

**From:** Caryn Graves  
**To:** [Meiners, Laura](#)  
**Subject:** Support Cambrian Village!  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:49:27 PM

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Caryn Graves  
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**From:** [Jennifer Michel](#)  
**To:** [Meiners, Laura](#)  
**Subject:** Support Cambrian Village!  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 5:04:47 PM

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Jennifer Michel

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**To:** [Meiners, Laura](#)  
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neil@[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Justin Gee](#)  
**To:** [Meiners, Laura](#)  
**Subject:** Support Cambrian Village!  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 12:44:46 AM

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Justin Gee

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**From:** [Dave Stratman](#)  
**To:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [Lomio, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** Cambrian Park Plaza  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 11:52:41 AM

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Hi Laura,

Thank you for your work with the developers to get the plaza annexation through the planning commission yesterday. This has been a very slow process and we're excited for this step and to be able to hopefully take advantage of the newly developed plaza sooner than later!

As you continue working with them to tweak the plans and move towards actual construction I'd recommend the following items be considered:

- Restrict the "New Public Street" toward the back of the property into two sections
  - Pragmatically the city will need a way to avoid this becoming a cut through for commute traffic.
  - Emergency fire/medical could pass through as could city utilities (trash/recycling), but normal cars should not be allowed past the halfway point.
  - Potentially some angled curb up onto a half grass, half pavers checkerboard section of the road with signage and/or flexible bollares marking the restrictions.
  - This would critically make it much safer for kids moving between the central grass area and the playground next to Wyrick.
- Require first floor retail in all major buildings, not just the apartments in building 1.
  - For more of a true downtown mainstreet feel on "Main Street", both the hotel (building 2) & assisted living (building 3) on the other side of the street should have retail on the 1st floor facing building 1.
  - It seems the current plan only recommends/requires this in building 1. We would welcome this change even if the buildings were raised a level to accommodate.
- Provide some "playable" artwork in the central plaza
  - We love the idea of outdoor eating and drinking for families!
  - Being able to sit outside and allow children to play within viewing distance would be a great addition that allows more of an adult vibe to the restaurants while still welcoming families with kids (the playground is too far away and currently requires crossing a street; see above)
  - For some great local examples of art/play fusion see the Pruneyard  
Gorilla climbing sculptures or Santana Row's chess board and Valencia plazas.

Overall the second incarnation of the redesign hits much closer to the mark of what the community is looking for and we're very encouraged by it. Our family is looking forward to spending our tax dollars here instead of just Campbell and Los Gatos as so many of us do today.

(I'm copying Michael from Pam Foley's office as he's been historically involved in helping

provide community feedback to the developers).

Thanks,

-Dave Stratman

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**From:** [PlanningSupportStaff](#)  
**To:** [Mitre, Betty](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2022 8:51:00 AM

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 3:19 PM  
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>  
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From: Gavin Hayes [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 12:21 PM  
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Cc: laura.meiners@sanjose.ca; info@cambrianvillage.com  
Subject: Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project

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Please approve this Signature Project without delay.

Sincerely,

Gavin Hayes

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**From:** [Eugene Li](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
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Sincerely,

Eugene Li

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**From:** [Carl Norum](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 10:58:23 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am a resident of Cambrian Park - I live just a block or so away from the plaza and am a long-time supporter of the Cambrian Village mixed-use redevelopment plan for the site. The existing retail has been under-utilized and terrible for years, and we really need to have the denser housing and improved outdoor space, too.

Cambrian Village will revitalize this site and bring incredible community benefits to District 9 that are long overdue for the neighborhood. I know there are a lot of vocal NIMBYs who want to stop any reasonable progress at any cost, but we can't keep placating them forever. Let's make our neighbourhood and city a brighter, better, place to live.

Please approve this project!

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Carl Norum  
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**From:** [John Radle](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
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Sincerely,

Johney Radle

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 1:06:40 PM

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Nitin

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**From:** [Claire Shifren](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 3:42:23 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

As a resident of San Jose, I live near the Cambrian Park Plaza and am supporting of the Cambrian Village mixed-use redevelopment plan.

I do urge you to approve the Cambrian Village plans. This site is long overdue for revitalization and better space usage. It will bring incredible community benefits to District 9 that are long overdue for the neighborhood.

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Sincerely,

Claire Shifren  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2022 7:27 AM  
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**From:** odded solomon [REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,

Odded Solomon

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**From:** [Mike Wittig](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
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Mike Wittig  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2022 11:58:56 PM

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[Ragh B]

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**From:** [Aletta Godden](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please Approve the Cambrian Village Signature Project  
**Date:** Thursday, July 28, 2022 5:54:38 AM

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Kindly,  
Aletta

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**From:** [Alex Shoor](#)  
**To:** [tfrakes](#); [Morley, Sean](#); [Ken Rodrigues](#); [mstrahs](#)  
**Cc:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo](#); [Ferguson, Jerad](#); [District9](#); [Lomio, Michael](#); [Hughes, Scott](#); [susan.ellenberg](#); [david.fernandez](#); [Sahid, Robyn](#); [Ho, Nathan](#); [<Projects](#); [Brilliot, Michael](#); [Manford, Robert](#); [Burton, Chris](#); [shensor](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Catalyze SV Members Evaluate & Score Cambrian Park Village  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 10:23:54 AM

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Sean, Michael, Tim, & Ken,

Based on Kimco's recent decision to increase the number of 100% AMI units on the Cambrian Village proposal from 15 homes to 30 homes, Catalyze SV's staff invited our members to re-score the Cambrian Village project last week.

Albeit a small change, I'm delighted to inform you that our members increased your project's score on our "Affordability" category from a 2 to a 3! That means your overall score has now increased to a 4 out of 5.

Catalyze SV and our members will continue to advocate for this project to be approved by City Council at its upcoming meeting, while also requesting that Kimco reduce the AMI level of the proposal, ideally to 60% for some or all of the affordable homes.

The Cambrian Village's updated [scores are now reflected on our website](#).

Thank you to Kimco for being responsive to Councilmember Foley and our members' suggestions on the project.

Gratefully,  
Alex

Alex Shoor  
Executive Director, Catalyze SV  
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On Mar 11, 2021, at 6:59 PM, Alex Shoor < > wrote:

Tim, Sean, & Ken,

Thanks for presenting Cambrian Park Village to the members of Catalyze SV's Project Advocacy Committee last month. Our members are excited to be involved in this large project that will bring hundreds of homes and a new village center to the Cambrian community. Our members were particularly impressed with the plan's vibrancy, your community engagement efforts thus far, and

the plan's mixed-use walkability.

Please find below the evaluation from [Catalyze SV](#)'s Project Advocacy Committee and a feedback form for the project.

- 1) **[Scorecard](#)**. The project scored well at 3.86 out of 5. This is above Catalyze SV's threshold - we can continue to be involved in urging this project to move forward.
- 2) **[Letter](#)**. We would also like to offer constructive comments on the project that come from our members. Especially with Catalyze SV's suggestions incorporated, we look forward to seeing this project move through the approval process to become a great asset to San Jose.
- 3) **[Feedback Form](#)**. To make it easier and quicker for you to respond point-by-point to our suggested improvements, we've prepared this feedback form. We'd like to ask Weingarten Realty Investors to use this form to respond to our comments within 60 days from today. That would be May 10th. *Is that feasible?*

In the meantime, can we set up a follow-up meeting with you in March to go over our scorecard & letter and answer any questions you may have? Our Development Manager Gavin Lohry will be following up to set that up. We'll also be asking Laura Meiners if we can follow up and chat with her.

In the coming days, we'll be adding the above scorecard & letter to [our website](#), and the [video of your presentation](#) to our members is already on our Facebook Live page.

Thank you very much for considering our members' views on this project.

Warmly,  
Alex

Alex Shoor  
Executive Director  
Catalyze SV



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**To:** [Meiners, Laura](#); [Mitre, Betty](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Cambrian Village, Mixed-use Signature Project | Introduction & Request for Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:16:34 AM  
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Thank you,

### **Planning Support Staff**

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sean Morley [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** July 12, 2022 at 10:10:04 AM PDT  
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Dear Chairperson Oliverio and Planning Commissioners,

We look forward to presenting Cambrian Village to the Commission tomorrow night and want to provide you with a few quick updates in advance of the hearing.

We are very pleased the Planning Department has recommended approval of Cambrian Village in the staff report released last week. It provides an excellent overview of the project and how it supports important City planning goals. It also summarizes the unique efforts we have made with the community over many years to design this mixed-use urban village "Signature Project" for neighbors to enjoy for generations to come.

More than 600 residents have pledged support for Cambrian Village, and more than 90 letters have now been sent to the Planning Commission in support of the project. Many stakeholder groups, including Greenbelt Alliance, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Bay Area Housing Advocacy Coalition, Catalyze SV, Bay Area Council, San Jose Chamber of Commerce and YIMBY Action are also supporting Cambrian Village.

As you may have heard, the applicant has advised the City we are doubling the number of on-site, deed-restricted affordable units that Cambrian Village will provide. The updated affordable housing plan now includes:

- 30 On-site Inclusionary Units in the mixed use building at 100% AMI
- An In-Lieu Fee in the approximate amount of at least \$7.88M.
- A Commercial Linkage Fee in the approximate amount of at least \$1.13M.
- 27 Accessory Dwelling Units (affordable by design)

Our team would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have before the hearing tomorrow night. Feel free to contact me at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] if you wish to meet or talk by phone.

Sincerely,

Sean Morley  
Cambrian Village development team

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**From:** Sean Morley

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:30 PM

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**Subject:** Cambrian Village, Mixed-use Signature Project | Introduction & Request for Meeting



Dear Chairperson Oliverio and Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to introduce you to the Cambrian Village Mixed-use Signature Project, which is scheduled to come to the Planning Commission on July 13th for review and recommendation on the Final EIR, Pre-zoning and Annexation applications.

We look forward to the Planning Department staff report coming out soon and presenting the mixed-use village to the Commission on July 13th. The Cambrian Village development team would also welcome an opportunity to meet with you before the hearing to review this unique Signature Project and address any initial questions you may have.

In the meantime, you can learn more about Cambrian Village by visiting our website at [www.cambrianvillage.com](http://www.cambrianvillage.com), reviewing the attached project summary, and reading below.



Six years in the making, Cambrian Village provides a new community vision for the heart of Cambrian and a place for residents to enjoy for generations to come. The current site is a dated, underutilized shopping center with a sea of parking that poses an incredible opportunity for redevelopment to better serve the community. The mixed-use village design is based on a concept plan created by our neighbors and detailed guidelines provided by Council District 9 in 2019 following dozens of meetings and surveys in the community that started years earlier. Since filing updated applications in 2020, the development team and City have held several more community meetings and repeatedly refined and updated the design in response to ongoing community feedback.



The 17.3 net acre site has been planned for people - not cars - with four acres of public open space and walking paseos linking a central park and large public plaza with small commercial shops, restaurants, and outdoor seating to four other smaller open spaces. With 428 housing units, there are all kinds of housing opportunities including small apartments over the plaza shops (including on-site affordable units), for-sale townhomes and very small lot single-family homes, many with granny units. A senior assisted living building providing a full spectrum of care and a new 229 room hotel both front the central park.



A new pedestrian-friendly “Main Street” brings everything together and provides access to ample underground parking. We are of course preserving the iconic carousel, and also providing raised bike lanes, a community garden area, and space for a farmers market along with many other unique community benefits.

***Over 600 nearby residents have already endorsed Cambrian Village, and the project has the support of many organizations, including: Greenbelt Alliance, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Bay Area Housing Advocacy Coalition, Catalyze SV, Bay Area Council, and San Jose Chamber of Commerce.***

Should you wish to meet with the Cambrian Village development team or if you have any questions, please contact Sean Morley at [REDACTED]

Regards,

The Cambrian Village development team

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Thank you,

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Dear San José Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Housing Action Coalition who is pleased to share the endorsement of 14200 Union Avenue! I have attached our official letter of support. I have also attached 37 letters of support from our members.

Congratulations to Chair Oliverio and Vice Chair Lardinois in your new roles! Additionally, welcome to the new commissioners Ahluwalia and Barocio -- I am looking forward to hearing from you at tonight's meeting.

In solidarity,  
Ali Sapirman

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To Whom it May Concern,

The Housing Action Coalition (HAC) is pleased to endorse Kimco Realty's Cambrian Village project. HAC's Project Review Committee has determined that this project meets our high standards for urban design, sustainability, and community benefits, while also delivering desperately-needed housing that will help alleviate San Jose's affordability crisis.

The Committee commends the project sponsors for their extensive efforts to address community concerns while bringing new housing and community space to one of San Jose's lowest density neighborhoods. This project will replace underutilized retail and 18 acres of surface parking with 428 new homes, welcoming a diversity of family sizes and income levels to the neighborhood. 30 homes are designated for BMR deed restriction, and the project will generate approximately \$9 million in in-lieu Affordable Housing fees, meeting the city's inclusionary requirements. The Committee commends the project sponsors for designing multifamily housing and ADUs around natural affordability, and we strongly encourage efforts to include deeper affordability wherever feasible to encourage socioeconomic diversity.

We also appreciate that Cambrian Village has been designed to prioritize pedestrian and bike access. With homes oriented around a central plaza and abundant public green space, the pedestrian experience is enjoyable and accessible for both residents and community members. Infrastructure improvements will also include 229 bike parking spaces and raised bike lanes along Union Ave and Camden Ave, encouraging use of green transit options. The committee understands that this site is located in a car-centric area, however we strongly encourage the project sponsors to increase bike parking, and reduce residential parking to serve the long-term growth of the neighborhood and future public transportation improvements.

The Review Committee further commends Kimco Realty's extensive efforts to engage neighbors and provide an array of community benefits that include:

- A 229-bed hotel and a 110-bed assisted living facility.
- 50,000 square feet of commercial space including retail and restaurants.
- More than four acres of public open space, including a public plaza, a central park with an amphitheater for public performances, community gardens, and a children's playground.
- The restoration of a nearly 100% impervious surface lot to green open space, and a vastly improved stormwater maintenance system.

Kimco Realty has been especially diligent in working with neighbors and the city to envision a thriving neighborhood center, while delivering much-needed housing options for San Jose's future generations. San Jose and the entire Bay Area are grappling with a region-wide housing shortage and we therefore urge you to support Cambrian Village and these 428 new homes.

Sincerely,



**Corey Smith**, *Executive Director*



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# Opposition to Rezoning of Saratoga Ave from Doyle Road to just south of Country Lane Road

## San Jose 95129

We, the concerned neighbors in the Country Lane Neighborhood, object to the rezoning proposed in Files No. C22-037 and C22-039.

We strongly oppose the rezoning of existing residential housing from R-M to MUN or CP, and recommend “no” rezoning.

The new zone opens the doors to allow arcades, liquor shops, retail stores, hotels up to 75 rooms, and for the CP rezoned area, ambulance services, casinos, pawn shops, dance halls and more. This is not fitting to have so close to our homes. The CP zoning allows for zero setback!

The current structures are already dense housing and this will only get worse if the rezoning proposal is passed, which allows up to 4 story buildings up to 50 feet tall to be built.

This causes

- loss of natural sunlight to neighboring houses, which infringes on our solar rights
- loss of view of the sky and greenery when blocked by tall structures
- increase of traffic in a narrow stretch that runs directly along people’s backyards

The new zone would exacerbate

- the scarcity of parking in that region which currently already spills into the nearby streets
- noise pollution that is certain to emanate from future businesses. The allowed decibel level of the proposal is 60 dB, where permanent hearing loss can occur with 70 dB of prolonged exposure.
- light pollution from closeby businesses
- crime attracted by businesses such as liquor stores, bars, and restaurants

The new zoning along with nearby Costco plans and high density housing, would over-stress and destroy the peace and quiet of our neighborhood with businesses and clientele which congregate and commune outside. The rezoning is highly inappropriate and will destroy the character of the Country Lane neighborhood abutting the newly zoned areas.

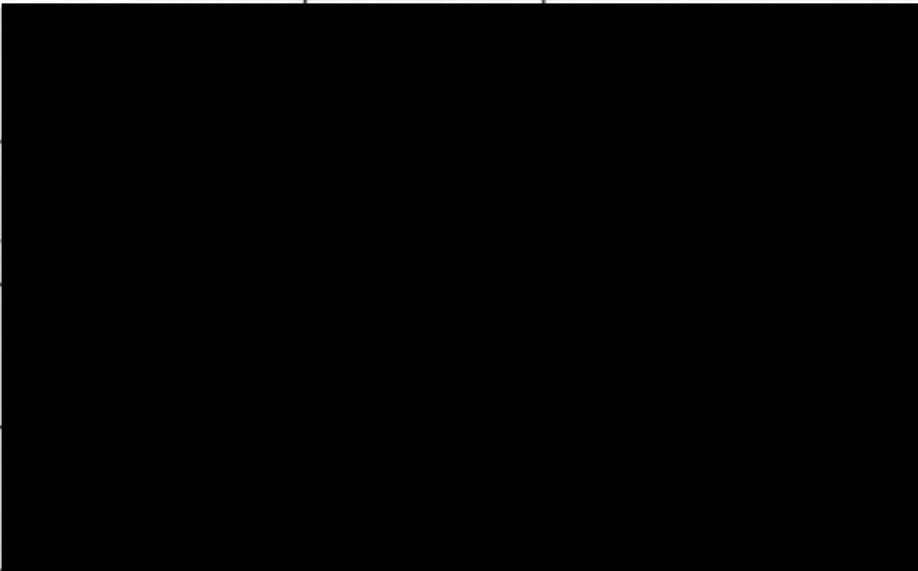

Neighborhood citizens are increasingly frustrated and disappointed with San Jose’s decisions to increase property tax revenue at the expense of the quality of life of the current residents. We urge the council members to vote “no” on this proposal on behalf of the voting members.

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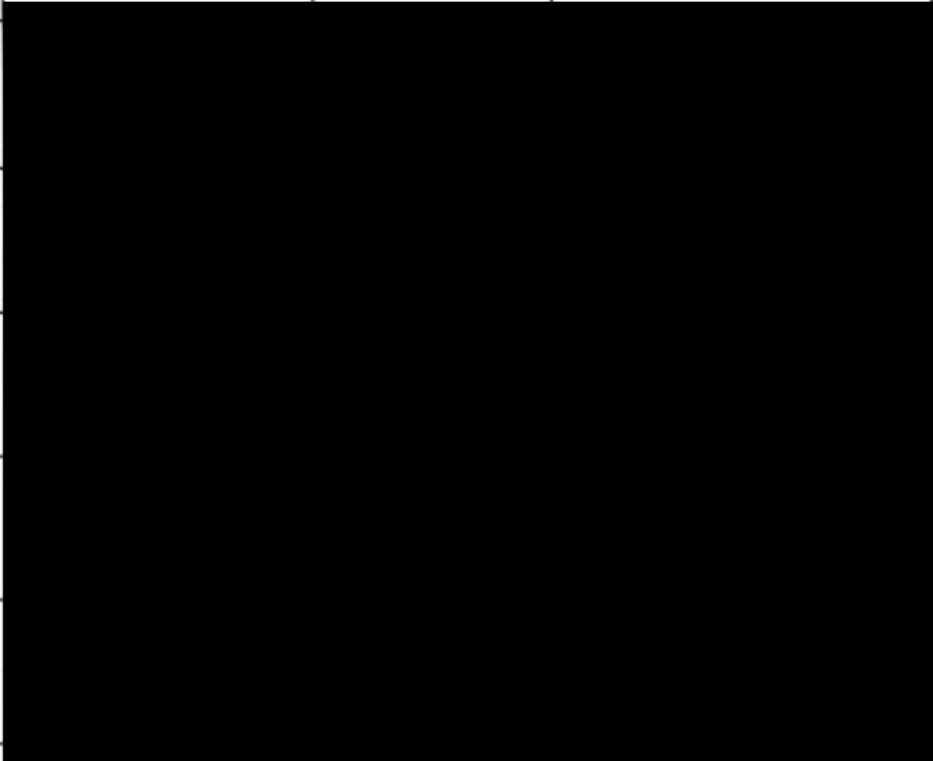
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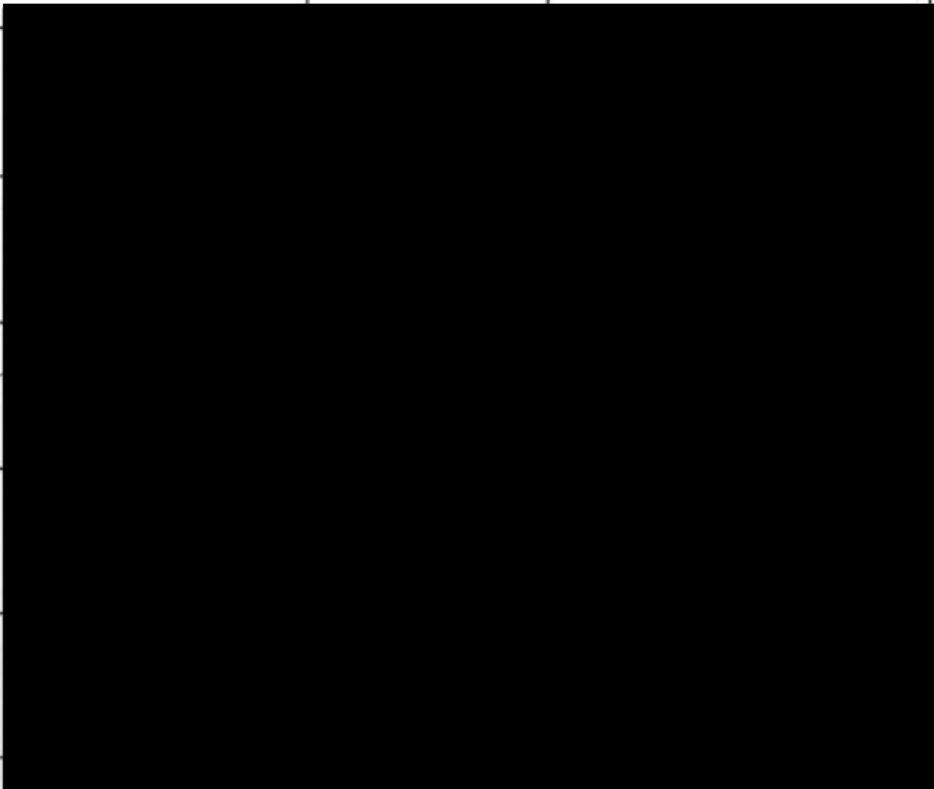
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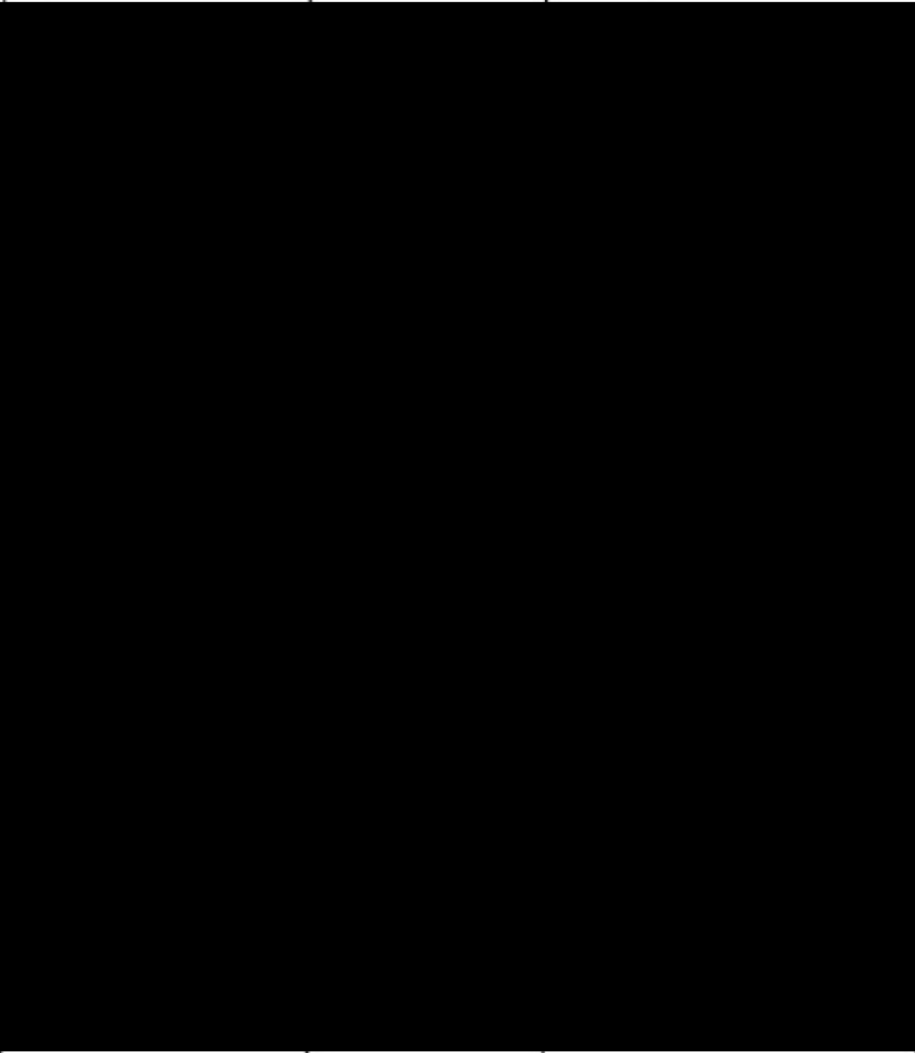
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August 8, 2022

Mayor Sam Liccardo & San Jose City Council  
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Mayor Liccardo & Councilmembers:

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, our Board and members, I am writing to you today to ask for your support of the Cambrian Village project, item 10.4 on the August 9, 2022, Council agenda. We respectfully request your support of the memorandum sponsored by Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Foley.

The process which began in 2015 has been responsive to community desires, and we wish to commend the leadership that Councilmember Foley, as the representative of District 9, provided to this time intensive process. The Chamber feels that the final proposal, as put forward by Kimco Realty, reflects the best land use possible for this site and will serve our community as well for the next half century as the previous development did for the residents of the past fifty years.

The Chamber of Commerce viewed these final plans at our May, 2022, Housing and Land Use Committee meeting, and three notable features of this Signature Project stood out. First, the placement of the current surface parking underground more reflects the walkability and connectivity of a multimodal community; a community that best reflects land use realities in 2022. Second, the Chamber applauds the mixed-use proposal that will add 428 much needed housing units (including 50 affordable units) and nearly two-hundred thousand square feet of commercial space, bringing critical jobs to our region along with the housing to support them. And third, the proposed promenade – a critical feature of the redesign – represents community connectivity in a way that highlights our world class weather and feels inviting to the residents, employees, and business owners who will utilize the space. For these reasons, the Cambrian Village project was supported unanimously by our Housing and Land Use Committee, our Board Executive Committee, and our full Board of Directors.

In line with these votes, I would respectfully request an affirmative vote on this project when it comes before you on August 9. We thank you for your consideration, and for all you do to make San Jose a world class place to start and grow your business.

Sincerely

—Derrick Seaver—

## My Thoughts on Items 10.2 & 10.3 on Tuesday's Agenda

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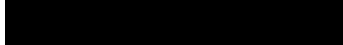
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## My Thoughts on Items 10.2 & 10.3 on Tuesday's Agenda

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City Councilmembers,

Today, I write to you in support of two projects on your 8/9 Council agenda, with suggestions for how to improve each of them.

Cambrian Village:

I support the vibrant Cambrian Village project AND I want to see homes that are more affordable built there.

First, I applaud Kimco's recent pledge to increase the number of affordable homes in Cambrian Village from 15 to 30 homes. This has long been one of the main requests of Catalyze SV members & the representative for this area, Councilmember Foley.

The Council can make the proposal even more affordable by:

- a) increasing the total number to 50 homes as the 8/5 Council memo calls for; and/or
- b) making the current proposed 30 affordable homes focused more on residents such as teachers & service workers (by lowering the income levels to 60% of our area's median income, instead of the current level of 100%, which is now \$117,900 per year).

I support the current number of homes & building heights because our community desperately needs housing and density enables the extensive community amenities included in projects like this one.

Kimco's Cambrian Village is a dynamic project responsive to the broader community's needs. It will bring much-needed vibrancy to this neighborhood with lots of walkable homes, shops, restaurants, jobs, visitors, fun activities, parks & other public spaces.

Republic at Blossom Hill:

This is another important project that mixes affordable housing, retail, & market-rate housing on a walkable site. It's also

right next to a VTA light-rail station and Canoas Creek Trail.

Catalyze SV members offered a lot of feasible suggestions to the developer two years ago and the developer didn't take any of them. I'd like to ask you to incorporate the main ideas, such as:

- a) provide free VTA transit passes to residents to make the transit stop here a greater success
- b) increase the sustainability of the project to a higher-level of environmental standard such as LEED Platinum
- c) activate the buildings & public space further to make it safer and more vibrant for residents & transit riders

The best developments are ones in which community members like me offer constructive ideas for how we can make them better for everyone and you ensure these ideas are incorporated. Thanks for your engagement on these two projects!

Sincerely,  
Eamonn Gormley

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City Council 8/9 Agenda Item 10.4 Cambrian No. 37 & PDC17-040 & ER20-189 (Community Letter Requesting A Complete EIR Traffic Analysis Prior To Cambrian Park Plaza Approval)

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council

We are a community organization that has been engaged with the developer and the City for over 5 years on this project. While it has improved substantially over that time, we still have concerns some of which are expressed in the letter below that has been signed by over 450 local residents, since Friday (see attached).

Community Letter Requesting A Complete EIR Traffic Analysis Prior To Cambrian Park Plaza Approval

The Friends of Cambrian Park Plaza is a community organization in the Cambrian Park area which was established to ensure that the voices of local residents were heard by the City & the Developer in the creation of plans for the redevelopment of the Plaza. From the beginning we stated that we thought the Plaza needed to be re-developed and that the local community should have an equal say in how this was done. Our goal was to find a "win-win-win" for the Community-City-Developer, which we believed would require concessions from all parties.

Since our formation over 5 years ago we have built a mailing list of approximately 1,500 residents, conducted workshops, proposed alternate designs to the City and to the Developer. Many of the characteristics of the latest design you are reviewing stem from our work. Both Councilmember Foley and the Developer have stated that the current design is better because of our involvement.

However, we are writing to you today to express our concerns over a number of issues that remain unresolved.

**First, the traffic analysis in the EIR was flawed** due to failure to include any analysis of traffic from Los Gatos, most notably from the North 40 phase 1 and 2 build out which is a 44 acre mixed use site. This deficiency was pointed out in January 2022, but no action was taken. It appears the City Planning Team contacted the Town of Los Gatos once in 2020 and when the team received no response, then the team just proceeded to ignore that the North 40 exists. The final EIR just states, "the town of Los Gatos never got back to San Jose on any potential developments and how they might impact traffic". Our group believes that this crucial development should have been included in the EIR analysis and the Council must require this analysis be included.

**This development will certainly generate additional car use by residents** who come to live there. Given the market rate rental and purchase prices of properties at the Plaza, we believe that few new residents will work nearby and most will commute to and from their jobs. Given the **lack of public transportation** available at and around the Plaza, this means that most new residents will need to own cars to get to and from work, leading to increased issues of parking for the Cambrian community, congestion, pollution and general reduction of quality of life for the Cambrian Community. We recognize that the City does not directly control public transportation, but the San Jose 2040 plan contains requirements for Urban Villages and Signature Projects to ensure adequate public transportation to avoid many of these problems. **We request that the Council not approve the current plan without mitigation of these issues.**

Second, when this plan is approved the Plaza will be annexed into San Jose, but much of the surrounding neighborhood will remain in the County. This will require close co-operation between City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara on infrastructure such as traffic signal synchronization (7 lights in the 0.6 mile from Highway 85 to Camden Avenue), cross walks, sidewalks, street lights etc. **So far, we have not observed any interaction by the City of San Jose with the County of Santa Clara to mitigate the effects this project will have on the neighboring County residents.**

**Last, we support the increased number of Affordable rental apartments at the Plaza. However, we would like to see these kept at 100% AMI** to ensure that local public servants, such as teachers, police and fire fighters are able to live here in their community. Dropping the AMI down below 100% will disqualify many of them from being able to apply. There are numerous other Affordable Housing developments nearby that already target the 60% and lower AMI communities. Retaining the AMI at 100% still allows those making less than 100% AMI (such as 60% AMI) to apply, so it does not disadvantage their opportunity to rent these units.

We are asking that the City follow the laws that are required for an EIR and require the Plaza EIR to include analysis of the traffic impact from the North 40. Failure to obtain this information and ignorance of this development by the present EIR does not benefit the Cambrian community. Moreover, it blatantly and openly ignores the laws we have in place to ensure that adequate environmental review is conducted of projects bearing such a significant scope in a community.

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## August 9th City Council Meeting - Please Approve Cambrian Village Signature Project

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Dear City Council Members,

I am a lifelong resident of San Jose, I live minutes from Cambrian Park Plaza and I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Cambrian Village mixed-use redevelopment plan for the site.

Cambrian Village will revitalize what is essentially a vacant parking lot and bring many community benefits to District 9 that are long overdue for the neighborhood, including **outdoor public gathering spaces, a senior living community, and more desperately-needed housing.**

Please approve this project and bring a vibrant new community benefit to the Cambrian area.

Sincerely,

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