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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

I am writing today to express my full support of Agenda item 10.3 in today's city council hearing, the general plan amendment and proposed zoning changes in support of Google's Downtown West master plan. Google has proven itself to be a great partner to First Community Housing in providing, in partnership with the Housing Trust of Silicon Valley, a \$29.5 million dollar loan to our proposed two phase 100% affordable community located at the corner of Dupont and West San Carlos Street in San Jose. Their commitment is helping us achieve the creation of housing for roughly 700 low income residents next to Diridon Station and the proposed Google Campus.

We anticipate the general plan putting in place infrastructure and jobs and housing that will transform the downtown west community and provide opportunity for our future residents and support for many thousands of other future residents of within this proposed master plan. We also look forward to improved open space, trail systems, transit access and choice and opportunities for education training for our McEvoy/Dupont community. As environmentally sustainable owners and developers, we applaud Google's commitment to zero net new carbon emissions and additional tree planting, which is very much in keeping with the sustainable building practices we have used in our communities for 20 years and continue to evolve and improve in our current communities such as McEvoy/Dupont.

Opportunities such as this come one in a lifetime. I urge you to seize the day and generate investment and meaningful employment, housing and other amenities for our many residents.

Sincerely,

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