

From: [Burnham, Nicolle](#)
To: [Sanderfer, Larissa](#)
Cc: [Downtown West Project](#)
Subject: RE: General Plan Amendment Language from Google Looks Very Scary...
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:55:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Let's forward this email to Jared. I think the concern persists that even the modified language still leaves a door open that could prove troublesome.

From: Sanderfer, Larissa <Larissa.Sanderfer@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Burnham, Nicolle <nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Downtown West Project <downtownwest@esassoc.com>
Subject: Re: General Plan Amendment Language from Google Looks Very Scary...

Hi Nicolle,

They are already aware of the amendment. I brought our concern up to them with the prior language. Do you want me to schedule a meeting to talk about it with Johnny and Jared (He's leading the general plan amendments)?

Thanks,
Larissa

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From: Burnham, Nicolle <nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Sanderfer, Larissa <Larissa.Sanderfer@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: FW: General Plan Amendment Language from Google Looks Very Scary...

Hi Larissa-

Can we make sure that John Tu (and maybe Johnny) is made aware of this concern? It seems logical and appropriate to raise this issue, but General Plan is definitely not my area of expertise.

-Nicolle

From: Jean Dresden [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:27 AM

To: Burnham, Nicolle <nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Re: General Plan Amendment Language from Google Looks Very Scary...

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Nicolle

I finally found this email in the junk folder with Cassie's calendar invites!

Has LEGAL weighed in on the meaning of this new proposed GP language?

We read it as allowing all parks, plazas, the Fire Station, all future parks, POPOs, can be converted to housing at will—forevermore.

It was not the intention of the original GP item which was to prevent conversion of industrial land into mega churches.

This is not limited to the SAP Arena and appears to also be an end run for VTA and Caltrain/Joint Powers Board and perhaps some other lands with Quasi-public designation.

LU-1.9 Preserve existing Public / Quasi-Public lands in order to maintain an inventory of sites suitable for Private Community Gathering Facilities, particularly within the Residential Neighborhoods, Urban Villages and commercial areas, and to reduce the potential conversion of employment lands to non-employment uses. Public / Quasi Public lands located within the Diridon Station Area Plan may be re-designated to other uses provided that such uses will advance San Jose's employment growth or housing goals.

—Jean

On Dec 8, 2020, at 11:31 AM, Burnham, Nicolle <nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hi Jean-

Staff had flagged this one too. See Larissa's response below. I haven't seen the revised language yet but will definitely review.

-Nicolle

From: Sanderfer, Larissa <Larissa.Sanderfer@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Burnham, Nicolle <nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Downtown West Project <downtownwest@esassoc.com>
Subject: Re: General Plan Amendment Language from Google Looks Very Scary...


Hi Nicolle,

This amendment was proposed to redesignate the SAP parking lot from Public/Quasi Public to Downtown/Commerical Downtown to allow housing/office.

We voiced our concern about the amendment's wording and they have since updated the language. It is linked on the City's [Webpage](#) under "Additional Submittals Documents provided November 25, 2020" The link is broken right now, but I contacted Planning about fixing it.

Let me know if I can clarify this further.

Thanks,
Larissa

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From: Burnham, Nicolle <nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Sanderfer, Larissa <Larissa.Sanderfer@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: General Plan Amendment Language from Google Looks Very Scary...

Can you remind me of the reason they proposed this? I know we all rejected it and I remember there was a rationale for why the proposed it but can't recall off hand.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jean Dresden [REDACTED]

Date: December 7, 2020 at 5:03:38 PM PST

To: "Burnham, Nicolle" <nicolle.burnham@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: General Plan Amendment Language from Google Looks Very Scary...

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I found this—it looks like they can dump a park whenever council wants to. Can you explain intent?

LU-1.9 Preserve existing Public / Quasi-Public lands **or include parks and open space improvements in redevelopment projects** in order to maintain an inventory of sites suitable for Private Community Gathering Facilities, particularly within the Residential Neighborhoods, Urban Villages and commercial areas, and to reduce the potential conversion of employment lands to non-employment use. **Public / Quasi Public lands located within the Diridon Station Area Plan may be re-designated to other uses provided that such uses will advance San Jose's employment growth or housing goals and include parks and open spaces within the development.**

—Jean

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