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PAC**SJ* is pleased to submit the following comments and letter of support for the Downtown West/Google Mixed Use Project under consideration by the Planning Commission on April 28th. Thank you,

Ben Leech
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**RE: DOWNTOWN WEST (GOOGLE) DRAFT EIR FIRST AMENDMENT
GP19-009, PDC19-039, PD19-029**

Dear Chairperson Caballero and Esteemed Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Google’s revised Downtown West Mixed Use Plan and the project’s Draft EIR First Amendment. PAC* SJ would like to commend both the Google project team and Planning Division staff for their comprehensive and constructive responses to PAC* SJ’s concerns about project’s potential impacts to historic resources within and adjacent to the project site. As outlined in Section 1.2.2 (pp. 1-4 through 1-6) of the First Amendment, Google has made significant positive changes to their proposed scope of work since the release of the first Draft EIR, including new commitments to preserve and rehabilitate numerous historic resources originally proposed for demolition. These and other welcome changes are a direct result of Google’s commitment to robust, good-faith engagement with PAC* SJ and other community stakeholders and a testament to the benefits of open dialogue and collaboration.

While not all of PAC* SJ’s comments and recommendations have been incorporated into the revised Downtown West project, we are generally satisfied that our input was given fair consideration and helped contribute to an improved overall plan that better meets the project’s stated objectives to “*incorporate high-quality urban design, architecture, and open spaces with varied form, scale, and design character to enliven San José’s downtown*” and to “*preserve and adapt landmark historic resources and assets where feasible to foster a place authentic to San José, and foster contemporary relations to San José’s history.*”

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We therefore support the revised project as presented and encourage its approval by the Planning Commission and City Council. We also look forward to continued collaboration with the Google project team, Planning Department, and other stakeholders to implement this ambitious and exciting preservation effort.

Sincerely,

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