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Dear Shannon Hill,

I am writing to you with regards to the Notice of Preparation for the Downtown West Mixed Use Plan. I am an Environmental Studies masters student attending San Jose State University and have been assigned to review this proposed project and conduct a mock draft EIR.

During the review of the proposed project the area of most concern is the number of parking lots proposed to be eliminated, without the prospect of additional parking to the same scale. In the Downtown West Mixed Use Plan under the category of existing parking the estimated amount states N/A in all categories. As seen in the images and when visiting the sites, there are numerous parking lots that are full or nearly full during week days. By eliminating the SAP center parking and the CALTrain parking it puts additional stress on other parking structures in the city. There should be a documented amount of parking spaces that are being eliminated to accurately describe the effects that this project is having in the area.

Additionally, with the proposed units of housing, hotel and daily use of this area there will be increased strain on the neighboring parks of Arena Green and Guadalupe River park. The increase of foot traffic, possible animal use and damages to the park should all be considered when conducting the EIR. It will be essential to have additional green space for the increase of people that will be using this area. I propose that a mitigation measure be made to set aside additional funds to maintain the surrounding parks.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Heidi Giancola

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