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Subject: San Jose Earthquakes Support for Google Downtown West

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To the Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council

Re: Downtown West Mixed-use Plan

The San Jose Earthquakes **support** the Downtown West Mixed-use Plan that will fill important needs in our community and generate significant and sustained economic benefits for residents of San José.

The Earthquakes have a 47 year history in San Jose, the longest of our professional sports franchises. We represent hundreds of players and employees and tens of thousands of Earthquakes fans who live and work in our City. I am thrilled to represent our stakeholders and offer support for one of the most transformational development opportunities San Jose has seen.

Downtown West will create more than 5,700 prevailing wage construction jobs with supplier diversity and local hire targets over a multi-year build-out. And, the planned 4,000 new homes in the Diridon Station Area and support of 25% affordable homes for families with a range of incomes can provide opportunities for people to live near their place of work. Creation of a \$150+ million Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund focused on social equity and led by community can help provide a foundation for our residents' long term success. The 15 acres of public parks and open space with free year-round programming and the project's sustainability goal of zero net new carbon emissions will also contribute to a vibrant, healthy environment for community members.

We respectfully request the City Council to support the Downtown West project in its entirety.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

For San Jose.

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