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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

Rob Tersini of The Sobrato Organization and I are very proud to present to you the Block 8 Office Tower in Downtown San Jose. The goal is to replace an existing surface parking lot (see photo below) with an office building with World-class architecture. The City Staff and the Planning Commission unanimously recommend approval.

We hope the Council will consider the following key points:

1) By creating 494,796 square feet of new office and ground-floor commercial space, the project will help the City of San Jose achieve its job goals and add pedestrian vitality to the SoFA District and the Plaza de Cesar Chavez area. Office workers will provide much needed business for Downtown restaurants, retailers, and cultural arts groups.

2) The project's design is very distinctive and a departure from the typical rectangular box office buildings that exist in Downtown today (see photos below), responding to the goals outlined in the City's Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan as well as the San Jose Downtown Design Guidelines & Standards. The building appears as four twisting towers and includes rooftop gardens for office tenants on multiple levels. On the ground floor, the project provides a variety of commercial spaces activating all three of the public street frontages on South First, San Carlos, and S. Market Streets

3) The project has incorporated design input from the Historic Landmarks Commission, the City's Historic Preservation Staff, the City's Historic Consultant, and the preservation community, in order to create a design that is deemed compatible with nearby historic buildings.

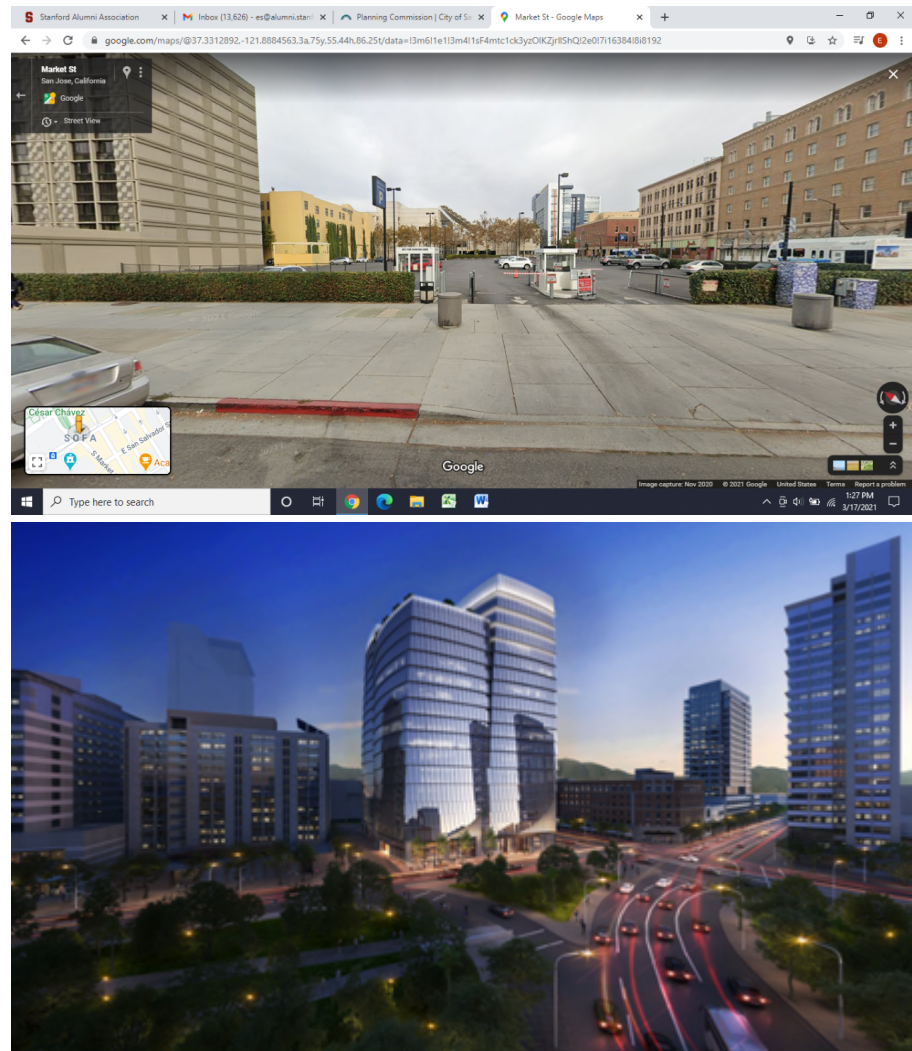
We hope that for the above reasons that you find our project worthy of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rob Tersini

Erik Schoennauer

Current site - Northeast corner of South Market St. and San Carlos Street





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