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Dear Chair Mariel Caballero and San José Planning Commissioners,

As the attached letter explains, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley urges you to approve the Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan and the Diridon Station Area Plans that staff have proposed, without agreeing to the Sharks' unreasonable and outdated demands for more parking and street-widening.

Can we count on you to prioritize a climate-smart city and climate-safe future for our children and grandchildren?

Thank you,  
Linda & Susan

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**Re. Agenda Items 8(a) / 8(b): SUPPORT Downtown West and Diridon Station Area Plan**

Dear Mariel Caballero, Chair, and San José Planning Commissioners:

We at Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, representing over 2000 local supporters, urge you to approve Staff's recommended Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan and Diridon Station Area Plan.

These plans have been carefully crafted, in consultation with numerous stakeholders including the Sharks, to help San Jose meet our Climate Smart goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and traffic while also increasing jobs and housing in the downtown core.

Our members want San Jose to be a more pedestrian- and bike-friendly city and to increase public transit. We don't want you to acquiesce to the Sharks' attempt to add nearly 1000 more parking spaces and to widen Barack Obama Blvd. to five lanes, which would only increase car traffic and congestion.

**Please stand firm and hold the line. Stick to the plan.** Don't cave to the Sharks' unreasonable and outdated demands. The 4000 parking places already set aside are more than enough. Too much parking and street space for cars would keep our city will stuck in a car-centric mentality and risk missing our climate-smart goals. Sharks' fans and downtown residents would be caught in heavy traffic on game days, decreasing quality of life and increasing emissions.

Other cities, like Seattle, have embraced new ways of getting fans to their arenas, like Climate-Pledge Arena. Surely San Jose, the Capital of Silicon Valley, can lead the way to a new vision of urban livability by prioritizing public transit, walking and biking and letting go of the old car-centric mindset.

Just say NO to more parking, NO to more cars & NO to widening streets, and say YES to a climate-smart and sustainable future. Our children and grandchildren are counting on you to do the right thing, for a climate-smart and sustainable future for our city and our planet.

Thank you,  
Susan Butler-Graham and Linda Hutchins-Knowles for  
Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley