

# City Council Hearing

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June 16, 2020  
Item 10.2

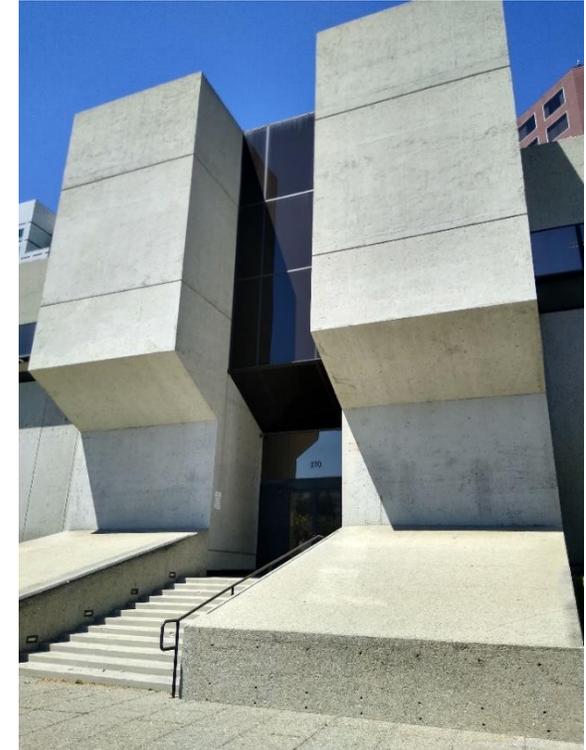
Historic City Landmark Designation for  
“170 Park Center Plaza,”  
former Bank of California Building

Presenter: Rosalynn Hughey, Director, PBCE



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# Historic Resource Description



- Qualifies as City Landmark per Historic Preservation Ordinance Chapter 13.48.110
- Example of Modern architecture – Expressionist, Brutalist or Metaphoric
- Once a key anchor of Park Center Plaza financial center
- Associations with Cesar Pelli and Gruen Associates

# Historic Landmarks Commission Recommendation

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- March 4, 2020
  - Discussed potential nomination based on a request from Preservation Action Council of San Jose
- May 6, 2020
  - Considered the nomination and voted to prepare documentation for nomination
- June 3, 2020
  - Found that the Building meets the criteria for City Landmark status and voted to recommend that the Council designate the Building as a City Landmark

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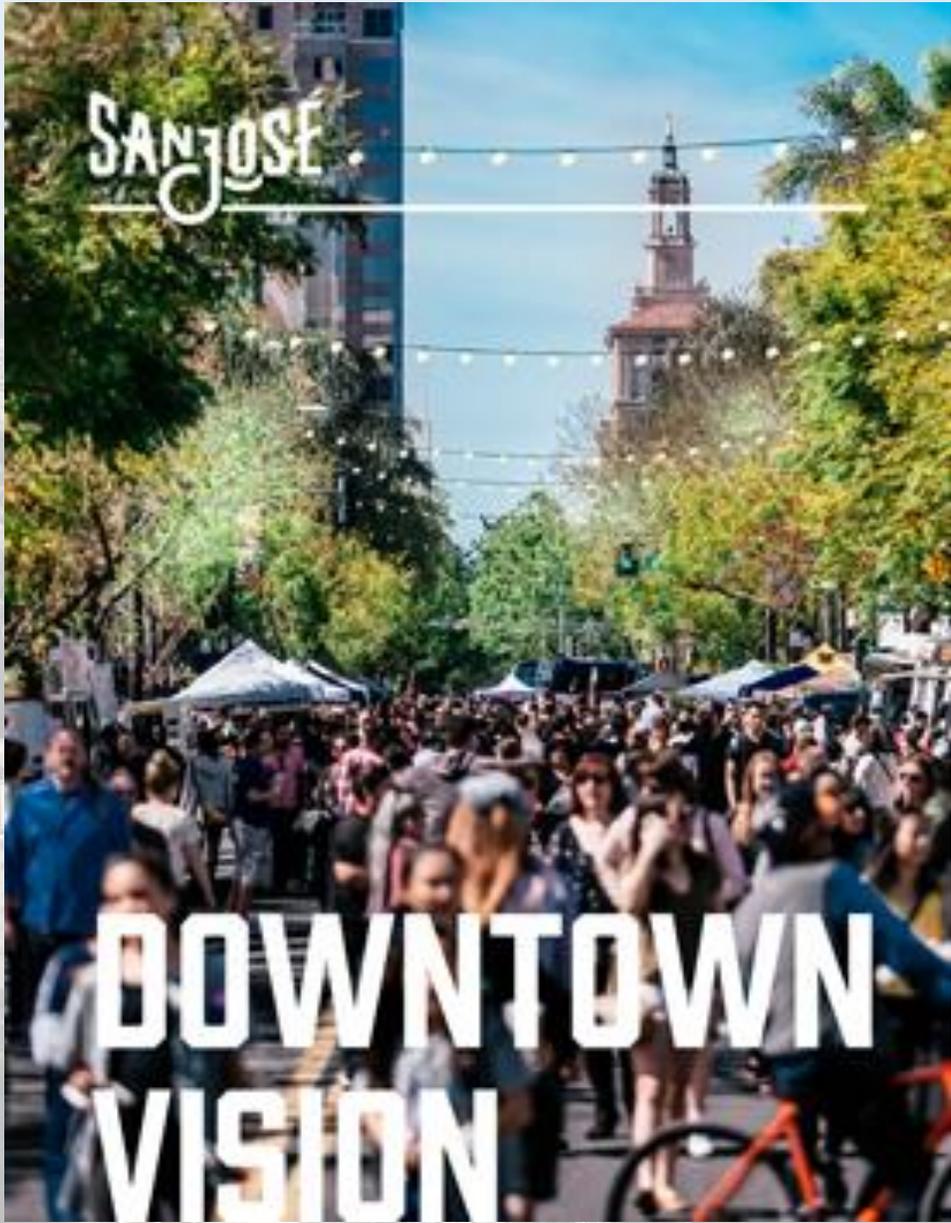
Item 10.3

H19-016 - Site Development Permit for  
150 S. Almaden Boulevard/Cityview Plaza

Presenter: Rosalynn Hughey, Director, PBCE



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# Cityview Plaza Project: Aerial



# Project Description

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**Site Development Permit:** To allow the demolition of the 9 existing on-site buildings (including candidate City Landmark) and the construction of an approximately 3.79 million square foot development, including 3.64 million square feet of office and 24,000 square feet of retail

# Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

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## Identified Significant and Unavoidable project impacts:

- Construction and Operational Air Quality Impacts
- Construction and Operational Noise Impacts
- Cultural Resources: The project would result in the demolition of the historic Park Center Plaza, including 4 individually significant historic buildings
- Land Use: The project would have a shade and shadow impact on Plaza de Cesar Chavez

# Statement of Overriding Considerations

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- Create approximately 20,000 jobs, accessible to Downtown
- Provide multi-modal and pedestrian enhancements
- Increases economic development and Downtown vibrancy
- Implements the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan's Strategies, Goals and Policies, and Downtown Vision

# Community Outreach

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- August 19, 2019 Community Meeting
  - Key concerns:
    - Removal of Historic Buildings
- September 4, 2019 and April 1, 2020 Historic Landmarks Commission
  - Concern with demolition of historic resources, especially the Bank of California Bank Building
- May 27, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
  - Voted unanimously to recommend the Council approve the project with added recommendation to consider the parking for the development
- June 3, 2020 HLC
  - HLC voted to recommend designation of former Bank of California Building as a City Landmark

Q&A / Discussion