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Please refer to the comments on the DEIR below.

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In Light of all the crises we are facing the Google West Draft plan should be scraped and started over to address our critical basic needs for food clothing and shelter. And our critical need to live fossil fuel free so that our Google city is built without cars or car infr and all business is hyperlocal and no need for hotels or travel accommodations. These lands should be used for housing and growing food, orchards and to make the earth a garden again. Here are some suggestions to make this so:

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- air quality
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  - Our neighborhood
  - The Garden Alameda within the Greater Rose Garden is part of a CARE community as designated by the Bay area Air Quality management district : a community at high risk from pollution and the negative health impacts
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  - We need stockton
  - Avenue to not be a truck route
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  - We need stockton

- avenue to have traffic calming
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- We need stockton avenue
- **Neighborhood traffic calming circles**
- which are much smaller than modern roundabouts and often replace stop signs at four-way intersections. They are typically used in residential neighborhoods to slow traffic speeds and reduce accidents, but are typically not designed to accommodate larger vehicles.
- Many drivers often turn left in front of the circles rather than turning around them.
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- We need home zones where are residential streets off of stockton
- ave Schiele, Harding, Pershing are not through streets and have .
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- We need Traffic barricades
- [transportable](#)
- [100 lb. Jersey water barriers](#) to stop the traffic ¾ ways down the streets and neighbors with cars access from Stockton
- AVE or the Alameda BUT NOT A THROUGH STREET signs on both sides and directing traffic to use the main street--Taylor Street.
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- The shape of a corner curb
- radius (the radius defined by two sidewalks on perpendicular streets that come together at a corner) has a significant effect on the overall operation and safety of an intersection. Smaller turning radii increase pedestrian safety by shortening crossing distances, increasing pedestrian visibility, and decreasing vehicle turning speed.
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- The shape and dimensions
- of curb radii vary based on street type and transportation context.
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- Curb radius changes may
- be installed as part of a traffic calming project or other public or private initiative.
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- Bulb-outs or sidewalk widening off of stockton and on stockton avenue to slow traffic
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- Class four bicycle lane with three foot strips for fulfilling state
- of CA law for 3 feet of separation from bicyclist and separated bike lane with raised from the roadway separation on Stockton Avenue
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- All construction should use Brigade Electronics broadband self-adjusting
- backup beepers or any other company that makes this broadband good neighbor warning device.
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- We need the traffic lights on Stockton and Taylor and Lenzen ave and Stockton ave to have a dedicated left-hand turn signal. We may be a capital of personal reinvention, but a simple left-hand turn? It's a common grievance aired among both transplants and natives alike, that there aren't nearly enough protected turn signals. Inching forward into an intersection to turn left is a foreign concept to lots of people, and the idea follows that *if only* Los Angeles had more left-hand signal lights, then *maybe* driving here

would be a little bit easier. For a numbers perspective, just about 14 percent (2,100) of Los Angeles' signaled intersection approaches have a left-turn arrow.

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- BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
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  - The whole design of the
  - google village is wrong in light of our climate crisis and ecological collapse
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  - We need to move the three
  - homes on East Julian street that are part of the many historical resources risking demolition because of the poor planning of this project
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  - These three homes should
  - be renovated and brought up to highest green building standards with off grid solar and water capture
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  - These homes should be
  - put in a circle facing inwards towards their neighbors to start to build a resilient neighborhood at the receivership lot of 615 stockton Avenue
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  - 615 Stockton Avenue is
  - owned by Alan Nyguen and he is willing to sell it for 3 million dollars.
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  - This receivership lot
  - at 615 stockton ave for the three historic homes placed in a circle should have a common gardens a potager garden:
  - Mid 17th century from French jardin potager 'garden providing vegetables
  - for the pot.
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  - This site at 615 SStockton
  - Avenue with the 3 homes in a circle with a common potager kitchen garden that is shared by the three homes and their inhabitants is a demonstration project for building resilient neighborhoods
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  - The garden will follow

- regenerative garden principles **Regenerative**
- agriculture is a holistic land-management practice that uses the power of photosynthesis in plants to sequester carbon in the soil while improving soil health, crop yields, water resilience, and nutrient density.
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Search for: [What is regenerative gardening?](#)

How do I regenerate my garden soil?

### **Add Organic Matter**

- 1.
2. Try composting. Composting
3. is a means of recycling almost any organic wastes. ...
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6. Tap chicken power to mix
7. organic materials into the **soil**.
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11. “Mine”
12. **soil**
13. nutrients with deep rooted plants. ...
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16. Plant cover crops. ...
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19. Cover the
20. **soil**
21. with mulch. ...
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24. Use permanent beds and paths.
25. ...
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28. Try low-tech tillage.
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- WE need to buy other properties
- every five blocks in the greater google village to be a demonstration project for food security and for urban sustainability so we live without fossil fuels we must grow our food locally.
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- We need larger farms to
- grow crops that take more room like beans and grains that we need a lot of to share.
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- We need to rebuild our
- ecosystem through native plants along with food plants for creating habitat and food for the food web since we are destroying our food web.
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- Only brooms and rakes
- will be used for clearing leaves that will be mulched for compost
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- and tribal cultural resources,
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- hazards,
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- resources,
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- greenhouse
- gas emissions,
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The Google Village should be aimed to be fossil fuel free. No cars. OUR transit should be open air buses.

Google should be providing for free open air electric buses for our santa clara county.

We need to not have BART to Santa Clara since the entire BART design is not useful in stopping the spread of virus. And we need to not dig underground and destroy our neighborhoods with vents, noise and pollution to have it built so close to our neighborhood when we don't need a station in Santa Clara or maintenance yard.

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- hazards and
- hazardous materials,
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- hydrology and
- water quality,
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- land use,
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- all tech workers
- should work at home so we need housing not office buildings.
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- The LAND USE
- ISSUE needs to be completely changed from highrise office buildings to housing and gardens back to basics needs to be our clarion call
- a strongly expressed demand or request
- for action from the scientists about pandemic vulnerability and climate crisis.
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- We do not need hotels. We need to stay home, not fly and not drive
- that is what the science is telling us to reduce our fossil fuels to zero by 2025.
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- We need to work at home and telecommute
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- We need Universal basic income for all other non technical workers.
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- Google needs to pay a large tax to supply universal basic income
- and have those that are nontechnical to work on growing and producing other resources we need locally.
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- When we build our homes there should be no car infrastructure and
- no parking garages
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- We need to live hyperlocal if we are to survive and only those
- that learn to live fossil fuel free will survive.
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- Google needs to create a community center of urban sustainability
- and the school of the Pagan Arts to teach mother/caregivers and children to live without fossil fuels and create a world made by hand and human scale.
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- noise and vibration,
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- population and
- housing,
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The housing can be high rise but every other floor will grow food and have balconies to make more human scale.

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- The housing to house many should
- be in the form of the 'Arcology'?
- It is a concept introduced by architect, Paolo Soleri,
- who defined it in his book *Arcology: City in the Image of Man*;
- the idea of a fusion between architecture
- and ecology
- and an ecological vision in response to city growth.
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The premise of an arcology is to be a self-sufficient, green building that is more of a small town as a result of its size and the number of services it houses. The inhabitants of this 'small city' would benefit from services such as waste management, power generation and transport as part of the same development.

The concept was created as a solution to one of the serious problems faced by modern society: the overcrowding of cities as the result of population increase and the consequent loss of natural environments. Thus, this new wave of architecture opts for vertical growth, with the construction of huge skyscrapers that occupy the least space possible, as well as making a commitment to minimizing environmental impact.

Arcology buildings would, thus, meet all the essential living requirements; able to generate their own energy, produce their own food, control air and water quality, and support sustainable waste

management. In addition to the provision of all services in the same vertical space, the buildings would also do away with cars, thereby reducing pollution and carbon emissions.

We cannot know what path the architecture of the future will take but one thing we do know is that, according to United Nations predictions, there will be 9.7 billion people living on our planet by 2050, that figure rising to 11,200 by 2100. For now, we will just have to wait and see what measures will be taken and how architecture will consequently respond to the challenge.

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- transportation,
- and utilities and
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- Google needs to build battery powered substations to help with backup power for all roof top solar installations throughout the city we need a battery microgrid for our local backup power to completely get off of a transmission delivered electrical grid and have a hyperlocal electrical renewable solar wind grid.
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  - service systems.
  - The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location
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