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**Subject:** Re: Google development

Hi Carleen,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful correspondence about the Diridon neighborhood, and the elements that make it special. This is an important timeframe for community input like yours, and I'm copying our key city staff and Google community contact who are deeply engaged in how to best honor these community assets — including the River Park and historic station.

The education center on Race Street is a landlord/tenant matter — not related to Google — but I do know that Middlebrook Gardens has a number of efforts underway to strengthen it's financial position and develop future plans. I'm sure they would welcome your involvement.

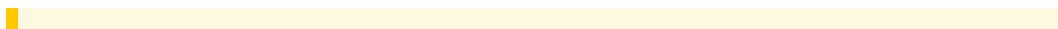
Lori Severino can add you to our community notification list so you can have continued opportunity to weigh in as the Diridon Station Area evolves over the next many years.

—Kelly

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On Mar 11, 2020, at 4:36 PM, Carleen <[carleen\\_schomberg@comcast.net](mailto:carleen_schomberg@comcast.net)> wrote:



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Ms. Kline,

It seemed to me you might be the most likely person to whom to direct some concerns about Google's plans in San Jose. My grandparents immigrated here from Italy in 1913, so my attachment to the city and surrounding areas is deep. I have serious concerns about what some aspects of Google's plans may do to the historic areas and neighborhoods. Little Italy is one example of a place that would be tragic to see destroyed or cut off. So much went into renewing it. Also, that small neighborhood garden and environmental education center on Race Street. It would be so sad to take that away from the longtime residents and children who use it for a learning experience and to connect to nature. These are only two examples of places that make San Jose unique and wonderful to visit. Diridon station is another old building that should be preserved even if additions are made to improve transit. I could go on and on about why the city should take seriously places that are important for residents and visitors alike. And, among other areas, the entire length of the Guadalupe should be the centerpiece of the city. There are many private groups who would be happy to help in the clean-up efforts if given the opportunity.

I hope you can see how important preserving the city's character and charm is to everyone and engage others on the city council and perhaps, too, the Board of Supervisors, to do whatever is necessary to keep economic considerations from taking away things that matter for quality of life.

Thank you for anything you can do in this regard,  
Carleen (Ambrosini) Schomberg

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