

**MEMORANDUM**

Community Development Department

DATE: December 3, 2019

TO: Environmental Planning Commission

FROM: Martin Alkire, Advanced Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Hercules Walking Tour De-brief

BACKGROUND

On October 12, 2019, the EPC held a special walking tour of Hercules, CA. EPC members Baird, Cox, Lo, and Yin attended. The tour was initiated because of our upcoming R3 work, which could include a form-based code and architectural styles approach, and because Hercules has adopted similar plans and codes which could be informative to our work.

The purpose of this item is to allow those EPC members who attended the walking tour to 'debrief' their experience with the entire EPC. As part of this effort, Chair Baird will present a powerpoint of images and information regarding this tour. Additionally, the EPC members who attended the walking tour may wish to discuss their experience using the following guiding questions, but are of course welcome to discuss any aspect of their experience.

- What were your general impressions of the new developments in Hercules as you walked through the neighborhoods?
- What did you like or not like about their streets, general building locations, architectural styles, or their overall development approach?
- What do you think about Hercules more 'prescriptive' approach to design and development? Do you think Mountain View's R3 work could consider a similar approach? Why or why not?