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Shannon,

Please find attached a letter from the Diridon Area Neighborhood Group (DANG) in response to the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan, Google, EIR.

Thank you,

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RE: Downtown West Mixed-use Plan, Google EIR, GP19-009, PDC 19-039 & PD19-029

The Diridon Area Neighborhood Group (DANG) hereby submits our comments to the EIR scoping process. The list of items to consider can be found below:

- Public Services - Fire Station, the City of San Jose has had issues with calls for service times being out of compliance. The addition of such a large project and the City needs to look at the coverage of Fire Stations throughout San Jose. The project also removed the Fire Training Center site and this must be adequately studied.
- Public Services – Fire truck access and proper firefighting trucks with high-rise ladders and equipment for this type of development in proximity to the existing neighborhoods.
- Public Services - Public Parks, this project needs to adequately look at the proposal to ensure that green space have a much higher weighted public value than plazas and true up the exact square footage of park space versus stormwater runoff mitigation.
- Public Services – Public Safety, concerned about school children from Delmas Park walking across Highway 280 at Bird Avenue.
- Transportation – Mobility plan needs to include studying the movement of cars, buses, bicycles, scooters, pedestrians, ride-sharing, etc. An example of this issue is the separation of pedestrians and bicyclists from automobile traffic. The Los Gatos Creek Trail needs to be studied for safety.
- Transportation – Construction Impact Mitigation Plan for 10 plus years of development.
- Transportation – Street configuration must be studied for connectivity to existing neighborhoods such as Hannah Gregory.
- Noise – Construction noise for 10 plus years of development, construction work hours
- Cultural Resources – Building Heights, historic and non-historic structures will be in close proximity to buildings that will be causing shade and shadow on them.
- Energy – Reconfiguration of PG&E Substation and relocation of 15kv lines from Otterson Street.
- Energy – Study the issues from Google’s own energy center, does the cogeneration plant use natural gas to power it. How does the venting of this facility work and how will it affect the surrounding neighborhoods?

- Land Use and Planning – Streets proposed does not conform to the land use policy of Complete Streets.
- Utilities – Study capacity issues of PG&E substation after Google development.
- Transportation – Pedestrian and vehicle separation from Google development impacts on current and future rail tracks.
- Transportation – Bird/280 interchange needs to be studied; the impact of this project will produce an increase in greenhouse gas from the congestion.
- Energy – Utilities need to be studied for the safe layout of underground utilities. The gas lines need to be safely placed in the public right of way.
- Public Services – Project needs to ensure that the City’s policy of a 10-minute walk to park space is honored.

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns,

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