



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Raul Peralez

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** December 3, 2018

Approved by:

Date:

12/3/18

**SUBJECT:** Actions Related to the Agreement with Google for the Diridon Station Area

## RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Land Sale Agreements
2. Direct the City Manager to reconvene the Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG) to discuss and provide feedback in a public forum for the following items prior to any Council decision:
  - A Final Community Benefits Agreement
  - Development Agreement(s)

## BACKGROUND

Over the past year, residents of San José have been expressing their concerns, interest and excitement over the sale of city land and a possible future Google development within our City. To best engage the public we hosted a formal City process with 35 different organizations and residents named the Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG). There were also online surveys, community forums and pop-up workshops in order to create a robust community conversation surrounding the community benefits and future development surrounding the Diridon Station Area. Additionally, Silicon Valley Rising hosted several large community meetings with representatives such as myself and other City officials present to solicit even more feedback. Although everyone has different perspectives, it is evident that everyone has an interest to see our City thrive during this very public time of transition.

In reviewing both Silicon Valley Rising's<sup>1</sup> and the City of San José's Community Engagement Reports, there are definite similarities our community has as to how our city should progress forward. Residents across the board continue to request affordable housing for our low-income residents, more good paying local jobs, quality education for our youth that can lead to successful careers, and increased access to public transit.

Knowing that entering into this Memorandum of Understanding, Purchase and Sale Agreement and eventual Development Agreement(s) will be a lengthy process, continual community feedback is key. Since there is intention that the "City will continue to convene the SAAG and engage the San José community"<sup>2</sup>, it is important to receive explicit feedback before a Final CBA or any future Development Agreement(s). Allowing the SAAG to have the ability to review a Final CBA and Development Agreement(s) can help assure that community interests are being met comprehensively.

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<sup>1</sup> Silicon Valley Rising (2018) Envisioning Community

<sup>2</sup> City of San José (2018) Diridon Station Area Civic Engagement Report (2018), pg. iv