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Dear City Council,

I am a resident of District 6 and I am writing with excitement to encourage the City Council to approve the Downtown West Project. This project is a unique opportunity to transform San Jose into a more liveable and enjoyable city for those who will reside within the project area and citizens who visit or pass through. San Jose has incredible culture and this project will help make it more accessible to all.

I also encourage the city to not change the plan to increase parking or street space for cars. Having visited many amazing cities around the country and the world, my experiences have been those cities with the most vibrant culture, thriving small businesses, welcoming communities, and easiest transportation have been those that are more pedestrian friendly with safe places to walk, and multiple modes of public transportation. Parking lots and street parking take up space that could be used for recreation, pedestrians, event spaces, and businesses. In order to meet San Jose's mode shift goals, we need to make sure the plan prioritizes public transportation, safe bike infrastructure, and safe places for pedestrian traffic.

Throughout my life I have lived in places where I could walk or bike to work, but also places where commuting by car was necessary (most recently in San Jose). My quality of life was much improved when I was able to walk or bike to work. I recognize that many people will not change how they commute for various reasons (finding housing close to work is often not feasible for most people). But there are many people, like me, who would prefer other modes of transportation besides single-occupancy cars. This project would increase the availability and quality of options for transportation. This is not only good for quality of life and providing more affordable and efficient transportation options, but also helps to address climate change and improve air quality.

To sum up, this project creates the future San Jose that I want to live in.

Thank you for supporting this project and for your service to the community,

Marie Burns

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