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Dear Andrew,

Thank you. Your observations about the Sharks/Google project are very astute, especially about why the Sharks sent the letter to their fans. The Sharks organization is used to a situation where they are surrounded by extensive surface parking lots — an outdated stadium model that is no longer being replicated in cities — and they see their success as tied to this scenario, particularly the ability to exit parking lots in 20 minutes. The City is extremely invested in the Sharks and their continued success in our city. We are doing the work to design a new parking and traffic flow scenario that will ensure entry and exit pathways are super functional. The City and the Sharks meet at least weekly, and I'm confident in a successful resolution.

Best,
Dev

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:50 AM
To: District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>
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Hello Dev,

First, congratulations on your District 6 re-election... while your opponent was likely worthy, I believe experienced support is what is needed to lead through the ongoing pandemic and economic challenges, for the district and city as a whole.

Writing today regarding "Downtown West" and a somewhat frantic email received from the SJ Sharks, who are especially concerned about Downtown West's apparent (significant) lack of resources for fans attending their games, specifically easy access and parking.

While I certainly don't condone more cars/ more traffic in the area, I am concerned about how the City of San Jose will address and rectify these concerns. I have been a Sharks ticket holder over two decades and plan to continue this for the foreseeable future, as a social outing and chance to root for a relatively successful "home team" (2016 Stanley Cup final run notwithstanding).

It seems to me the Downtown West/ Google plans should clearly mitigate this concern for the San Jose Sharks organization, the fans, and of course, the employees and staff who keep SAP arena running. It would be a VERY sad day for the city, hockey fans, corporate sponsors, etc. to know that the Sharks were chased from SAP due to the Downtown West expansion plans.

If there are plans for the City to work with the Sharks in a mitigation strategy, it would be helpful to know at least some of the high level details (obviously no expectation you would divulge intricate negotiation details).

While I am most concerned about the long-term status of the Sharks organization, SAP also runs numerous concerts and other events, which would be equally challenged with inadequate parking and access.

I'm sure I am not the only 'concerned citizen' writing to this theme, but I hope you will share some insights into the situation. Of course, if the SVSE/ Sharks organization is using this platform as some sort of negotiations wedge, I'd like to be aware of that too.

Pretty sure Google can afford to build a very nice, large parking structure to alleviate the Sharks' concerns... and if they add an office building or housing above that structure, so be it.

I look forward to your thoughts.

Thanks for keeping watch over D6.

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