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May 24, 2021

Mayor Lickardo and Members of the City Council
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Item 10.2, Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan

Dear Mayor Lickardo and Councilmembers:

PACT: People Acting in Community Together supports the proposed Downtown West project and urges the Council to approve the Development Agreement, Amendment to the Diridon Station Area Plan and the Affordable Housing Implementation Plan, which together address many of the concerns raised by community members about this proposed project over the past 4 years: lack of affordable housing, displacement of vulnerable residents and the need for community benefits.

In particular, the community fund proposed to be created by Google and the City of Jose in the Development Agreement would be the largest of its kind, with over \$150 million contributed by Google, and will be grounded in racial justice and governed by grassroots leaders. Community members, particularly those from communities of color, will have the authority to direct tens of millions to prevent displacement and create economic opportunity for local residents.

This is the result of four years of organizing and ensuring that Google and City leaders understood the impact of the proposed development on residents throughout the City. Community members turned out and made clear that the project must not destabilize our communities. PACT appreciates that Google's team and City leaders listened to community members and worked with community leaders to develop a governance model for the fund that gives those most impacted power over decisions that will disproportionately affect them. This process of City staff and the developer working together with community leaders to address the impact of development and giving at-risk communities real power over resources sets a new standard and should be replicated in the future.

Please approve the Development Agreement and related items.

Thank you,

Rev. Ray Montgomery
PACT Executive Director