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Jose – Planner James Han sent me your questions; it's not my intention to shuffle you around, but based on your questions, it's really our Office of Economic Development (OED) that can best give you answers. OED established early relations with Google and is working on the Community Benefits Agreement as well as issues of gentrification. I'm putting you in touch with OED's public information manager, Elisabeth Handler.

Elisabeth – Please see Jose's list of questions below, and note his hope for an interview on Tuesday (tomorrow). Let me know if I can help on anything.

Jose - Regarding your question about materials and other information, please check out these online resources:

- [www.sanjoseca.gov/GoogleProject](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/GoogleProject) - This webpage is managed by the Planning Division and discusses the Google's project application submittal and the City's review process. City meetings on the review of the project are listed here.
- [www.diridonsj.org](http://www.diridonsj.org) – This website is about 1) the Diridon Integrated Station Concept (DISC) Plan, and 2) the 250-acre Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) of which the Google Project comprises roughly 80 acres. Both DISC and DSAP have their own series of community meetings; you'll find agendas for each in their respective sections of the webpage.

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**From:** Jose Luis Gandara [REDACTED] >  
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**To:** Han, James <[James.Han@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:James.Han@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Stanford Interview Request

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Hi Mr. Han,

Thank you for your quick response! Here are our questions. Feel free to go into as little or as much detail as possible--we really just want to know what you think is most important about this downtown development project. Our other interviewers have included members of the Google development team as well as various citizen groups, and so we would like to get the unique perspective of someone directly involved in the project from the municipal angle.

1. Can you please describe to us in some more detail your role in the Downtown West and Diridon Station project?
2. What drew San Jose to partnering with Google for the Downtown West development project? What does San Jose hope to bring to its city?
3. Our project focuses on the issue of gentrification in San Jose. How are concerns about gentrification and other unintended consequences being addressed in this development? Where might there be room for improvement from your perspective?
4. We understand that there is a desire for Google to negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement with San Jose. What are some of the most important items to be included in this agreement?
5. Are there any additional materials (studies, minutes from meetings, etc) that you think might be helpful in our project?

Thank you so much for your help with our project. We greatly appreciate it!

Best,  
Jose

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 8:14 AM

**To:** Jose Luis Gandara [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Stanford Interview Request

Hi Jose,

Can you send me a list of your questions and I will try to get back to you before Tuesday.

Regards,  
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**To:** Han, James <[James.Han@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:James.Han@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Stanford Interview Request

Hello Mr. Han,

My name is Jose Luis Gandara, and I am an undergraduate student at Stanford studying public policy. My partner Lukas and I would like to do a quick phone interview with you about the Downtown West project in San Jose as a part of our class with Professor Russell Hancock, called "Regional Politics and Decision-Making in Silicon Valley and the Greater Bay Area." We understand that you must be quite busy, and are more than willing to accommodate for your needs. However, we would like to arrange this interview to be with you before next Tuesday, if at all possible.

Please let us know if you would be able to join us for an interview over the phone.

Thank you,  
Jose

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