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**Attachments:** [Copy of Web-Comments-Fall-2020-Outreach.xlsx](#)

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Hi,

Comments and questions by email have also been added to the attached file.

Thank you,

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San José City Hall is closed in response to COVID-19.

I am working remotely in accord with governor's and City's direction.

I will monitor email during this time.

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Here the questions/comments received through the online feedback form so far. Not that many submissions yet, but they cover a wide variety of topics and includes some great questions!

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Severino, Lori

**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:40 AM

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**Subject:** dry run for Oct 19th community meeting (for everyone that will attend)

**When:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** zoom

Agenda:

1. First 30-45 min:
  - a. Review meeting flow
  - b. Review breakout room format and staffing needs
  - c. Discuss Spanish/Vietnamese interpretation and small group
2. Remaining time:
  - a. Review questions received to date and approach for answering them
  - b. Lock in presentation timeline
  - c. Facilitator/note taker/staff instructions

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Submitted On	Name	What questions do you have
10/09/2020 23:17:		Na
10/10/2020 12:00:		<p>With all this money the city is getting why are you not dealing with the homeless problem?</p> <p>Only concern to me is increase of traffic on Bird Ave traveling South. People already use this street as thorough fare or freeway instead of 87 to get from 280 headed South. I live on Bird before Willow and when Lincoln Ave was reduced to two lanes traffic on Bird increased by at least double. I like the Google Village plan and look forward to the improvements it will make to our City and Diridon. Are you limiting car parking to prevent increase in vehicle traffic in the surrounding areas and neighborhoods. Bird should not assume additional traffic burden on a street that is already over used, negatively impacted by the reduction to Lincoln Ave, particularly during commute hours.</p>
10/10/2020 20:14:		<p>Why do we continue to build so many business offices and they sit EMPTY year after year? How many of the employees will only work from home isn;t it time to rethink work places and make home offices the key!</p>
10/10/2020 22:23:		
10/11/2020 00:23:		<p>How will San Jose handle the increased burden on traffic infrastructure with the new Google campus?</p> <p>Is it possible to ask Google to connect the Guadalupe creek trail and the bicycle trail they are planning in their area? I couldn't tell from the map if they were connected. That could greatly decrease the traffic on the street because if the trails are connected (so there is no street bicycle riding necessary -- other than perhaps crossing a street at a signal every few miles); it would connect more areas by bicycle.</p>
10/11/2020 22:46:		
10/12/2020 13:49:		<p>Do you have specific building designs? Specifically the tallest ones?</p>

10/13/2020 09:07:

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Hope all is well with you. I have a question in regards to the Google Project . There is a property in which was purchased by Google located at 1675 Monterey Rd San Jose, CA (where the previous Pick-N-Pull was located), and I wanted to know if you can perhaps provide me with the project managers information or contractor in charge of this site as I wanted to reach out to them and offer our services in case they are going to be building anything here. Any of your help would be greatly appreciated.

Anna Padilla-  
10/7/2020 16:17 Lopez



Alrie  
10/7/2020 8:21 Middlebrook

When are the dates for public comment?  
If we wish to write an email to the google rep, what is his/her contact info?  
When is the deadline for all public comments?  
To whom may we write to express our views in the mayors office?  
Public works? Parks and Rec? Environmental services?  
Thank you for this info.  
Sincerely,  
Alrie Middlebrook  
Executive Director  
The California Native Garden Foundation  
The Center for Urban Sustainability

10/9/2020 12:33 Ron Jimenez

I enjoyed reviewing the Google Project slides as relates to our downtown of the future. One thing I did not hear was what provision will be made for access to medical care for those living and working in this downtown area. Currently these medical resources are limited and are primarily constituted by Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System ambulatory clinic and scattered Urgent Care Clinics in the vicinity. How will the project address this community need within the context of the anticipated volume of residents?  
I am not sure if I am reaching out the right person regarding my question but upon some research I came across your name and thought I'd start here.

10/10/2020 0:06 Ashika Giri

My name is Ashika Giri. I am a mother of two (a 3 year old girl, and 1 year old baby boy) and I live in San Jose with my family. I am an immigrant and came to this country about 20 years ago. I am a small business owner. I own a dump truck business and I am reaching out to ask if the City Of San Jose would give me the opportunity to provide the Dump Truck service for the upcoming construction Needs with Google campus project? I am not sure what is the best approach but thought I'd reach out to you hoping you could kindly point me in the right direction.

I plan on attending the October 19th Google Village public input meeting, but I want to email you this recommendation for the planning team in hopes that they insist on attractive names when a new street are built, if there will be new street.

There is a new development in South San Jose, next to Costco on Great Oaks, that is being built. The street names are awful. Who would want to live on Magnetic Loop, Shutter Court, Emergent Way? Not me. Sure, I know it used to be IBM property, but these street names make me depressed.

Please request that whatever new street names the planning department pulls out of the hat for this Google Village project are evocative, poetic, or have historical reference. Not Magnetic Loop.

Marylou  
10/10/2020 16:41 Avanzino



Thank you for sharing my itty bitty piece of input. It's important to me.

10/13/2020 17:18 Ben Leech



The Downtown West EIR references an Appendix E3 Relocation Feasibility Study. I don't see this posted online— can you provide a copy?

**What resonates with you the most**

Really hope this passes. We could use a development like this!!

Getting help for the homeless and cleaning up all the trash in our city. Grow a backbone.

Like the green space, bike and walking paths and emphasis on mass transit.

TOO MUCH HEIGHT too much space with concrete

We are big fans of this project. Big tech should move out of Palo Alto and Mountain View and into San Jose. San Jose takes on all the burden of housing and services but doesn't get any tax benefits of company campuses. This will also help reduce traffic on 101.

The multi-use throughout and sharing the auditorium with the community  
Integrating with the city outside "Building a place of San Jose", reliance and investment in public transportation. Building more desperately needed housing. Finally "nature and transit".

**What needs improvement**

Love all the green space and multi use spaces. It looks amazing!!!

The homeless problem, trash everywhere, and lack of funding for social workers to deal with the homeless and police departments actively addressing the homeless problem. They are being told to ignore them and it shows. This city has become an embarrassment like the a majority of California.

Plans and studies to understand impact of vehicle traffic into/out of and in surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Too many empty spaces for lease and rent year after year after year. Not enough housing and horrible transportation schedules with them getting CUT BACK again!!!

General concerns around traffic. 101/87/880 is already very congested and this will make it significantly worse, much less city streets close to downtown.

More expenses covered by Google and less by our taxes.

Can we get more investment in linking guadeloupe and Los Gatos trails, give better access from LG creek trail to Diridon (grade separated)



The design guidelines are very comprehensive and well-thought-out. The emphasis on the connecting trails and sustainable forms of transportation is exactly what is needed.

The amount of parking seems high for this area and a forward-looking project of this type.  
Would like to see Google look at helping to fund Guadalupe trail improvements to North San Jose where it has only developments. This would help e-bikes to be the quickest and most convenient mode between campuses and also offer benefits to the community.

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Additional Comments	Zip Code	
	95125	
People are not going to care for our city if you don't care about it yourself.	95116	
	95125	
	95129	
Great job getting Google to come to San Jose! This will help revitalize the downtown and is the kind of excitement that the city needs.	95132	
That's all that comes to mind at this time. I am concerned about the many years of construction and the traffic flows, that's why connecting the trails and the light rail before full construction is crucial.	95126	
I think this is a great project	95125	

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