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Hi James,

Please replace the CEQA summary in the agenda with the following text:

CEQA requires disclosure of the potential environmental effects resulting from the construction or implementation of a project. The City determined that the project may have a significant impact on the environment, and preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. The EIR will analyze the project's potential environmental impacts on the following environmental categories: air quality; biological resources; cultural resources and tribal cultural resources; energy; geology and soils; greenhouse gas emissions; hazards, hazardous materials, and wildfire; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning and agriculture and forestry resources; mineral resources; noise; population and housing; public services and recreation; transportation; utilities and service systems; and cumulative impacts, considering other proposed development in the project vicinity. In addition, the EIR will identify and evaluate alternatives, including a "no-project" alternative, to the project that would reduce or avoid one or more of the identified impacts of the project, while achieving most of the identified basic objectives of the project. This knowledge informs the public and helps local officials make informed decisions about the project and its effect on the environment.

A draft of the EIR will be available for public review and comments as part of this process at the time of its completion, which is expected in spring 2020. Public comments and staff responses, including any additional analysis necessary to respond to public comments, will be included in the First Amendment to the EIR. The First Amendment and the Draft EIR will be combined to form the Final EIR. The Final EIR will be reviewed by the City of San José Planning Commission at a noticed public hearing, and the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on certification of the EIR. The City Council, at a noticed public hearing, will consider the EIR and certify the EIR if they find the EIR to be adequate.

In addition, the public was provided an opportunity to voice their comments and/or submit formal written comments on the scope of the EIR at the Downtown West Mixed-Use Project (Google Project) EIR Scoping Meeting held on November 7, 2019 at San José City Hall, and a Notice of Preparation (NOP) was circulated for a 30-day public comment period (October 23, 2019 through November 22, 2019). A video recording of the scoping meeting is available online at: https://sanjose.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=51, and the NOP is available online at:

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=41175>.

Thanks!

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