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Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 4:42 PM

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Thanks,

Kirk Vartan
Catalyze SV Board member

From: Jack Axelrod

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:14 AM

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Anthony

From: Carlin Black

Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 6:46 PM

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It seems to me that items 2, 3, and 4 are all easily doable, and the more bikeable we make our community the healthier and more enjoyable it becomes.

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Joe Herrity

From: Gavin Lohry

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:49 AM

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Gavin Lohry

From: Milo Trauss

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:55 AM

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Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,
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From: Alex Shoor

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:34 PM

To: City Clerk

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Subject: Catalyze SV's Position on Item 10.2 for 4/28 Council meeting

CATALYZE SV

Dear San Jose Councilmembers & Mayor Liccardo,

I'm writing on behalf of Catalyze SV's members, Board & staff re: ROEM's Meridian Apartments proposal before you on Tuesday, 4/28.

Catalyze SV's Project Advocacy Committee [evaluated](#) & [scored](#) this project earlier this year.

First, Catalyze SV wants to thank ROEM for bringing this important mixed-use, affordable housing project to the City of San Jose. We especially appreciate & commend ROEM for forging ahead during the current virus. We also appreciate ROEM graciously engaging Catalyze SV's members on this project in February 2020.

There's **much our members like about this project** - a lot of impressive aspects to it - including:

- 233 homes, all affordable, half below 50% of our area's median income
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A word about our approach to project advocacy: Catalyze SV's has a "Yes, and ..." approach. Yes, we want development and we want it to be more sustainable, equitable & vibrant. This approach wouldn't be necessary if we had spent the last 40 years building the quality of development we need - if we had built the transportation options, housing & building height necessary to address our current woes. If we're going to solve our region's major housing & transportation problems, we've got to ensure that every project that arrives before you on the dais goes as far as possible in addressing the City of San Jose's goals.

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In the Planning Commission's unanimous vote on this project on 4/8, it echoed Catalyze SV's concerns about transportation options for the project.

The developer hasn't committed to any of these 4 ideas above. They have committed to modest transportation measures, including a) assigning a "transit manager to provide transit information for all new residents" and b) substituting 12 of the bike parking spaces they're required to have for a bikeshare program for tenants. Catalyze SV is concerned these efforts won't make much a difference on mode shift compared to the 4 ideas above.

In ROEM's defense, while they could have addressed these issues at any time, they have not had much time to incorporate our specific improvements since we shared them. Nonetheless, our ideas will make the project better.

Planning staff have indicated that prior to issuance of any Building Permits, the applicant & Planning staff "shall coordinate and determine cost-effective project design features or programmatic elements to encourage alternative modes of transportation to and from the site."

Yet wouldn't it be **better for ROEM to formally commit now to implementing these improvements before the project is approved** because Tuesday is the last time the City Council and the public will have any input?

Catalyze SV urges you to vote on Tuesday to approve ROEM's important affordable housing project with some crucial transportation improvements necessary to help the City achieve its goals.

Thank you for considering Catalyze SV's perspective.

Sincerely,

Alex Shoor

From: Daniel Schwarz

Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 8:39 PM

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Subject: My Input on the Meridian Apartments vote this Tuesday

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

I hope you will vote to approve the Meridian Apartments proposal on Tuesday's meeting. This is exactly the type of sustainable, affordable, positive development our city needs.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Dan Schwarz

From: Hannah Follweiler

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:13 PM

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From: kathryn hedges

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Cc: PACT Core Housing Team <sjwebelong@googlegroups.com>; Catalyze SV Board <board@catalyzesv.org>; svrising@wpusa.org

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Here is my perspective as an affordable housing tenant in a similar building. I've been living in a transit-focused development in San Jose since September 2016, and I typically use my free VTA pass on a regular basis for meetings and light errands. (My business requires some hauling that won't work on transit.) The bike parking where I live doesn't accommodate cargo bikes or bike trailers, and neither does my balcony, where I store my bike because the bike parking is so badly designed. However, I am lucky to have easy access to all my transit and bike lanes. If I had to take a long detour on foot, I would be less likely to use transit. If we had unbundled parking, I would be more likely to give up my car if I no longer needed it for my business.

Also, tenants in affordable housing are less likely to be able to afford newer environmentally-friendly electric, hybrid, or alternative energy cars. (This is based on looking at my neighbors' cars in the garage, not just stereotyping.) It would help both the tenants and the environment to encourage them to take fewer trips or even retire their car, and the cost savings is more likely to be an incentive than it is for people over the median income.

Can you please incorporate the improvements Catalyze SV members and I are suggesting for this project? We don't have to choose between

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hedges

From: William Garrett
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:59 AM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: public comment for agenda item #10.2

Hello,

I'd like to submit a comment on the proposed development at 961-971 Meridian Ave.

I am a current resident across the street from the proposed project, and I 100% back this project, as it directly addresses the housing crisis we have in San Jose, and the Bay Area more generally. The sooner it can be built the better.

However, I would like to request that the city make curbside parking improvements to Meridian Ave. in conjunction with this project. Currently, the southbound side of Meridian Ave. between Fruitdale and Curci has no curbside parking. However, it appears that Meridian is wide enough to support the addition of parking on its southbound side. Meridian appears to be the same width in this block as it is south of Curci where curbside parking exists on both sides of the street. Parking is already limited in the immediate area of Meridian and Curci, and the addition of additional housing and businesses to the area will likely bring greater vehicular traffic to the area. That is generally a good thing, as Meridian is a major thoroughfare that can handle the volume. I project that adding curbside parking in conjunction with the development of this project between 961-971 Meridian would have two beneficial effects to the immediate area. First, it would prevent a further overburdening of the street parking situation that currently exists. Second, it would help provide a modicum of traffic calming to this stretch of Meridian. Right now, Meridian serves as a major access point to Highway 280. Consequently, people tend to drive too fast in the immediate area. By adding curbside parking on the southbound side, it might psychologically force people to slow down a little, and more importantly, it would provide somewhat of a safety barrier for pedestrians and other sidewalk users once this project is complete.

To be clear, the project itself has sufficient parking, and I'm not asking for additional parking within the project as part of its approval. I simply ask that the city use new striping and signs to add curbside parking to the southbound side of Meridian once the project is complete.

Thank you.

William Garrett