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Here the questions/comments received through the online feedback form so far. Not that many submissions yet, but they cover a wide variety of topics and includes some great questions!

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Severino, Lori

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Subject: dry run for Oct 19th community meeting (for everyone that will attend)

When: Thursday, October 15, 2020 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: zoom

Agenda:

1. First 30-45 min:
 - a. Review meeting flow
 - b. Review breakout room format and staffing needs
 - c. Discuss Spanish/Vietnamese interpretation and small group
2. Remaining time:
 - a. Review questions received to date and approach for answering them
 - b. Lock in presentation timeline
 - c. Facilitator/note taker/staff instructions

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Submitted On	Name	Email	What questions do you have	What resonates with you the most	What needs improvement	Additional Comments	Zip Code	Age	Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Preferred Language
10/09/2020 23:17:37			Na	Really hope this passes. We could use a development like this!!	Love all the green space and multi use spaces. It looks amazing!!!		95125				
10/10/2020 12:00:33			With all this money the city is getting why are you not dealing with the homeless problem?	Getting help for the homeless and cleaning up all the trash in our city. Grow a backbone.	The homeless problem, trash everywhere, and lack of funding for social workers to deal with the homeless and police departments actively addressing the homeless problem. They are being told to ignore them and it shows. This city has become an embarrassment like the majority of California.	People are not going to care for our city if you don't care about it yourself.	95116	44	Male	HispanX/LatinX	
10/10/2020 20:14:30			Only concern to me is increase of traffic on Bird Ave traveling South. People already use this street as thorough fare or freeway instead of 87 to get from 280 headed South. I live on Bird before Willow and when Lincoln Ave was reduced to two lanes traffic on Bird increased by at least double. I like the Google Village plan and look forward to the improvements it will make to our City and Diridon. Are you limiting car parking to prevent increase in vehicle traffic in the surrounding areas and neighborhoods. Bird should not assume additional traffic burden on a street that is already over used, negatively impacted by the reduction to Lincoln Ave, particularly during commute hours.	Like the green space, bike and walking paths and emphasis on mass transit.	Plans and studies to understand impact of vehicle traffic into/out of and in surrounding residential neighborhoods.		95125				
10/10/2020 22:23:18			Why do we continue to build so many business offices and they sit EMPTY year after year? How many of the employees will only work from home isn't it time to rethink work places and make home offices the key!	TOO MUCH HEIGHT too much space with concrete	Too many empty spaces for lease and rent year after year after year. Not enough housing and horrible transportation schedules with them getting CUT BACK again!!!		95129	38	Prefer not to snitch	Prefer not to say	
10/11/2020 00:23:14			How will San Jose handle the increased burden on traffic infrastructure with the new Google campus?	We are big fans of this project. Big tech should move out of Palo Alto and Mountain View and into San Jose. San Jose takes on all the burden of housing and services but doesn't get any tax benefits of company campuses. This will also help reduce traffic on 101.	General concerns around traffic. 101/87/880 is already very congested and this will make it significantly worse, much less city streets close to downtown.	Great job getting Google to come to San Jose! This will help revitalize the downtown and is the kind of excitement that the city needs.	95132	38	Male	Asian	English
10/11/2020 22:46:19			Is it possible to ask Google to connect the Guadalupe creek trail and the bicycle trail they are planning in their area? I couldn't tell from the map if they were connected. That could greatly decrease the traffic on the street because if the trails are connected (so there is no street bicycle riding necessary -- other than perhaps crossing a street at a signal every few miles); it would connect more areas by bicycle.	The multi-use throughout and sharing the auditorium with the community	More expenses covered by Google and less by our taxes.	That's all that comes to mind at this time. I am concerned about the many years of construction and the traffic flows, that's why connecting the trails and the light rail before full construction is crucial.	95126	56	female	White	english
10/12/2020 13:49:17			Do you have specific building designs? Specifically the tallest ones?	Integrating with the city outside "Building a place of San Jose", reliance and investment in public transportation. Building more desperately needed housing. Finally "nature and transit".	Can we get more investment in linking guadeloupe and Los Gatos trails, give better access from LG creek trail to Diridon (grade separated)	I think this is a great project	95125	45	Male	Prefer not to say	English

10/13/2020 09:07:34			Why has Google decided to go with 4,000 homes compared to the possible 5,900? We happen to be in a housing crisis with the need to mitigate Climate Change. Homes near transit and jobs helps with both these issues. Would it be possible for the district to provide VTA Smart Passes to all the residents and workers as part of the development plan? The area is transit rich and there is a steep discount built into buying large amounts of transit passes.	The design guidelines are very comprehensive and well-thought-out. The emphasis on the connecting trails and sustainable forms of transportation is exactly what is needed.	The amount of parking seems high for this area and a forward-looking project of this type. Would like to see Google look at helping to fund Guadalupe trail improvements to North San Jose where it has only developments. This would help e-bikes to be the quickest and most convenient mode between campuses and also offer benefits to the community.	I believe that the office space next to Diridon Station will be hugely beneficial to the area and San Jose. But I think Google should work to build the maximum amount of housing in this transit and job rich area.	95152	35	Male	White	English
10/13/2020 13:14:54			Why would the city allow so much housing on prime job creation lands? Why the rush to meet the special interest groups demands on housing?	This brings much needed jobs, and tax base to the city.	Move housing further away from the station so the station doesn't become a commuter hub for job centers to the north.	This is a great project that will bring much needed jobs and tax base to the city. San Jose more than carries its weight on the housing front. Any additional housing units should be placed as far away from the station as possible or the city risks its huge infrastructure investments only serving job centers to the north and perpetuates the bedroom community situation.	95112	38	Male	Prefer not to say	English
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