It is long overdue. Traffic collisions on the rise and gasoline prices aren't going down. We need to provide affordable transit. Urban development will help that. I work in San Jose and bike a lot. Unfortunately, not everyone can do that. I want to see more people get on their bikes or walk or catch the bus. The weather is great and there are so many places to visit in DTSJ. I am excited to see the murals and support local businesses.

Thanks,

Kristal Caidoy

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&lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

**Subject:** Support for Downtown West, City Council 05/25, Agenda Item 10.2

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my **support for the Downtown West project**. This project does so much to enable the adoption of efficient transportation options like transit and bicycling, which make our city safer and greener.

I live in Garden Alameda and very much enjoy our walkable urban spaces. I am excited to see how much public use walkable and bikeable area Downtown West would bring to our community

As a San Josean and a cyclist, I respectfully urge the city to approve the downtown west project.

Thank you,

Ashok

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May 16, 2021

Via Email to: [REDACTED]

To: Mayor Sam Liccardo, City of San Jose, CA  
All City Councilmembers, City of San Jose

From: John & Lisa Kovaleski  
City of San Jose Residents and Community Advocates

Re: Letter of Support – Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

As long-time San Jose residents and enthusiastic supporters for a safe, clean, inclusive and vibrant downtown San Jose, we urge City of San Jose leadership to adopt the various resolutions and approve an ordinance re-zoning 80 acres allowing the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project) to proceed as proposed by Google and their dedicated/talented project team at the City Council meeting on Tuesday May 25, 2021.

After more than 3 years of thorough community outreach, listening and responding to community stakeholders and City of San Jose input regarding the collective vision of the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan, Google and their project consultants have created a truly world class mixed-use plan that will revitalize and expand San Jose’s downtown core over the next 10 years, just when our community needs it most. While the economic and social impacts of this project (creating both jobs and housing within a transit oriented district) will be significant to our community, including creating 5,700 prevailing wage construction jobs, up to 7.3 million square feet of office space, 4,000 new homes (25% of which are affordable), it’s the long-term community benefits, which makes the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan so compelling. With 500,000 square feet of active space (retail, cultural, arts and education space), 15 acres of public parks/open space included in the “publically accessible” project plan and finally, Google’s commitment to fund the \$150M Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund, rooted in social equity and community participation, which we’re most excited about.

The time is now for the Downtown West Mixed-Use plan to move forward. Please vote “Yes” on the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan on Tuesday May 25, 2021 and thank you for your leadership and hard work toward making the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan a reality.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

John Kovaleski  
(San Jose Resident)

[REDACTED]

Lisa Kovaleski  
(San Jose Resident)

May 25, 2021

Mayor and Members of the City Council  
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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, (SVBC), a nonprofit organization improving the community, economy and environment through the everyday use of the bicycle, I am writing to support the staff recommendation regarding the Downtown West Mixed Use Project.

As a member of the Station Area Advisory Group and a stakeholder in San Jose, SVBC has been closely following the redevelopment of the Diridon Area. SVBC is thrilled that the community, City, and Google have put together a plan that will help ensure that as the area redevelops, important city-wide needs will be addressed, and community assets will be bolstered.

As an organization, SVBC is focused on helping those who already ride or would like to ride for everyday use. We also understand that safe bike infrastructure alone is not nearly enough to encourage people to choose the bicycle. Housing, jobs, parks, densely built along with safe bike infrastructure will create the conditions under which people will be compelled to ride, walk, and take public transit. That's what this plan is about.

SVBC re-proved this lesson recently through the first ever [public opinion research](#) into Santa Clara County attitudes towards transportation. In partnership with the Mineta Transportation Institute the research showed clear differences between walking, biking and transit ridership within urban areas as opposed to suburban. In essence, if we are to create a transportation ecosystem that is resilient, affordable, sustainable, healthy and fun, meaning, walking, biking and public transit, we must build for that system in the ways outlined in this plan.

To do that we know that making biking infrastructure fantastic is not enough to change longstanding auto-centric habits. **That is why, at the same time, the City must constrain single occupancy driving.** People will default to driving unless bikes, transit, and walking are made awesome AND limits on single occupancy vehicles are put in place. This is baked into the City's General Plan in the form of mode shift goals that reduce SOVs to 40% and increase walking and biking to 15%. The prospect of this Plan offers one of the most significant opportunities to achieve those goals.

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It is also important to note that the Diridon Area and Downtown must be even more aggressive than the rest of the City in achieving these mode shift goals. Downtown must exceed these targets in order to carry those areas of the City where walking, biking, and public transit are less possible. Downtown is where high mode shift is realistic and this is where we must double down on all methods of reducing San Jose's car-centric, outdated, prehistoric thinking.

SVBC would also like to highlight the work of professional staff in the Department of Transportation. These committed public servants have worked thoughtfully with stakeholders to put appropriate transportation improvements in place. And while SVBC doesn't agree that the Plan needs as much parking and capacity for cars as is outlined, we also understand why the Plan is as it is. **That said, we want to emphasize that less parking and street space for cars, not more, is warranted given the reasoning outlined above.** Neighboring businesses ought to view their role as that of a City partner working to achieve the General Plan's vision, a vision where one is not required to own a car in order to achieve economic mobility.

Thank you to the City for working so hard to move this plan forward. We encourage the City Council's support.

Sincerely,



Shiloh Ballard  
Executive Director  
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

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# CATALYZE SV

Google representatives of Downtown West & City of San Jose officials,

Thank you to Google & City staff for continuing to engage Catalyze SV's Project Advocacy Committee. Thank you Google for enabling [our members to review your updated plans for for the Downtown West & the Development Agreement earlier this month](#). Congratulations to your team on the successful rollout.

Our members are excited to be involved in this game-changing project and look forward to spending time in the new neighborhood Google has proposed! Our members were impressed with the community benefits in the Development Agreement and additional improvements to the vibrancy and sustainability of the project.

Please find below the full, updated evaluation from [Catalyze SV's](#) Project Advocacy Committee. In it, we also offer a big-picture look back at Downtown West's groundbreaking promises & possibilities.

**1) Scorecard.** The project re-scored higher at 4.43 out of 5 (increased from 4.29 out of 5). Our members increased the project's score in the Community category. This is a meaningful improvement on an already high score.

**2) Letter.** We'd also like to reiterate our members' constructive comments on the updated proposal. For instance, we'd like to see building heights increased on the land dedicated for affordable housing and some of the \$22.3 million in unallocated Community Benefits Commitment used to provide transit passes for low-income workers and residents. We'd welcome re-scoring the project yet again if/as Google and/or the City make any future updates.

We look forward to seeing this project approved, hopefully with Catalyze SV's improvements incorporated!

In the coming days, we'll be adding the above scorecard & letter to [our website](#). Thank you very much for considering our members' views on this project and keeping us updated as it moves forward! Warmly - Alex

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Santa Clara Valley Chapter  
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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 on 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

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Conservation Chair  
California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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Legislative Advocacy Director  
Green Foothills

Cc: James Eggers  
Executive Director  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

**Fw: Support for Downtown West, City Council 05/25, Agenda Item 10.2**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 5/18/2021 9:14 AM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Mikhail Haurylau [REDACTED]**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 8:10 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Support for Downtown West, City Council 05/25, Agenda Item 10.2

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my **support for the Downtown West project**. This project does so much to enable the adoption of efficient transportation options like transit and bicycling, which make our city safer and greener.

I live 1-2 miles away from the project, and am a daily bike commuter through the Downtown West area. I find myself biking and walking around that area quite a bit as well. When i first moved to San Jose, i could not believe how backward and rundown the Montgomery/San Carlos area is, with car-oriented transportation and endless (and often abandoned) parking lots. I truly believe that Downtown West project, and street and affordable housing improvements can rejuvenate the area, and make it both safer and more habitable

As a San Josean and a cyclist, I respectfully urge the city to approve the downtown west project.

Thank you,

Mikhail Haurylau

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**Fw: Support for Google and Downtown West**

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**From:** Russell Hancock <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 3:49 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Support for Google and Downtown West

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

I'm writing on behalf of [Joint Venture Silicon Valley](#) to express support for the Downtown West development plans being forwarded by Google.

By way of background, Joint Venture is an organization convening our region's leaders to tackle the challenges facing Silicon Valley. Chief among those challenges are the pressing need to add to our housing stock, to provide that housing in strategic locations that leverage transit, and to do it in a way that creates vibrancy.

Google's proposals are impressive in every regard. They would:

- Provide 4,000 new homes
- 25 percent of those homes will be classified as "affordable"
- Those homes will be in proximity to Diridon Station, so that the residents can utilize BART, Caltrain and local buses
- Develop 15 acres of public parks and open space
- Add more than 2,000 trees to the landscape

In our view the proposal is sensitive to context and adding value not only to the City but to the region.

Moreover, Google is making \$150 million available to San Jose in a fund for community purposes, including stabilization measures, mitigations, and opportunity pathways for the City's residents.

The project will generate 5,700 or more construction jobs at the prevailing wage, and is targeting zero net new carbon emissions.

In our view the project is exemplary in every way, and Google has been thorough and conscientious in seeking input from the community. We also view the project as visionary, putting San Jose on the leading edge of urban planning and design. We're anxious to see it come to fruition.

Yours,

Russell Hancock  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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# FW: Input on Item 10.2 (Downtown West) of the 5/25 Council Agenda

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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,

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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,

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### Fw: Public comment on agenda item 10.2 at May 25 City Council meeting

City Clerk <[redacted]>

Thu 5/20/2021 8:32 AM

To: Agendadesk <[redacted]>

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**From:** Katrina Stevens <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 6:13 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[redacted] District1  
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Clerk <[redacted] District3 <[redacted]

**Subject:** Public comment on agenda item 10.2 at May 25 City Council meeting

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Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and members of the City Council,

I am writing to encourage the City Council to approve the proposed development agreement for Downtown West at next week’s meeting.

As president and CEO of The Tech Interactive, one of my highest priorities is to ensure that meaningful educational opportunities — the kind that spark imaginations and open doors to viable career paths — are available to all in our community. I am certain Google’s presence in downtown San Jose will help expand these kinds of opportunities.

Google has listened carefully to San Jose residents and as a result has a deep understanding of their needs. The company’s plan for a \$200 million community benefit fund demonstrates its expansive and modern view of corporate citizenship; this type of forward-looking public-private partnership is essential to the future of San Jose.

Too many young people in Silicon Valley graduate high school without the skills and mindsets needed to go to college and, ultimately, join the tech workforce that drives so much economic opportunity. This is

damaging, and not just to these students' individual prospects: The tech industry can't develop solutions that work for all without a diverse workforce. The Google community fund can help expand pathways to career success for our most under-served students while helping ensure Silicon Valley companies have the workers they need.

I also believe the Downtown West development will add vibrancy to our city while bringing new visitors to San Jose — and to The Tech Interactive. Over the long term, this will improve our financial viability and, in turn, support our mission to inspire the innovator in everyone.

Google's commitment to our community is not new. The company has a long history of partnering with us to develop and deliver impactful programs, including \$2 million in cash and in-kind support over the years for programs like The Tech Challenge, The Tech Awards, and field trips for Title I schools. I look forward to continuing to work with Google's leaders to create even more educational opportunities for San Jose's young people.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you to approve the Downtown West development agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Katrina Stevens

**Katrina Stevens**

President and CEO

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**Fw: City Council Consideration of Google Downtown West Application**

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**From:** Golem, Ron <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:03 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** City Council Consideration of Google Downtown West Application

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Dear Ms. Taber and team, I am planning to speak during public comment on this Council agenda item next Tuesday. My comments will cover VTA's Public-Private Partnership with Google, the importance of that partnership and the Downtown West project for Phase 2 of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension, and VTA's support for Google's application.

I will sign up on the public platform to speak. If possible I would greatly appreciate it if you could make me the first public speaker. Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

Ron

**Ron Golem**

Director of Real Estate &amp; Transit-Oriented Development

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**From:** Luis, Brian <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:36 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[redacted]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

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**Subject:** Letter for City Council 5/25, Agenda Item 10.2

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Year Up to express our support of Google, which has been an ardent advocate of our organization and our mission to close the Opportunity Divide. Year Up is an award-winning, national 501(c)3 organization that enables motivated young adults to move from minimum wage to meaningful careers in just one year. We provide underserved talent in our community with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their full potential. At the same time, we connect America’s largest companies with a pipeline of skilled, diverse talent.

Since we first launched our Silicon Valley site in 2013, Google has been a generous supporter of our work. In the past, Google has hosted Year Up interns and given them the opportunity to demonstrate their talent, gain critical job experience and network to accelerate their careers. In addition, through Google’s philanthropic arm, Google.org, we have received more than \$2 million in grants nationwide to help scale our program. Lastly, Google has provided us with discounted office space so that we can remain in the downtown San Jose area and continue to serve the young adults in our community. We are grateful for Google and their generosity towards Year Up and our program.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

In community,

Brian Luis

**Brian Luis**

Site Director, Silicon Valley

*My gender pronouns are he/him/his*

**Year Up – Silicon Valley**



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### Fw: Downtown West Support Petition

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Tue 5/18/2021 10:51 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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[FINAL] HAC Letter of Support Downtown West (3) (2).pdf; Downtown West Petition Signers 5.18.2021.xlsx;

**From:** Corey Smith <corey@sfhac.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:42 AM

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**Subject:** Downtown West Support Petition

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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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**Corey Smith** 陈锐 | Pronouns: He/Him

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first_name	last_name	Zip Code	City	Comments
Bora	GV <sup>o</sup> rsel	34300	N/A	A very important project for San Jose as being the As a San Jose resident and home owner I fully support
Nikki	Witten	95112	San Jose	this proposal and hope San Jose commits to this
Trevor	Brown	94605	Oakland	Bring on more housing! Downtown San Jose needs tech works to create local
Viren	patel	95113	San Jose	economic growth. I can speak in front of an audience Former San Jose resident, that would love to get back
Maximiliano	Auer	95051	Santa Clara	there to live, in the confort of a mixed-use
George	Leonard	95128	San Jose	Go Google!
Greg	Felix	95126	San Jose	Go Google! I am in FULL SUPPORT of this project. As residents of downtown San Jose for over 35 years, we have seen numerous opportunities for growth in this great city go by the way side. We MUST let this golden
Christine	Davis	95112	San Jose	opportunity for job development and housing come to
Joan	Price	94705	Berkeley	I am in support of the vision and mission of the
Liehann	Loots	94087	Sunnyvale	I strongly support the downtown west plan.
B	Sholomon	95110	San Jose	I support downtown west!
Chris	Booth	95112	San Jose	I support this development and the jobs it will bring to
NICOLE	AMSLER	95126	San Jose	I support this! Downtown SJ needs this.
Saiyanna	Charitou	95128	San Jose	Let's get it done!
Abhishek	Nancherla	95126	San Jose	N/A
Abhishek	Nancherla	95126	San Jose	N/A
Abhishek	Singh	95132	San Jose	N/A
Adam	Grosso	33323	N/A	N/A
Adam	Buchbinder	95008	Campbell	N/A
Aditya	Jain	95122	San Jose	N/A
Ahmad	Sinno	94115	San Francis	N/A
Ai	Suzuki	95113	San Jose	N/A
Ajay	Patel	91709	Chino Hills	N/A
Alison	Quien	94403	San Mateo	N/A
Amar	Khanna	95126	San Jose	N/A
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Ana	Henderson	95110	San Jose	N/A
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Artur	Urbanski	95113	San Jose	N/A
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Ava	Bromberg	95112	San Jose	N/A
Ben	Link	95110	San Jose	N/A
Benjamin	Irinaga	94111	San Francis	N/A
Bianca	Adorno	95126	San Jose	N/A
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Casey	McBrian	95136	San Jose	N/A
Chengjun	Yuan	94087	Sunnyvale	N/A
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Chris	Smith	95060	Santa Cruz	N/A
Chris	Schroeder	95125	San Jose	N/A
Christina	Yu	10016	N/A	N/A
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Clement	Ng	95126	San Jose	N/A
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Dan	Wu	95112	San Jose	N/A
Daniel	Kuo	95014	Cupertino	N/A
Daniel	Steele	95125	San Jose	N/A
Daniel	Filip	95126	San Jose	N/A
Danny	Tran	94117	San Francis	N/A
David	Piercy	95122	San Jose	N/A
Debbie	Espejo	95125	San Jose	N/A
Dennis	Kim	95134	San Jose	N/A
Desiree	Beci	95148	San Jose	N/A
Diana	Wu	95110	San Jose	N/A
Diana	Urias	95125	San Jose	N/A
Diane	Solinger	95032	Los Gatos	N/A
Dnyanesh	Joshi	95122	San Jose	N/A
Drew	Giles	95126	San Jose	N/A
Eddie	Correa	95127	San Jose	N/A

Edgar	Moreno	95113	San Jose	N/A
Emi	Wong	95008	Campbell	N/A
Eric	Christopher	95112	San Jose	N/A
Fan	Wang	95112	San Jose	N/A
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Heidi	Eisips	95125	San Jose	N/A
Ian	Bruesehoff	95020	Gilroy	N/A
Iliriana	Kacaniku	94110	San Francis	N/A
Ilya	Gurin	94043	Mountain \	N/A
Isela	Ruiz	95125	San Jose	N/A
Itsel	Polvos	95113	San Jose	N/A
Ivan	Robertson	95113	San Jose	N/A
James	Huang	95110	San Jose	N/A
Jane	Tsai	95112	San Jose	N/A
Janet	Velazquez	95125	San Jose	N/A
Janikke	Klem	95125	San Jose	N/A
Jason	Whitworth	95139	San Jose	N/A
Jeff	Lee	95113	San Jose	N/A
Jen	Le	95123	San Jose	N/A
Jenica	Finuliar	95035	Milpitas	N/A
Jenni	Park	95126	San Jose	N/A
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Jewell	Rimes	95121	San Jose	N/A
Joe	Macias	95116	San Jose	N/A
Joel	Cesare	95062	Santa Cruz	N/A
John	Belamaric	95125	San Jose	N/A
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Jon	Bringhurst	95136	San Jose	N/A
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Julia		95125	San Jose	N/A
Julio	Garcia	95125	San Jose	N/A
Jyothi	Vemu	95126	San Jose	N/A
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Karen	Schlessер	95126	San Jose	N/A
Kat	Wortham	94087	Sunnyvale	N/A
Kristen	Pfund	95120	San Jose	N/A

Leslie	Staines-Valenzisi	95126	San Jose	N/A
Lixing	Fu	95124	San Jose	N/A
Lucia	Salazar	95128	San Jose	N/A
Luis Sebastian	Grillo	95125	San Jose	N/A
Luke	Spicer	95112	San Jose	N/A
Lupe	Vasquez	9	N/A	N/A
Marci	Gerston	94024	Los Altos	N/A
Maria	Montelongo	95125	San Jose	N/A
Mario	Burnias	95138	San Jose	N/A
Maritza	Paez	95110	San Jose	N/A
Marnie	Singer	94538	Fremont	N/A
Matthew	Castagnolo	95002	Alviso	N/A
Matthew	Russo	95112	San Jose	N/A
Meggyn	Watkins	95116	San Jose	N/A
Melissa	Sheklian	95112	San Jose	N/A
Michael	Lin	95110	San Jose	N/A
Mike	Yoder	95128	San Jose	N/A
Miranda	Malabanan	95127	San Jose	N/A
Misrayn	Mendoza	95121	San Jose	N/A
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morgan	mackles	95110	San Jose	N/A
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Nicholas	Born	95128	San Jose	N/A
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Otoniel	Barragan	95126	San Jose	N/A
Pauline	Block	95403	Santa Rosa	N/A
Peter	Warren	95126	San Jose	N/A
Peter	Menig	95113	San Jose	N/A
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Rafael	Chan	95747	Roseville	N/A
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Robert	Smith	95112	San Jose	N/A
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Silvia	Donohoe	95037	Morgan Hil	N/A
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Vivie	Nguyen	94612 Oakland	N/A
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Yanet	Zepeda	95119 San Jose	N/A
Yona	Lu	94539 Fremont	N/A
Zach	Gilbert	95126 San Jose	N/A
Zhaokai	Wu	95110 San Jose	N/A
Michael	Stone	95126 San Jose	Please approve the Downtown West project and bring San Jose to the forefront of cities globally that will lead the new economy and prove that cities and San Jose desperately needs this!
Jesse	Adorno	95126 San Jose	So much support for this project! I live in San Jose in District 3 and have lived here for 6 years and I love this plan and think this will do so much for the city
Anne	Spicer	95112 San Jose	This is the best thing that has happened to San Jose in
Francois	Rodigari	95125 San Jose	This represented balanced mixed use development.
Brendan	Dunnigan	94118 San Francis	Please approve this incredible project and allow it to
Roland	Lebrun	95119 San Jose	This was an extraordinary process and I just cannot wait for the next phase of our partnership to extend
Mark	Coulson	95126 San Jose	This will be a great use of the area around the train station and move San Jose forward into the future. Go
Andrew	Nguyen	95125 San Jose	this will be good for west side of Downtown!
Delaram	Afshari	95136 San Jose	This will benefit our community and I 100% support,
Eric	Z	95128 San Jose	We love this project. Let's get it done!!
Aman	Diwakar	95136 San Jose	We support this project and its ambitious goals to provide affordable housing! Looking forward to seeing
Salvador	Lopez Uribe	95117 San Jose	Would be interested in the affordable homes
Rob	Katcher	95126 San Jose	Yes to Downtown West!
Myrna	Ortiz	94804 Richmond	Youth in San Jose also support this development!





April 8, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The Housing Action Coalition is pleased to endorse Google's exemplary mixed-use project at Downtown West in San Jose. After a detailed presentation, the committee determined the project exceeds our high standards in addressing our region's affordability and displacement crisis.

The committee commends the project's excellent land use, as it will develop an underutilized 80 acre site with 4,000 new homes, more than seven million square feet of office space, 500k square feet of retail and community space, and 15 acres of parks, enhanced riparian habitat, and public plazas. The project will include or support the production of 1,000 below-market-rate homes (25% of total number of homes). This percentage is higher than the inclusionary housing ordinance requires and the committee commends Google for striving to incorporate a high percentage of BMR homes in such a large project.

The project site is adjacent to the SAP Center and Diridon Station, a major hub for Caltrain, VTA, and in the future, BART. This site is exceptionally well-located near both transit and amenities that will help limit car trips and thus reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To further complement the site's transit-oriented location, the project will provide 3,290 bike parking spaces, over 3.5 miles of new and improved bikeways, and more than 1.5 miles of new walkways and trail extensions. The project also includes 2,360 unbundled residential car parking spaces, an average of 0.6 spaces per home, plus an additional 4,800 spaces for the public. Given the abundance of transit next to Downtown West, we would ideally like to see less car parking and more bike spaces but we also understand feasibility concerns.

Beyond the environmental benefits that come with transit-oriented development, Downtown West highlights tremendous innovation in sustainability. Buildings will be equipped with 100% electric power, use recycled water, and contribute zero net emissions. Offices will be LEED Gold and residences will be LEED Silver. Included in Downtown West are 15 acres of parklands and open space which includes 4.25 acres of preserved and enhanced riparian habitat on Guadalupe and Los Gatos Creek. The committee admires the project team's dedication to sustainability, and believes that Downtown West will be a model of sustainable development in the future.

Downtown West's project team started community outreach in 2009, and has remained committed to transparency and public participation for more than a decade. This includes well over 100 community meetings and online conversations, resulting in more than 10,000 points of feedback. The project team has been responsive to community input and has put together an impeccable community benefits package. To go along with the environmental and climate benefits, the community benefits package is valued at \$200 million. It includes a first of its kind \$154.8 million Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund targeted at housing, job accessibility and education programs for at-risk and underserved San Jose residents. The committee encourages the project team to promote viability for the retail spaces and

incentivize Google employees to frequent them. We also encourage the project team to continue engaging with the community to ensure Downtown West will benefit new and existing neighbors as well as Google employees.

Overall, we appreciate the project team's dedication to alleviating the impact on the nearby community. The team has demonstrated continued community involvement by amending plans that achieve the best possible housing outcomes and community open space. The committee encourages Google to continue engaging with labor groups to ensure quality construction and local job opportunities. We are proud to endorse Downtown West because it will provide well-designed and well-located homes that help alleviate the Bay Area's ongoing affordability and displacement crisis.

Sincerely,



Todd David, *Executive Director*

# Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo  
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor  
San José, CA 95113

SUBJECT: Input for the Downtown West project

May 18, 2021

Honorable Mayor Liccardo, members of the City Council, and staff:

**Save Our Trails: Connecting Santa Clara County Communities** is a California Not-for-Profit Corporation whose mission is *"To promote trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all."* SOT has important input into the plan for Downtown West to ensure the highest quality project, especially since Google has shown itself to be a very good neighbor and partner for San Jose.

Save Our Trails does have some concerns even though there are very positive elements of the plan. The overall design is open and airy, and while the public has access to the plazas and other amenities of the fifteen acres of park space, only five acres are actual city parks. We understand that Google can, and plans to, close all the POPOS (privately owned public open space, including The Meander) for days on end. We would like to seek confirmation that the Los Gatos Creek Trail and the various ways to access Diridon Station are public and will not be closed or impacted by private events.

Another area of concern is the at-grade crossing of The Los Gatos Creek Trail (LGCT) across Park Avenue and Montgomery Street. Google and the city are planning the biggest development that San Jose has ever seen and it seems like this particular crossing is an afterthought. Along the entire length of the LGCT, thousands of people use this trail every week and many will use it to commute to Diridon, this development, and North San Jose. Vehicular traffic on two thoroughfares would need to be stopped each time a trail user travels along that section of the trail, and we know this is likely to be a heavily trafficked section around Diridon. The campaign to daylight the creek under Montgomery was in part to allow for the trail to follow that route unimpeded by vehicular traffic. Now that it has been decided that daylighting won't happen, we are urging consideration for a bridge over Montgomery and Park to solve the problem of crossing these two very busy thoroughfares at grade.

In addition, we are thrilled that the city and Google have designed a spur for the LGCT to follow the railroad right of way after the tracks get raised for a direct connection to Diridon Station from the south. SOT would like DOT and Google to consider leaving Park Avenue below-grade where it is and keep the railroad bridge intact. This would not only allow the trail to cross above Park Avenue while remaining at grade but it would also create a large space that could be a nice place for new parkland. This could even be San Jose's smaller version of New York City's High Line.

Thanks to Google and to city staff for creating a design for the future of San Jose. Save Our Trails urges the city to consider this input into the plan for Downtown West.

Sincerely,

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Bill Rankin President, **Save Our Trails**; Web: [www.saveourtrails-scc.org](http://www.saveourtrails-scc.org)



May 18, 2021

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council Members  
City of San José  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San José, CA 95113

**RE: Downtown West Mixed-Use Rezoning and Development Plan**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

This letter is to express the California High Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) support for approval of Google's proposed Downtown West Mixed-Use Rezoning and Development Plan (Downtown West Plan).

The Authority wants to acknowledge and appreciate the years of City leadership it has taken to reach this far-reaching milestone in the transformation of the Diridon Station Area. The Downtown West plan embodies a shared City and Google commitment to create a vibrant, high-density, mixed-use urban destination that expands Downtown, adds new employment and housing, and promotes transit use and walkability. Approval of the Downtown West Plan achieves a long-sought after city goal to attract and partner with a preeminent Silicon Valley tech company to jointly master plan the future of the Diridon Station Area.

For the Authority, the Downtown West Plan demonstrates how investment in transportation infrastructure can attract district-scale land use change to shape a sustainable future for the State of California, attracting both employment and housing to a downtown station area.

We want to commend City staff, from all departments, whose dedication and collaboration supported our engagement on this transformative plan. There is still important work ahead of us to in how we build out the necessary transportation and rail improvements in collaboration with this city-building effort embodied in the Downtown West Project. However, we are encouraged by the important step you will be taking to make the vision of how we integrate land use and transportation a reality.

We want to thank you for the City of San José's support for the California High-Speed Rail program and our on-going partnership to deliver high-speed rail passenger service to San José and the Bay Area.

We look forward to our continuing collaboration with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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Boris Lipkin  
Northern California Regional Director



**Michael E. Fox, Jr.**  
*President & CEO*

May 19, 2021

City Clerk Toni Taber  
cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov  
Sent via email

Dear City Clerk Taber,

I am writing in support of Google's Downtown West project. This project will provide a number of benefits to the city and residents of San Jose including an expansion of downtown while providing over 4000 new housing units, 25% affordable. This has the opportunity to impact our housing deficit in a significant way.

As you know Goodwill's mission is to provide employment training and opportunities to people with barriers to employment. Google's project would provide up to 25,000 jobs, many in the high paying construction industry. One Goodwill program, our pre-apprentice labor class, provides construction industry training for re-entry and people from generational poverty. The Downtown West Project would make a large positive impact on our ability to increase the hiring of people in our program.

All told Google's commitment to our community will result in approximately 200 million in community benefits.

I strongly urge you to support the Downtown West project.

Sincerely,



Michael E Fox, Jr.  
President & CEO  
Goodwill of Silicon Valley





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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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

To the Honorable Mayor Liccardo, Councilmembers and Staff

Re: Downtown West Mixed-use Plan


My name is Enrique Arguello and I am the Business Manager of LiUNA Laborers Local 270. LiUNA Laborers Local 270 is chartered by the Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO and has over 6,500 members most of which reside in San Jose. Through the collective voice of our membership, we promote the election of local, state and federal politicians who support legislation and government policy which is beneficial to working men and women. Today I am writing to you in **strong support** of the Downtown West Mixed-use Plan that will fill important needs in our community and generate significant and sustained economic benefits for residents of San José.

Downtown West will create more than 5,700 prevailing wage construction jobs with supplier diversity and local hire targets over a multi-year build-out. The planned 4,000 new homes in the Diridon Station Area and support of 25% affordable homes for families with a range of incomes can provide opportunities for people to live near their place of work. Creation of a \$150+ million Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund focused on social equity and led by community can help provide a foundation for our residents' long-term success. The 15 acres of public parks and open space with free year-round programming will contribute to a vibrant, healthy environment for community members.


The proposed project is necessary to further the City of San Jose and community's near term and future goals and aspirations for our families. **We respectfully request the City Council to support the Downtown West project in its entirety.**

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

Respectfully,

  
Enrique Arguello  
Business Manager  
LiUNA Laborers Local 270

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May 20, 2021  
**Via e-mail Only**

TO: Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council  
City of San José

Subject: **Support for Downtown West Mixed Use Project**

It is a rare occasion when a local governing body gets the opportunity to make a real difference in the future of a city. The Downtown West Mixed Use Project by Google is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape the future of our community.

Ever since announcing its intention to develop a project in San José, Google has inspired countless businesses, residents and investors to sit up and take notice, and in some cases alter course to align with the visionary concept that is now coming into sharp focus. To those who cast a critical eye, Google listened and acted – addressing the concerns and even going beyond. The updated version features 4,000 new homes, over \$150 Million in community and opportunity funds, 15 acres of public parks and open space, and almost 6,000 prevailing wage construction jobs. Everything about the project is in orders of magnitude above and beyond what otherwise might have developed in this area if left to a piece-by-piece effort.

Of course, there will be challenges and construction disruption, but when viewed in combination with the development of the Diridon transit hub and other improvements, the Downtown West Mixed Use Project presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create the synergy for a successful future for the City of San José and its residents. As a business owner and as a resident of Downtown San José for the past 35 years, I urge you to take the bold step to help make this vision a reality.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey B. Hare

cc: Ricardo Benavidez



Clerk of San Jose [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov)

RE: May 25, 2021 Meeting Agenda Item 10.2 Diridon Station Area Plan

South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition has worked closely with Google for several years and they have demonstrated their commitment to the Downtown Neighborhood and our Watershed in a number of ways during this partnership.

- They supported our efforts to activate the old Ranger Station on Santa Clara Street both monetarily and through support from their Staff.
- Prior to COVID, Google employees regularly attended our Cleanups and we look forward to their participation at future events.
- This past year alone, Google funded a River Cleanup series (12 Events) along the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek which resulted in removal of just under 17 tons of trash from our local Waterways.

We believe Google has proven to be great environmental stewards of our urban environment and we believe that will be the case in the future as the Diridon Station Area Plan development progresses.


We very much support the upgrading of our Central Park Downtown San Jose with it's additional 15 acres of park and community space. We hope to see our waterways, especially in the Downtown Area benefiting from this partnership with Google.

We applaud the good citizenship Google has demonstrated with their thoughtful and considerate plans for the DSAP:

- 1,000 affordable housing units in the Diridon Station Area Plan to relieve the housing shortage for essential support workers.
- \$150+ million Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund rooted in social equity and community participation
- Giving a hand up to people in our community by training construction workers for the 5,700+ prevailing wage construction jobs with supplier diversity and local hire targets
- 15 acres of public parks and open space with free year-round programming to enhance the Guadalupe River Park area.
- Zero net new carbon emissions and 2,280 new trees

We urge the San Jose City Council to approve the Diridon Station Area Plan so we can realize the many benefits of this initiative.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Holmes, Executive Director  
South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition





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May 20, 2021

Mayor and Council  
City of San José  
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**RE: Item 10.2 - Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan**

**Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arena, Foley, and Mahan.**

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, we express our support for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan. This transformative proposal by Google will bring 7.3 million square feet of office space, over 5,700 prevailing wage construction jobs, 4,000 new homes (1,000 of them affordable), and 15 acres of parks, in addition to an unprecedented \$200 million community benefits package to San José.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents hundreds of Silicon Valley's most respected employers. We focus on issues, programs, and campaigns that affect the economic quality of life in Silicon Valley. Collectively, Leadership Group members provide nearly one out of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley and contribute more than \$3 trillion to the global economy.

**The Downtown West Mixed-Use plan before you is the successful outcome of years of thoughtful community engagement** with over 100 impactful community meetings, including neighborhood walks and over 3,000 in person touch points. This has resulted in careful land use planning and collaboration that will bring economic and other public benefits to San José residents.

Community benefits resulting from this outreach are designed to start early and continue well into the future. These benefits include a first-of-its-kind \$154.8 million Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways fund that will be community-led and expertly managed; resulting in affordable housing, education, job training, and much more.

This project will support a number of popular benefits for residents and businesses. That is why in a recent SVLG poll 70% of San José voters from every part of the city support this project. When asked about the proposal's components 87% of residents were in favor of the 25,000 new jobs that will be created, 80% in favor of investments in transportation infrastructure, and 82% supported the 15 acres of parks and open space this project will create.

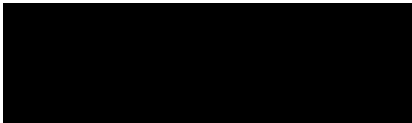
**As a member of the Diridon Station Area Advisory Group we advocated alongside local residents for the core tenets of good planning to be implemented in this plan.** We spoke about how building jobs and housing near transit is essential for our communities, our climate, and for stronger, more vibrant downtowns. Having listened to stakeholders Google ensured Downtown West leverages the proximity to Diridon Station to create the "15-minute city" San José residents deserve, with bikeways and trail segments to bring benefits for the environment and workers in a way that will reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions and enhance overall health and quality of life.

With Diridon Station, envisioned as the future “Grand Central Station of the West,” this development will be located near an almost unparalleled multi-modal transit hub, including high-quality public transit services such as Caltrain, VTA, High-Speed Rail, BART, and more. This will allow those who work and live at Downtown West transit access to the entire Bay Area and beyond, and bring visitors in an efficient and environmentally friendly way.

This proposal is transformative for San José, including what San José staff have calculated as \$1 billion of value in voluntary project features, in addition to \$200 million in negotiated community benefits. From creating a model of community and stakeholder engagement to incorporating environmental sustainability, innovative development, housing affordability, and transit-friendly design, it hits all the marks for a proposal that is truly in its own league.

For these reasons, the Leadership Group is proud to support the Downtown West Mixed-Use plan before you.

Sincerely,



Vince Rocha  
Senior Director, Housing and Community Development  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group



May 20, 2021

San Jose City Council  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: Support for Google's Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

The Bay Area Council is a public policy advocacy organization working to support civic and business leaders in solving our region's most challenging issues. On behalf of the more than 350 members of the Council, I write in support of Google's proposed Downtown West development in San Jose.

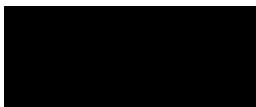
The Downtown West project is an unprecedented opportunity for economic and community development that will transform 80 acres surrounding the Diridon Station transportation hub in San Jose. The project proposes to create over 4,000 housing units, a quarter of which will be affordable, and will build 7.3 million square feet of office space, creating a jobs center directly adjacent to housing and transit. Additionally, Downtown West includes 500,000 square feet of retail, cultural, and arts space and 15 acres of public parks and open space with free year-round programming.

Google has also committed over \$150 million for a Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund that will provide significant support for anti-displacement, homelessness, and affordable housing efforts and is proposing up to \$45 million in other community benefits, including a \$7.5 million early payment to the City. This substantial investment in the community goes far beyond what developers are typically able to contribute to a project and is an opportunity that should not be missed.

We are also impressed by Downtown West's commitment to sustainability by pursuing zero net new carbon emissions, LEED Gold or Platinum certification, and restoring nearby wildlife habitats. Its proximity to public transportation and jobs will help reduce transportation related emissions and make the project one of the most sustainable communities of its kind.

Downtown West is an excellent opportunity for dense, mixed-use development directly adjacent to transit and within a downtown context to grow the supply of housing, jobs, and reduce our dependence on cars. This is a clear example of sustainable and inclusive growth for future generations and we encourage you to support it.

Sincerely,



Matt Regan  
Senior Vice President, Bay Area Council