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Shannon,

Please see the attached letter from the San Jose Arena Authority in regards to the Google Project.

Chris Morrissey  
Executive Director

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The City of San Jose  
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Attention: Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project)  
GP19-009, PDC19-039, AND PD19-029

To Shannon Hill:

This letter is in response to the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project) GP19-009, PDC19-039, AND PD19-029. Please note that the points contained in this letter specifically relate to the Google Project and the operations of SAP Center at San Jose.

Acknowledging the enormity of this project that will change the face of Downtown San Jose for decades to come, please consider these preliminary points listed below, and among others, for future consideration and discussion:

- Establish and maintain collaborative working relationships with the business, residential and civic stakeholders in and around the area of western Downtown
- Move forward and establish development discussions with the management team at SAP Center at San Jose. As you know, the Google Project will heavily impact the operations at the Center. In creating open dialogue about the Google Project and Center operations, a fuller understanding of the many facets of managing an arena will emerge. Ideally, in the exchange of organizational objectives, a clearer direction could develop that would in the end align the goals of the Center and the Google Project.
- Engage the San Jose Arena Authority, the City's liaison with the management team of SAP Center at San Jose
- Recognize and uphold the on-site and off-site parking agreements that are part of the Second Amended and Restated Arena Management Agreement. The City and SAP Center Management have established, long-term, contractual parking arrangements, which include specific on-site and off-site parking inventories that support the Center's operations. These contractual agreements have resulted in one of the most well-designed and efficient vehicular ingress and egress activity in the nation.
- Establish a community-based project oversight group with local civic leaders and professional staff, area businesses, residential neighborhood representatives and urban planning experts
- Establish working relationships with the San Jose Downtown Association and The Alameda Business Association

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- Fully engage the major stakeholders of the San Jose Diridon Station Area Plan
- Foster long-term associations with the public transit agencies that currently use the San Jose Diridon Station as well as the transit agencies planning to use the Diridon Station at a future time
- Engage the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, which provides critical green space in the Downtown core
- Please take the time to provide regular project update meetings with the community. While providing project updates to the community, please take these opportunities to present the most current information, including project commencement and timetables, site plans, heavy equipment routes and staging areas, road closures, access for vehicle and pedestrian routes in the vicinity of the project, potential project delays and estimated times for project activations.

In closing, the San Jose Arena Authority appreciates providing comments on the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google Project). We look forward to the collective efforts in addressing this unequaled urban design opportunity.

Sincerely,



Chris Morrisey  
Executive Director

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