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Hi SAAG members,

Here are some updates:

1. The next Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan Community Meeting – **the Big Moves Workshop – is on Monday, September 23, 6:00, at Poor House Bistro studio space.**  
The flyer is attached, and additional information is on the website: [www.diridonsj.org/disc](http://www.diridonsj.org/disc). Please help us spread the word!
2. The Draft Meeting Summary for August 22<sup>nd</sup> has been posted [here](#). Please let me know if you have any comments.
3. Below is an email from Working Partnerships, forwarding upon request.
4. We have updated the FAQs on Google and the Diridon Station Area, and posted them [here](#). Please take a look and let us know if you have any questions.

We are still working on scheduling the next SAAG meeting(s), and will get back to you shortly.

Thanks!

Lori

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**Subject:** FW: Working Partnerships USA response to City of San Jose lawsuit verdict

Lori,

Can you please share the following response to the *First Amendment Coalition and Working Partnerships U.S.A. vs. City of San Jose* ruling with members of the SAAG? I believe this context is helpful in relation to the emailed City statement you shared earlier with SAAG members.

Additionally, we'd like to provide a link to the documents released by the City of San Jose to WPUSA and FAC as a result of the lawsuit and our requests, the majority of which were only released by the City after WPUSA and the First Amendment Coalition brought this lawsuit (and which came many

months after the City was required to release records under the Public Records Act): [Click here to view the documents released by the City of San Jose](#)

We're proud of the work we've done to support transparency and open government and hope others can benefit from this information.

Thanks,  
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## WORKING PARTNERSHIPS USA

### Working Partnerships USA response to City of San Jose lawsuit verdict

Lawsuit forced the release of thousands of pages of documents about the deal to sell valuable public land that should have been made public months earlier

**San Jose, 20 August 2019** - Responding to the verdict in the City of San Jose v Working Partnerships USA lawsuit, Executive Director Derecka Mehrens said:

"Our lawsuit successfully forced the City of San Jose and the Mayor to release thousands of pages of documents they tried to hide from the public.

"Those documents should have been made public months before we ever had to sue. The policy of the City of San Jose should be to release all documents the public requires before they are under the pressure of litigation. We are proud of our work in support of transparency and open government."

In November 2018, Working Partnerships USA and the First Amendment Coalition jointly [sued the City of San Jose](#) for violations of California's public records laws over withholding documents related to the sale of valuable public land and subsequent development surrounding Diridon Station.

The deal was heavily criticized after it was revealed that Mayor Sam Liccardo and as many as 18 city staff and councilmembers signed secretive non-disclosure agreements around the land sale.

Additionally, it was found that more than 20 discussions had taken place behind closed doors and away from public scrutiny, and that public records requests for documents about the project had been denied by city officials. When the lawsuit requested the transcripts of these meetings, city officials were unable to provide full transcripts as [they failed to record the meetings](#).

The transcripts that have been turned over from the few closed-door meetings that were recorded found the Mayor and city councilmembers routinely discussed aspects of the deal that should have been discussed in open sessions with public scrutiny.

[Click here to view the documents released by the City of San Jose](#)

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