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Planning Commission

Re: Support for item H19-016, City View Plaza

- Boilermakers 549
- Brick & Tile 3
- Carpenters 405
- Carpenters 2236
- Carpet & Linoleum 12
- Cement Masons 400
- Electricians 332
- Elevator Constructors 8
- Glaziers 1621
- Heat & Frost Insulators 16
- Iron Workers 377
- Laborers 270
- Laborers 67
- Lathers 9144
- Millwrights 102
- Operating Engineers 3
- Painters District Council 16
- Painters & Tapers 507
- Plasterers 300
- Plumbers & Steamfitters 393
- Roofers 95
- Sheet Metal Workers 104
- Sign, Display 510
- Sprinkler Fitters 483
- Teamsters 287
- UA Local 355

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to today on behalf of the Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council in support of the staff recommendations for item number H19-016, City View Project Tower.

The Building and Construction Trades Council consists of 27 Craft Unions representing over 30,000 workers and their families.

This major project is critical to core downtown development and will immediately provide significant safe construction employment during the current Covid-19 economic downturn.

The Building Trades Council supports the staff recommendation asking the Planning commission to recommend that the City Council:

1. Certify the Environmental Impact Report
2. Adopt a Resolution approving a Site Development Permit

Please keep this project moving forward without additional delay.

Sincerely,



David Bini
 Executive Director



May 26, 2020

Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Peralez, Members of the City Council and Planning Commission:

I would like to add my voice to the many who fervently believe that the Jay Paul project in the Downtown is a very important one for our City's improvement and the economic future of our citizens. These are no ordinary times; and this project builds on the critical decisions that San Jose has chosen over the recent decades to build a tax base and give our citizens the type of services and special places that they deserve and have not always enjoyed. Lew Wolff - as Mayor Reed recently pointed out - has put the single building of some contention, that in some people's minds might be worthy of preservation, in its proper perspective - it is not significant enough and should not interfere with this new and needed development.

In other distressing times for our City, Lew Wolff made major investments in the same location to move us ahead. It is fitting and a bit poignant, that his buildings will now be replaced by other ones, but that is the nature of progress, and of the evolution of cities. I believe this replacement is a wise decision. San Jose can be proud of the many buildings that have been preserved in the last fifty years - from the Peralta Adobe to the California Theatre to St. Joseph's Cathedral to the dozens of commercial and civic structures of great historic value that are abundant - it is a fine record, but one that involved a judgement of when and what to save and when to move forward into that new world. The Jay Paul project represents that future, just as the Wolff efforts, the Fairmont Hotel, the headquarters of Adobe Systems and SAP Arena did so in the past - we are all a part of that past and hopeful for that future that we are now reaching toward.

It comes very slowly at times but then it often arrives with a swiftness that is amazing - please take that leap.

Sincerely,

Tom McEnery