



**DATE:** September 10, 2019

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Community Development

**TITLE:** **Response to Stanford General Use Permit and Final Environmental Impact Report**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Review and approve the Draft Response and forward the City's comments to the County Board of Supervisors after the City Council meeting (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

### **BACKGROUND**

The 2000 Stanford University Community Plan and General Use Permit (GUP) are the current governing documents that guide land use and development within the unincorporated lands of Stanford University. Stanford is nearing completion of the facilities and housing authorized by the 2000 GUP. Stanford is now proposing that the County approve a new 2018 GUP covering the next increment of campus development through 2035, which includes up to 2,275,000 additional net new square feet of academic and academic support uses and up to 3,150 net new housing units for students, faculty, and staff. Many other communities have commented on the proposal, and given the potential impacts on the City of Mountain View, staff is proposing a formal response, endorsed by the City Council.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Stanford University Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and 2018 GUP have been reviewed by City staff in 2017 and 2018 as part of the environmental review process. Copies of those response letters are included with Attachment 1.

The County released the latest portion of the GUP earlier this year for review and comment by surrounding jurisdictions. The City's draft response to this latest GUP portion, which covers housing and transportation, has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office and the Public Works Department. As noted in the letter, the City's

overall message is that Stanford should fully mitigate the residential and transportation impacts of its proposed development, including the following key points:

- Stanford should provide all of its proposed housing on-campus.
- Stanford should fully cover the cost of any mitigation necessary to address impacts associated with Stanford building housing off-campus.
- Stanford should consider making investments in infrastructure and services to support use of commute alternatives for Stanford-generated trips traveling to and from Mountain View.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact. There could be fiscal impacts to the City depending on whether any of Stanford's housing is built off-campus and where, and if Stanford will fully subsidize those units, but those factors are unknown at this time. Additionally, there could be fiscal impacts, positive or negative, due to transportation issues depending on the degree of mitigation by Stanford University.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Provide modifications to the draft letter.
2. Do not send a letter.
3. Provide other direction.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**

The City Council's agenda is advertised on Channel 26, and the agenda and this report appear on the City's website. A link to the report was sent to Stanford University.

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Attachment: 1. 2019 City Draft Response Letter