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Hello Kathy –

I appreciate you reaching out to me regarding your concerns with the Planning staff presentation at the September 16, 2020 Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG) meeting. Your leadership and that of the DANG members have been valuable over the years as we have planned for more urban, mixed-use neighborhoods and managed quite a bit of change over the years. We certainly look forward to working with you on the Diridon-related plans and projects—these are truly transformative for the Downtown and the entire City.

Planning staff's goal for the meeting was to share the considerations and analyses for the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) amendment to date, particularly regarding the height concepts since there is significant community interest. After receiving community feedback, I understand that Planning staff have made some adjustments to their initial height concept (originally shared in spring of this year). This planning process is an iterative one, and staff is working to balance both neighborhood concerns and goals with broader Citywide policies and objectives, including the additional development capacity that can now be realized in Diridon/Downtown as a result of Council's action to raise building heights which complements the new transit investments. There will be some tough decisions to make on how and where that new capacity should be allocated in the DSAP area.

While legally the Planning Division must continue to process development applications on file in

conformance with existing City policies and regulations, staff can collect development data and share with the DANG as projects are approved.

I know that Planning staff has met with the DANG several times and they are committed to continued engagement with you. The draft DSAP amendment and the environmental document will be released to the public later this month/November, so there is more opportunity for staff to receive and consider your feedback. We recognize that the DANG represents the neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the Diridon Station area and therefore will be directly impacted.

Again, thank you for emailing me. You have my assurance that Planning staff and all City staff will conduct the planning process with professionalism and respect for the DANG and all our residents.

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Good Afternoon Councilmember Perez and City Manager Sykes,
Please see the attached letter from the DANG.

Thank you,
Kathy

Kathy Sutherland
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