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Hi Ken,

I'm sure you've heard the saying that the only guarantees are death and taxes. That unfortunately applies to the Google development project as well. Winds of change are certainly blowing, but no one is quite sure in which direction yet — (some) workers will likely continue working from home or at least working from home more often than before, but offices are likely to need more space for their on-site workers going forward.

I'm as concerned as you are about the Google project because of COVID but also because the project had other challenges from some activists even before COVID. Thankfully, even despite all the uncertainty, Google has been proceeding with the project.

On a personal note, I have been working from home since early March and am really missing the daily in-person interactions with our District 6 team as well as the camaraderie amongst the councilmembers. Spending time together informally in person help us all understand each other a little better and, I think, helps us all figure out workable compromises. For those reasons, I think it's unlikely that everyone will continue working from home indefinitely even in the corporate world. That gives me hope for the Google project and the future of our downtown more generally.

Best,  
Dev

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Dev,

Last night on the local TV news I saw a story about Caltrain possibly going out of business due to the significant decrease in riders and lack of additional funding. If this were to happen and the fact that many large tech companies are telling their employees to work from home permanently, I'm getting more concerned about the feasibility of the Google campus. I live nearby and if this development falls through it would be devastating to the neighborhood.

I realize that you cannot comment on details of the Google campus but I wonder if my concerns are valid or if the City of San Jose has a guarantee that the development will be completed no matter what happens going forward?

Thanks,  
Ken Weber

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