



# Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
November 26 – December 5

**DATE:** December 5, 2019

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## **ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD**

### **Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

#### **Letters from the Public**

1. Letter from Katalina Palavecino, received November 26, 2019, regarding 5G in Our Neighborhoods.
2. Letter from SPUR, SV@Home, and SVLG, received December 4, 2019, regarding the Valley Transit Authority's Transit Oriented Communities Framework for Planning Thriving Communities around the Silicon Valley BART extension.

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**From:** Katalina Palavecino  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019 2:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** 5G IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Dear City Clerk,

It has come to my attention that the City Of San Jose is planning on placing Small 5G towers in our neighborhoods. I wanted let you know that we the public and residents of San Jose are aware that there is a court order for the FCC to comply with an environmental review before 5G installation occurs, which has not been done yet. I demand that these installations in our city be stopped and put on hold until the FCC complies with an environmental review.

I also request that the City Of San Jose adopt an ordinance requiring set-backs of at least 300 ft from homes, 1,000 ft from schools and a minimum distance of 1,500 ft between 5G small cell towers.

We, the public are concerned with the health and public safety that these towers will bring. These towers will expose us 24/7 to high amounts of radio frequency waves that are not safe for us. Verizon stated " [5G cells] may exceed the FCC's occupational limit for exposure to radio frequency emissions and an area that extends 4 ft from the antenna face that may exceed the FCC's general population limit for exposure to radio frequency emission".

I urge you to look further into this issue and keep the safety of the public as a priority.

Thank you for your time

Kate Palazzo



December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and Members of the City Council  
City of San Jose  
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113*

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Davis, Diep, Carrasco, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Khamis, and Perez,

On behalf of SV@Home, SPUR, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, we write today to commend the Valley Transit Authority's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) framework for planning thriving communities around the Silicon Valley BART extension. We want to thank VTA for its holistic approach to envisioning, and providing recommendations for, mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhoods that will take full advantage of public transit and existing community resources. The attention to the challenges of displacement related to the redevelopment of the areas around the proposed BART stations is also to be commended.

The City of San José sits at the cusp of transformational changes to its urban core, with major opportunities for transit-oriented development along the BART extension. VTA's analysis of the potential for increased housing and commercial development around the new stations demonstrates the opportunity the City has to set ambitious goals for these areas. **The two San José Playbooks anticipate nearly 16,000 new homes in Downtown San Jose, of which nearly 3,200 are affordable, as well as nearly 7,800 homes, with 2,000 affordable, around the future 28<sup>th</sup> Street BART station. The Playbooks do not include the Diridon Station area, which will also need added capacity to reach at least 10,000 new homes, of which 25% will be affordable.** The analyses show that we don't have to pit housing development against commercial development, but rather that by planning for both we can provide the highest community benefits.

**As the City undertakes its Four-Year General Plan Review and contemplates the exciting opportunity of a revitalized Diridon Station and greater Downtown area -- as well as updates to Urban Villages, residential and job growth targets, and zoning standards -- it has a once in a lifetime opportunity to plan for density and vibrancy at these station areas.** To accomplish this, the City must meaningfully integrate VTA's vision for Transit Oriented Communities into its planning and policy efforts. To that end, we endorse VTA's TOC framework and the opportunities highlighted at each of the San José BART stations for housing and commercial development.

We look forward to working with the City to incorporate VTA's TOC approach through the General Plan Review and Urban Village plan updates. Let's build the vibrant, inclusive communities for people of all incomes and backgrounds in San José.

Sincerely,

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Director of Strategic Initiatives

**Michelle Huttenhoff**  
San Jose Policy Director

**Vincent Rocha**  
Senior Director, Housing and  
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