

“Created through a process of engagement and innovative design, Google has presented something unique. It goes further than anything ever tried in San Jose. The company has proposed thoughtful, transit-oriented development grounded in equity and backed up with investments to generate shared value. It has committed to San Jose during an unprecedented pandemic. It has managed to establish a new infrastructure development framework that catalyzes construction into community. Put simply: Google did the work.”

-- Ahmad Thomas, CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

The Mercury News, May 22 (Ahmad Thomas, OpEd)

[Google's Downtown West provides new urban vision for San Jose](#)

“...Google has ‘set the bar for community outreach’ and for truly taking thoughts and concerns from the community into consideration when crafting its overall plan.”

-- Bob Staedler, Representative, Diridon Area Neighborhood Group

The Mercury News, May 22 (Maggie Angst)

[Google searches for San Jose's final OK to launch major downtown transformation](#)

“I think the end product is a really responsible approach to dealing with the impact of this type of development in a way that creates resources for the community, creates good jobs and as a result, has most stakeholders in the area coming to the city council on Tuesday to ask them to say yes to it.”

-- Jean Cohen, Executive Officer, South Bay Labor Council

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“While the Downtown West numbers are staggering – over 4,000 housing units, 7.3 million square feet of office space, 15 acres of parks, and subsidized spaces for non-profits and other local, small businesses – what stands out most is the commitment to creating some real affordability. The 25% goal for affordable housing in the area exceeds the city’s baseline requirements and opens more doors than it closes for hardworking folks who very well might want to call this place home someday.”

-- Ray Bramson, Chief Impact Officer at Destination: Home

San Jose Spotlight, May 10 (Ray Bramson, OpEd)

[How to build a downtown best in San Jose](#)

“They (Google) don’t just listen to our concerns — they listened and took action”

-- Kathy Sutherland, Diridon Area Neighborhood Group

The Mercury News, April 29 (Maggie Angst)

[Google’s downtown San Jose transit village clears crucial hurdle. What comes next?](#)

“We hope other companies will look at this agreement as the bar for responsible corporate citizenship ... and we look forward to seeing this finalized as the minimum standard for future development agreements”

-- Kiyomi Yamamoto, Silicon Valley Law Foundation

The Mercury News, April 29 (Maggie Angst)

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"Google didn't just say, 'Here's what we think is important,' and throw money at that. They sat down with us, we brought in experts we both trusted, and we came up with a really innovative community fund focused on housing and good jobs, grounded in racial and economic justice, and governed by people with lived experience facing these challenges."

-- Maria Noel Fernandez, Campaign Director, Silicon Valley Rising

Silicon Valley Business Journal, April 6, 2021 (Matthew Niksa)

[Google would provide \\$200M worth of community benefits under Downtown West plan for San Jose](#)

"Downtown West is going to be a new community. It will not be a walled-off spaceship. It will be part of the streets, it will provide open space, housing, transit, nature areas. This is the way a city is supposed to work."

-- Scott Knies, Executive Director, San Jose Downtown Association

The Mercury News, April 6 (Maggie Angst and George Avalos)

[Google releases new details of development deal for downtown San Jose project](#)

"DANG appreciates Google's willingness to work with neighbors now. They've laid the groundwork to create a long-term positive working relationship with all area stakeholders. DANG also appreciates Google's contribution to new and existing parks and the programs that will benefit the broader community."

-- Bob Staedler, Representative, Diridon Area Neighborhood Group

San Jose Inside, April 6, 2021 (Janice Bitters)

[Google, San Jose Release Long-awaited Development Agreement for Downtown West Project](#)

“We are excited that Google’s announcement today includes a big commitment to housing in the Downtown West. As housing advocates, we hope this action serves as a catalyst for housing development in the ... Diridon Station Area, which has the capacity to add up to 15,000 new homes.”

-- Leslye Corsiglia, Executive Director, Silicon Valley @ Home

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“By putting \$150 million and real decision-making power in the hands of grassroots leaders in neighborhoods at risk of displacement, this project sets a new model for how tech development can keep families housed and lift the quality of blue-collar jobs.”

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