

December 13, 2018

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: Recommended City Council support of General Plan Amendments, File nos. GPT18-003,
GPT 18-004, GPT 18-005, GPT 18-006**

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and City Council,

The letter is to convey to the Mayor and City Council the San José Housing and Community Development Commission's recommendations to support the General Plan 2040 Text Amendments and other changes that support affordable housing as proposed by staff.

The purpose of the City's Housing and Community Development Commission (Commission) is to advise the City Council and the City's Housing Department on policies, programs, and the City's performance in housing and community development. This focus includes issues related to the City's mobilehome rent ordinance, apartment rent ordinance and other programs in Chapters 17.22 and 17.23 of the San José Municipal Code. Given the Commission's responsibilities, its members are focused on a range of strategies and programs that can help San Jose's current housing crisis and shortage of affordable housing.

At the Commission's meeting on November 8, 2018, Planning Department staff presented proposed text amendments that support affordable housing projects and mobilehome park preservation. The Commission voted to support the following recommendation. By a vote of 8-2, it recommended that the Planning Commission and City Council **support the four proposed General Plan Text Amendments and other changes as written** regarding affordable housing and mobilehome park preservation issues. The Commission discussion indicated continued support for protecting mobilehome parks, for preventing displacement of residents from San José, and for creation of both market-rate and affordable housing to help the housing crisis.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at HCDC6@sanjoseca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/
Andrea Wheeler
Commission Chair