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Hello Ricardo,

This is a follow up from our conversation from last Sat. Diridon Station meeting held in San Jose.  
(I cc'd Lori on this email.)

I mentioned to you - what's the possibility to have small business spaces in the new Google complex? Is there a way to leverage Google building infrastructure, so that more of San Jose population base might have entrepreneurial access / space to create their own businesses? (Not everyone has aspirations to be a software Google engineer.)

A few ideas that came up for me are -

- 1) **R&D** space for small businesses that is not retail nor strictly office space. It might have a roll up door, so one can roll in small equipment etc and have access to 220 volt power.
- 2) Incubator spaces - e.g., **La Cocina kitchen** in S.F. It has a FDA approved kitchen to allow people with ideas to start a small business in catering, baking or cooking. <https://lacocinasf.org>
- 3) **Shared** non-Google office spaces for small business - this might affect the way Google layout the first floor designs to make this happen.
- 4) Potentially network with **Silicon Valley Small Business Development Center** regarding needs and challenges unique to our South Bay Area. [https://www.svsbdc.org/index\\_silicon\\_valley](https://www.svsbdc.org/index_silicon_valley).

Thank you,  
Matthew Young

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