

Date: Month DD, 2020

Re: El Paseo and 1777 Saratoga Avenue Mix Use Village Signature Project Application (Permit Number PDC19-049), dated December 17th, 2019

Attn: Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo, City of San Jose

Office of Vice Mayor Charles “Chappie” Jones, City of San Jose District 1

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Common Sense for San Jose West Community Group

The Schoennauer Company LLC

El Paseo Property Owner LLC

I am a member of a local community surrounding El Paseo and 1777 Saratoga Avenue Mix Use Village Signature Project (El Paseo/Saratoga Ave. Project) and I am writing to you to express my interest and concern regarding the future development plans for the entire area.

As a local resident, I want to ensure that the development of El Paseo/Saratoga Ave. Project is positive, consistent with our neighborhood’s characteristics, and sustainable for our community. Please understand that I am not opposed to sensible, managed growth and I do know that our city and region need increased housing and development to support our population and growth. Unfortunately, this Signature Project Application Submittal (Permit number PDC19-049) by Sand Hill Property Company introduces large structures and high density to a limited portion of El Paseo Mall and the corner parcel of 1777 Saratoga Avenue (10.66 acres out of 32.51 acres). It does not provide much visibility into future development plans for the remaining acreage.



* The Signature Project Application of El Paseo/Saratoga Ave. proposes (5) structures of 12 to 3 stories ranging in height from 132 -50 ft. The taller buildings are not characteristic of the local community.
* The application introduces 731 housing units to the limited site.
* Detailed estimates of additional traffic to the area from the new residences and commercial space are not yet clear but I expect a significant increase in traffic.

The Lawrence Express/Saratoga Avenue intersection is already busy – particularly at commuting hours, as it sits at a key junction between Interstate 280 and California Highway 85. The intersection is immediately adjacent to Prospect High School, and very close to Moreland Middle School. Many area children cross the intersections and walk through El Paseo/Saratoga Ave. Project site to get to these schools. I have concerns regarding pedestrian safety as well as the traffic mitigation measures for this development.

Our neighborhood understands that new development will be made – and we are excited for the future of the El Paseo/Saratoga Ave. Project site, and for greater San Jose. We just want to make sure that we don’t do too much, too fast, and without adequate vision for the development of the entire site. The current application introduces too much density, unknown traffic increases to a high traffic area, and does not provide a detailed vision for the entire property.

For these reasons, I’m expressing my concern as a local resident.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

From: [Resident Name]

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