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Dear Mayor & Councilmembers,

Please consider this input to today's DSAP & Downtown West study session from Affordable Housing

Network. Thanks!

Sandy Perry

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Since the timing will not allow me to make public comment at today's study session, I am submitting the following thoughts on behalf of the Affordable Housing Network of Santa Clara County.

The Networks supports the Diridon Affordable Housing Implementation Plan, including the production goals and goals for preservation and protection, especially the preservation pilot program for acquisition and rehab, and the enhanced renter protections, which can hopefully be enacted by our new City Council in 2021.

What we do NOT support is the overall DSAP and Downtown West plans. All the beautiful pictures presented today are nice but are not an accurate representation of what this area will look like when and if these projects are completed. None of them show the tents and RVs that our present and future homeless residents will be forced to live in. You can white out homeless people from your drawings, but you will not be able to make them disappear in real life.

This plan will allow creation of some 45,000 new jobs and (at best) some 15,000 housing units. 45,000 jobs will create demand for about 30,000 new housing units, which means that the plan as a whole will displace or make homeless some 15,000 families from San Jose. When combined with all the other commercial projects downtown and elsewhere in San Jose, we are on a path to displace tens of thousands more San Jose families. As has been shown in the city's Anti-Displacement Plan documents, these displaced people will be disproportionately Black and Brown.

The 2019 homelessness count showed an increase in San Jose's homeless population by some 42%, and revealed that every time we house one homeless person, two to three new people become homeless. The Mayor blamed this on the economy, as if it were a mystery, but in fact the impacts of the economy are influenced by City Council decisions that worsen our housing and homelessness crisis. This is one of them, and this whole plan and project need to be rejected.

Sincerely,

Sandy Perry, President