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To: [Downtown West Project](#)
Subject: FW: AB 900 Notice Distribution to Diridon and SAAG Contacts
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:05:40 PM

From: Hill, Shannon
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Severino, Lori <Lori.Severino@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Keyon, David <david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: RE: AB 900 Notice Distribution to Diridon and SAAG Contacts

Hi Lori,

Rosalynn and Cheryl have been heavily involved in reviewing web content for Google, but the language they approved is on the Google Project page, and I have pasted it below. If this is too long for your purposes, I suggest paring down this summary and including the link to the public notice. I would also provide a link to the AB 900 application on OPR's website, which included dates of approvals and the associated documents. The application is available at the following link: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/california-jobs.html>. Rosalynn and Cheryl may want to review the language before it is sent to your Diridon contacts.

Environmental Leadership Development Project Application - In mid-2019, Google informed the City that it would apply to the State's AB 900 program, also known as the Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21178-21189.3) that passed in 2011. For large development projects that both create jobs and meet a high standard of public benefits, AB 900 facilitates timely delivery of such community benefits by streamlining the judicial review process of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Governor must approve a project's eligibility to participate in the AB 900 program.

For approved AB 900 projects, any legal challenges to the certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or the approval of the project described in the EIR is subject to the procedures set forth in Sections 21185 to 21186, inclusive, of the Public Resources Code. Such judicial actions would get filed in the Court of Appeal, and the Court issues its decision within nine months to the extent feasible. AB 900 does not affect the environmental impact analysis or public engagement under CEQA; in fact, the program enhances transparency requirements for

timely posting of all EIR documents and materials on a public website once the draft EIR is circulated for public review.

On December 30, 2019, Governor Newsom certified the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Google project) as an Environmental Leadership Development Project (ELDP). Within ten days of this certification, the lead agency—which is the City of San José—is required to issue a [public notice](#), at the applicant's expense. This public notice will also appear in *The Mercury News* by January 8, 2019.

Thanks!

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From: Severino, Lori

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:35 PM

To: Hill, Shannon <Shannon.Hill@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Keyon, David <david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi Shannon,

I do not have any mailing addresses.

Rosalynn and I talked about putting a brief announcement on diridonsj.org and mentioning it in the next email blast that I send out (probably this Thursday). What do you suggest as a short summary for this email blast?

Thanks!

Lori

From: Hill, Shannon

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:19 PM

To: Severino, Lori <Lori.Severino@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Keyon, David <david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov>

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Importance: High

Hi Lori,

We are prepping the mailing of the notice of AB 900 application certification by Governor Newsom.

Do you have any Diridon and SAAG Contacts that would like to receive this notice? Please let me know by 3 PM today. FYI, the notice is posted on the City's Google Project site.

I apologize for the last minute request, but we need to get this notice out before 1/9, and it's time-consuming. We are already sending the notice to the NOP distribution list, member of the public that expressed interest in receiving updates, and members of the public that commented on the NOP. Please send any additional contacts you may have.

Thanks!

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