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Dear Jess,

The Downtown West <u>project</u> is going to the San Jose City Council for a vote on Tuesday, 5/25. Can you take a quick moment to send an email to your councilmember?

As an overview, this is an exciting opportunity to bring jobs, affordable housing, park space, and other community benefits to the Diridon Area, an area that has huge potential to be a walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly addition to Downtown San Jose.

We need your help to ensure that the opportunity isn't derailed by those who can't imagine that future. There are two things you can do to get this past the finish line:

- 1. (Quick) Write an email to the city telling them you support the project
- 2. If you have more time, give a spoken public comment at the council meeting on 5/25. The meeting will start at 6:00pm here's the agenda with zoom info. If you would like to testify, email me and I'll circle back with you.

To make letter-writing a little easier, I'm including some sample talking points below.

- Click here to open an email with the subject filled out
- To add your council member: you can find their emails <u>here</u>.

Some talking points:

- Share why, as a neighbor/resident, you support the Plan.
- In order to achieve the City's mode shift goals, we must put this kind of plan in place that provides choices other than single-occupancy vehicles. This is especially true in an area next to what will be a world-class transit center, a great bike trail, and is urban.
- Too much parking and street space for cars means the City will be stuck in a carcentric mentality.

- Do not water down the plan with more parking and street space for cars. Put people first.
- Feel free to add what you want the Diridon area to look like and say why you love to live life joyfully by bike.

Thank you,

SVBC Advocacy Team

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