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Subject: RE: Public Comment - EIR Downtown West
Date: Friday, October 9, 2020 5:08:09 PM

Dear Jordan Weinberg,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft EIR for the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project). You will be added to the public notification list for future notices for the project, and your comments will be included as part of the public record forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council. The website for the project is located at the following link:

www.san Joseca.gov/googleproject.

The tentative schedule for the project is to go to Planning Commission and City Council in late Spring/early Summer 2020.

Best regards,

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Dear Ms. Shannon Hill,

I struggle to understand how Downtown West is "destined to be a true part of the city - the opposite of a traditional corporate campus", as Laura Crescimano states, when the Active Use areas are entirely surrounded by Office space, and are likewise dwarfed in size and area. The Downtown West project takes formerly publicly-owned land and reduces public access through office construction. In addition, public green space along Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River now abuts office space, extending the domain of private control to the creek's edge, and thus to the creek itself. The entirety of the plan between Park Avenue and Santa Clara Street now limits public access to public green space with development forming a physical barrier between public roads and public green space - undoubtedly added security over the corporate campus is necessary and could result in restriction of movement by private security, to access a public domain. The plan takes no steps to address these

concerns and instead endorses the creeping privatization in public spaces.

Thank you,
Jordan Weinberg

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