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Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo, Councilmember Dev Davis, Ms. Klein, and Ms. Walesh,

As a resident of District 6, I urge you to give the power of how community benefit funds from the San José Google project are spent to community members. Corporations control so much of San José and always dictate what happens. The use of these funds must be directed by community members and that does NOT include businesses, corporations, or any of their representatives.

Our community has made clear that the Google project cannot destabilize our communities: it must include affordable homes, protection for tenants, and good jobs so that renters, low-wage workers, and people of color can stay here and thrive.

For Google's commitment to put millions of dollars into a San José Community Fund to be truly meaningful, our community must have real power over where this money goes. Specifically:

1. We need to ensure this fund is centered on addressing racial justice and the root causes of displacement and strengthening our communities of color, so we can all stay in our homes, work at good jobs, and pursue our dreams.
2. We need the governing board of this Fund to be made up of grassroots San Jose leaders from Black, Brown, Indigenous and Asian communities: individuals with firsthand experience living through, and fighting against racial injustice and displacement.
3. Grassroots community leaders on the Fund's board must have decision-making power over strategic and annual plans and yearly budgets, and the authority to monitor and evaluate the project's impact.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Quinn

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