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Sent:

Monday, March 22, 2021 10:57 AM

To:

City Council; , City Clerk; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Kamei, Ellen; Showalter,

Pat; Hicks, Alison; Lieber, Sally; Ramirez, Lucas

Cc:

contact@mvmha.com

Subject:

Mobile Home Protections

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# Hello City Officials,

I am a member of the Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance. I am pleased to see Mobile Home issues are finally being discussed by my elected officials. This is a top priority for myself and my community. We will all be watching this issue closely to see which of our representatives deserve our vote in November. We need STRONG protections now. Anything less will lose my vote.

I also made a public comment at the meeting on Tuesday March 16, and would like to add and repeat, that all Mobilehome owners, like myself, ask <u>each and every one of you to prioritize and write an ordinance without stipulations</u>. It is imperative for so many of us to stay in our homes without worry of high rent increases year after year. Please take into consideration those who are on a low income budget, and have families. We need protection.

And I would also like to recommend Alex Brown for a seat on RHC as well. He has been an excellent leader in this fight. I know he would be a great asset to us all.

Thank you. Bonnie Rose Mountain View, CA

From:

Michael Kahan

Sent:

Monday, March 22, 2021 5:30 PM

To:

Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Hicks, Alison; Lieber, Sally; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak,

Lisa; Showalter, Pat; City Council

Subject:

Appointments to MVRHC

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Dear Council Members,

I am a 22-year resident of Mountain View, and a homeowner. I understand that soon the Council will be considering applicants to the Rental Housing Commission.

I write to urge you to appoint only members who support the basic intentions of the CSFRA - to protect renters in Mountain View with rent stabilization and protection against eviction. These are the protections that we, the voters of Mountain View, ratified in 2016, and reaffirmed in 2020.

To appoint opponents of rent control to the RHC is completely counterproductive. It does not create a "balanced" committee; rather, it creates a dysfunctional approach to governance.

Of course, there can be room for disagreement on how the CSFRA is implemented, and the RHC can be a space for robust debate. But there should be no debate about the need for the CSFRA itself - the voters have spoken repeatedly on this matter, and our voice should be respected in your appointments.

Yours truly,

Michael Kahan Bonita Avenue

Mountain View CA 94040

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From: Mountain View MVCSP <

**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 9:00 PM

To: Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Sally

Lieber; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison

Cc: Mountain View MVCSP; Wong, Wanda; McCarthy, Kimbra; , City Clerk

**Subject:** MVCSP comments on Rental Housing Committee applicant interviews to City of

Mountain View City Council

Attachments: CC-RHC\_appointments-MVCSP-20210323.pdf

(formal letter attached)



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning c/o Aaron Grossman 817 Montgomery Street Mountain View, CA 94041

March 23, 2021

City of Mountain View City Council City Hall, 500 Castro Street PO Box 7540 Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Re: 3.1 Rental Housing Committee Applicant Interviews

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

**Bruce England** 

for the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

Bruce England

cc:

Wanda Wong, Deputy City Clerk Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager Heather Glaser, City Clerk

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From:

**BRUCE KARNEY** 

Sent:

Sunday, March 21, 2021 3:50 PM

To:

City Council

Cc:

, City Clerk; Ramberg, Audrey Seymour; Attinger, Steve

Subject:

Comment on Item 3.2 regarding Carbon Offsetting (3/23/2021)

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Dear Councilmembers,

I've read Attachment 5 and have some thoughts to share.

My personal opinion is that Option 1, with all the carbon offsets being purchased in 2021 or 2022 is the best decision.

I think Option 2 is acceptable but weak and Option 3 is not viable.

Let me briefly say why I prefer Option 1 and what I think is wrong with Option 2.

Option 1 would be the City's first experience in purchasing carbon offsets. Buying offsets was one of the recommendations of the 2017-18 Environmental Sustainability Task Force, and is a necessary component of the City's long term plans to reduce GHG emissions by 80% and become carbon neutral at the same time. Doing that will require either buying offsets or directly capturing and sequestering CO2 from the atmosphere. Carbon Capture and Sequestration is unlikely to be available at scale even 20-25 years from now, so in my opinion the City would be well advised to start learning how to evaluate and purchase various forms of carbon offsets. I also think that it is better for the City to buy offsets NOW for all the GHGs the new HVAC system is expected to emit over its lifetime. Otherwise, some future Council might decide to stop buying them, rendering the decision of the current Council moot. Paying for them all at once and up-front may also make it clear to Council and staff that carbon pollution has a price and that it's not small.

The primary defect of Option 2, in my opinion, is that in essence the city is suggesting doing things voluntarily over many years that will become REQUIRED within 3 years. Use of natural gas in newly-permitted buildings is already virtually banned in Mtn. View and many nearby cities. In many cities gas is also banned in remodeling projects that affect more than half the square footage of the building. As the dangers of climate change become more widely recognized, it is reasonable to expect that in the near future natural gas appliances that fail will be required to be replaced with electric appliances. By 2025 or so, the actions that Option 2 would categorize as "extra effort and expense" will be required. Thus, Option 2 will produce only a modest change from the future "business as usual" emissions path.

Cheers, Bruce Karney

From:

Serge Bonte

Sent:

Monday, March 22, 2021 9:30 PM

To:

Hicks, Alison; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa;

Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally

Cc:

City Council

Subject:

re: 3/23/21 Meeting - General Comment + Agenda Item 3.2 Fiscal Year 2021-22 through

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program

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Honorable Mayor and City Council members:

I am writing to share one general comment and some comments on your Study Session (Agenda Item 3.2)

## 1- General Comment

As we start moving back to normal, what are your plans to resume public meetings in person (noting that courts have resumed in person jury trials)? While there are still some restrictions on large in door gatherings, in door gatherings can occur. Maybe an interim step would be for the City Council to sit together with applicants/presenters in attendance and the public still remove?

# 2. Comments on Agenda Item 3.2

re: prioritization, Capital Improvement projects can help the economy rebound from the Covid recession and put many Californians back to work. Therefore, I would like to suggest adding "shovel ready" as a criteria; in other words, prioritize projects that have already been designed over planning / design projects.

re: carbon offsetting the new HVAC system - I am very skeptical of carbon offset -they're often viewed as greenwashing or indulgences-. As we try to rebound from the Covid recession, carbon offsets also mean money that will not generate much needed jobs. If you really want to compensate for the new HVAC emissions, I would favor investing in other local CIP projects; maybe use the money to fund a good number of slow streets in Mountain View? Slow streets have emerged all around the globe in the past year see: <a href="https://nacto.org/publication/streets-for-pandemic-response-recovery/emerging-street-strategies/slow-streets/">https://nacto.org/publication/streets-for-pandemic-response-recovery/emerging-street-strategies/slow-streets/</a>

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte Lloyd Way

From:

Matthew Visick

Sent:

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 1:13 PM

To:

, City Clerk

Cc:

Jeff Morris; Kerry Williams

Subject:

Council Meeting 3/23 - Letter to Include in Packet and Distribute to Council and City

Manager

**Attachments:** 

LTR - City Council.\_1808 N. Shoreline\_Bonus FAR (3.17.21) FINAL.Reduced.pdf

Good Afternoon,

The attached letter relates to an item that will appear on the Council's March 23 agenda regarding the North Bayshore Precise Plan and Google's proposed Preliminary North Bayshore Master Plan. Please distribute the letter to all Council members and to the City Manager. Please also ensure that it is included as part of the Council's agenda packet and uploaded to the City's website under the correct agenda item.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Given the file size, please confirm receipt.

Thank you.

Matthew



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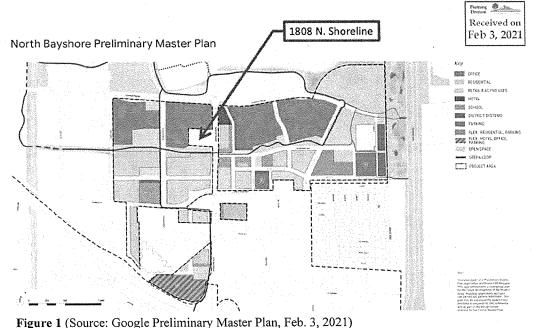
March 17, 2021

Honorable Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council City of Mountain View 500 Castro Street Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Request That Council Not Qualify Google for All 1,303,250 SF of Bonus FAR Unless 1808 N. Bayshore is Included in the North Bayshore Master Plan

Dear Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council,

For 36 years, I have owned the property at 1808 N. Shoreline Boulevard that has been omitted from Google's newly proposed "Preliminary North Bayshore Master Plan". (See Figure 1 below.) I purchased the 2.0+/- acre site in 1985 when the area consisted of a drive-in theatre, agricultural land, a few buildings and some single-family homes. I built the one-story, 21,862 SF office building that is there now, which I currently lease to Google. I had communications with the City several years ago about getting Bonus FAR but my property was leased to Google with an option that extended to February 2026 which did not allow me to participate in the 2015 Bonus FAR process. However, in September 2019, just prior to when Google notified me of its intent to vacate the building, I began communicating with Planning Staff about my interest in seeking a small amount of Bonus FAR so that I could redevelop the property with a higher density, mixed-use office and residential project, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Precise Plan. The site is prominently located in the Core area of the Joaquin Neighborhood, and is designated for some of the highest densities in the Plan.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Up to 1.5 FAR for Office and 4.5 FAR for Residential. North Bayshore Precise Plan, Table 4.

One of the strengths of the Precise Plan is its focus on creating three Complete Neighborhoods, each to be designed holistically with a distinct character and target mix of uses and densities (see Figure 2 below). To achieve this goal, the Plan requires that a Master Plan be prepared for each neighborhood to ensure "a coordinated and integrated approach" to development.<sup>2</sup> Contrary to this requirement, Google's proposed Master Plan: (1) includes only portions of two neighborhoods, (2) selectively includes *only Google-owned* parcels, (3) excludes my property despite its integral location in the heart of the Core, where higher densities are planned, while shifting density to the lower-density General area, and (4) requests 100% of the unallocated Bonus FAR (if SyWest is allocated 250,000 SF for its Gateway property).

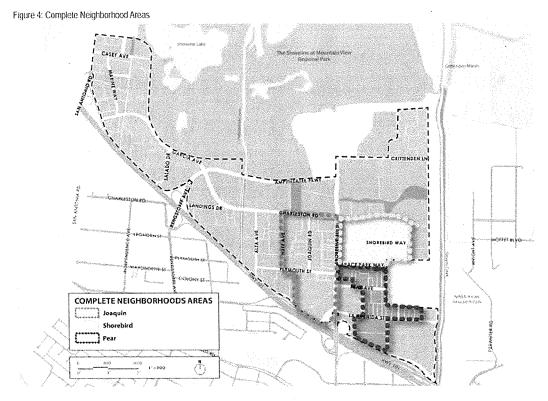


Figure 2 (Source: North Bayshore Precise Plan, p. 44.)

Beginning with the 2015 Bonus FAR competition, and again in 2019 with the denial of both Google's and SyWest's requalification requests, the Council has emphasized the importance of economic diversity, as well as "fairness and equity" in the Plan. If the Council decides now to reallocate to Google, as it requests, 1,303,250 SF of Bonus FAR, Google's development would surround my property with 8 to 18 story office and residential buildings, and effectively leave me with the inability to develop more than a two-story office building.<sup>3</sup> This is not the equitable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> North Bayshore Precise Plan, Section 3.5.2 Master Plan, pg. 103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As discussed below, a substantial office space is necessary to fund residential development in a mixed-use project.

process for allocation of Bonus FAR that you have consistently endorsed, nor is it prudent planning, as excluding my project would inhibit the realization of the vision for the Shoreline Boulevard corridor by creating an incomplete and incongruous gap along this important frontage.

I support the North Bayshore Precise Plan and recognize that Google is uniquely positioned to help the City achieve its vision. However, accommodating Google's plans while also allowing for a diversity of property owners, tenants and users, and development within the Plan area will benefit the City over both the short and long term, and create the "win-win" that has been the hallmark philosophy of this landmark Plan.

As outlined in further detail below, I respectfully request that the Council not allocate all of the remaining Bonus FAR unless Google incorporates my property into its Master Plan and allocates at least 70,000 square feet of the Bonus FAR toward the redevelopment of my property, so that both projects can move forward.

# 1. Background on Proposed Redevelopment of the 1808 N. Shoreline Property

As noted above, my lease with Google—which ran from 2011 to 2021 and allowed Google an option to extend to 2026—prevented me from submitting a request for Bonus FAR in 2015 because I could not guarantee that I would develop within the required timeframe.

In 2017, sensing that Google might not renew the lease, I reached out to Mr. Martin Alkire, Principal Planner, about my interest in redeveloping my property. I began meeting with Martin in earnest in September 2019, after the Council denied Google's and SyWest's requalification requests, to discuss my options and hired an architect (Studio T Square) to prepare a conceptual mixed-use office and residential design for the site.

On November 1, 2019, my architect and I presented the mixed-use plan for 1808 N. Shoreline in a meeting at Martin's office. Over the next 18 months, myself and my consultants have had regular communications with Staff, including multiple meetings and calls with Mr. Alkire, who has been very helpful, to discuss my proposed project and how I might secure a small amount of the Bonus FAR to realize it. At the Nov. 5, 2019 Council Study Session on the Gateway Master Plan, the Staff report explained that

staff will return to Council in 2020 with options on how the remaining North Bayshore Bonus FAR could be allocated to incentivize the implementation of both the Gateway Master Plan and the rest of the North Bayshore Precise Plan.<sup>4</sup>

Based on my communications with Staff, my understanding was that I would have an opportunity to participate by making an informal presentation at the Study Session anticipated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> City Council Study Session, Nov. 5, 2019, Council Minutes: Item 3.1 Gateway Master Plan.

for fall 2020; as this meeting did not occur as expected, I was therefore unable to inform the Council of my proposed project until now.

It should also be noted that my consultant team has had some informal conversations with Google's urban planning team, and one of my consultants sent a very detailed letter in an email on September 23, 2020 to Mr. Michael Tymoff, Director of Real Estate Development at Google, to discuss our interest in coordinating and collaborating for master planning purposes. We received no response from Mr. Tymoff.

I was surprised to learn of Google's application for an allocation of Bonus Office FAR in February 2021 and was disappointed to hear from Staff that the City, after having made repeated requests, would still not accept an application for my project. According to the Bonus FAR Review Guidelines: "Council shall determine which proposals qualify for Bonus FAR. City Council shall review all submitted applications at the same time at the determined public hearing date." 5

Nevertheless, my design team has prepared the attached conceptual plan to give you an idea of our vision for a vibrant, mixed-use project with 8 stories of office and residential in separate buildings surrounding a central courtyard, with an active, pedestrian oriented street frontage along Shoreline Boulevard, and connecting to Google's proposed greenway to the south of the site. Residents and employees would share common open space, parking, and other community serving amenities.

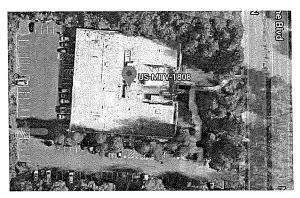
The 1808 North Shoreline development is a true, mixed-use project designed to integrate seamlessly into the greater urban context and Google's Preliminary Master Plan. A mid-rise office building provides an urban "front door" along North Shoreline Boulevard designed together with a residential, apartment complex around an intimate landscaped courtyard. Both the offices and the apartments are envisioned to include multiple step-backs that provide indoor/outdoor amenity spaces as well as enhanced building articulation. Architecture is carefully considered to create strong connections to neighborhood. The apartments and offices have direct access to the planned district greenway connecting residents and office workers with regional open space amenities.

# 2. A Mixed-Use Project at 1808 N. Shoreline Requires Only 70,000 SF of Bonus FAR (3% of the total Bonus FAR and 4.5% of the Unallocated Bonus FAR)

I am seeking a total Office FAR of 1.25, which is less than the maximum permissible FAR of 1.50 in the Core, with additional incentives such as green building and community benefits. Bonus Office FAR is necessary to make residential development financially viable. As Google points out in its Preliminary Master Plan, the higher land values from office space are the "currency" that allows for the delivery of residential units, which have become very expensive to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> North Bayshore Precise Plan, Appendix F.

develop.<sup>6</sup> Without Bonus FAR to fund the residential development, I expect that 1808 N. Shoreline will remain a one-story office building for the foreseeable future, set back from the street, ringed by surface parking, and unconnected to the active pedestrian streetscape and the greenway that Google proposes to create to the south. (See Figure 3 below left) However, with 70,000 square feet of Bonus FAR—only 3% of the total Bonus FAR and 4.5% of the unallocated Bonus FAR—it could be redeveloped into a vibrant, mixed-use project with offices and new housing, including affordable housing, that decreases vehicle trips, activates the adjacent streetscape, and integrates into Google's proposed greenway to the south. (See Figure 4 below right)



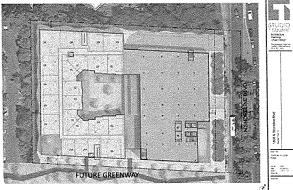


Figure 3 (Source: Google Maps)

Figure 4 (Source: Attachment 1)

## 3. The Council Has Discretion to Allocate Bonus FAR to 1808 N. Shoreline

Google does not have a prior claim to all of the Bonus FAR that it is requesting.<sup>7</sup> The Council denied Google's and SyWest's requalification requests in February 2019 and the remaining 1.55 million SF of Bonus FAR is therefore eligible for reallocation. In fact, the City has repeatedly characterized the remaining Bonus FAR as "unallocated." There is also no reasonable argument that the allocation of just 70,000 square feet of the Bonus FAR to my project would make Google's proposed Master Plan infeasible. The City's goal should be to maximize the benefit of the Bonus FAR allotments within the Precise Plan area.

Under the Precise Plan, the Council could allow for the allocation of 70,000 square feet of Bonus FAR to 1808 N. Shoreline in at least three ways:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> <u>Google Preliminary Master Plan</u>, February 2021, Section 1.1, Housing, p. 2. See also <u>Council Study Session Memo</u>, <u>Gateway Master Plan</u>, Nov. 5, 2019, pg. 8. "This issue is important because, at this time in our local economic cycle, office is more valuable than residential in North Bayshore. Therefore, granting office Bonus FAR allocation as a de facto "currency" on the condition that new residential is also built is one strategy to help implement the full build-out of complete neighborhoods as envisioned in North Bayshore."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Google is requesting a total allocation of 1,303,250 sf out of the remaining, 1,550,000 sf of unallocated Bonus FAR in the Plan. It appears Google is assuming that the City will allocate the remaining 253,350 sf to SyWest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Council Report, May 8, 2019, pp. 3, 6; Council Report, Nov. 5, 2019, pp. 9, 22.

- 1. Condition the allocation of Bonus FAR to Google on Google's agreement to include 1808 N. Shoreline in its Master Plan and dedicate at least 70,000 square feet of the Bonus FAR toward the redevelopment of my property, so that both projects can move forward. The Precise Plan allows the Council to reject a qualification request that does not meet the Precise Plan's vision and guiding principles, which include the successful realization of the "character areas" and Complete Neighborhoods in the Precise Plan.<sup>9</sup>
- 2. Allocate less than all of the requested Bonus FAR to Google at this time (e.g., only allocate 1.0 million SF) and direct Staff to open the qualification process forthwith for the remaining Bonus FAR to other applicants, including 1808 N. Shoreline, pursuant to the Bonus FAR Review Guidelines. The Precise Plan allows the Council to "qualify applicants for some or all of the requested Bonus FAR amount."
- 3. Decline to allocate any Bonus FAR to Google at this time, and direct Staff to reopen the application process for all of the unallocated Bonus FAR to all interested parties, including Google, as set forth in the Bonus FAR Review Guidelines. The City is under no obligation to approve any Bonus FAR for Google's project at this time.

Of the above three options, the first would allow the entitlement process for both projects to begin as expeditiously as possible, within the context of one Master Plan. The second would allow Google to move forward without incorporating 1808 N. Shoreline into its Master Plan, even though a single Master Plan is required by and would better advance the goals of the Precise Plan. The third would provide the Council with an opportunity to review all development proposals at the same time before allocating such a large share of the Bonus FAR.

# 4. Redevelopment of 1808 N. Shoreline is Necessary to Implement the NBPP

A mixed-use project at 1808 N. Shoreline would further the ambitious goals of the North Bayshore Precise Plan by:

- adding residential units, including affordable housing;
- reducing vehicle trips by locating housing near jobs;
- integrating the project into proposed circulation and greenway improvements;
- activating the adjacent streetscape;
- increasing the energy efficiency of the structures on the site; and
- implementing green building practices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "The City Council may consider the following criteria in evaluating Bonus FAR applications" which include, among other things, how "the proposal meets the Precise Plan's vision and guiding principles, including each of the Precise Plan's Character Area goals and objectives and the Plan's strategies for new residential uses in North Bayshore." (North Bayshore Precise Plan, Appendix F, Sections (E)(1) and (F)(1).)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> North Bayshore Precise Plan, Appendix F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> North Bayshore Precise Plan, Appendix F, Section (D)(3).

Realization of these goals is particularly important in the Core Character Area, where 1808 N. Shoreline is located. The Precise Plan explains that "the Core's finer-grained blocks with new Neighborhood Streets, Service Streets, and bicycle and pedestrian connections will result in a more pedestrian-oriented environment. Buildings will contribute to this transformed environment with smaller setbacks and active ground-floor frontages integrated with adjacent public streets. Massing will be generally located towards the front of sites." <sup>12</sup>

Another key purpose of the master plan process is to allow coordinated planning of open space, greenways, circulation, and more efficient use of resources, such as shared parking. I would be interested in participating in the proposed district parking sites within the Preliminary Master Plan, especially on the City owned Amphitheatre property for use by both residents and employees. The Precise Plan states that Shared Parking is highly encouraged and calls for coordination between developers, area property owners, tenants, and the City to ensure that existing or new parking facilities are efficiently shared and conveniently located for users.

Without Bonus FAR, none of these results will be realized on this prominent site.

# 5. The 1808 N. Shoreline Project Would Deliver Needed Housing Units Soon

The City originally allocated the Bonus FAR more than six years ago, and the scope of Google's project suggests it will be some time before the additional housing units it proposes are delivered. In contrast, the mixed-use project I propose to build at 1808 N. Shoreline could be delivered within the next few years, adding needed housing stock, reducing vehicle trips by locating homes nearer to jobs, and activating the streetscape consistent with the City's vision in the North Bayshore Precise Plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to partnering with the City and Google to make the Precise Plan's vision a reality.

Very truly yours

Jeffrey A. Morris

Enclosure: Conceptual Mixed-Use Plan for 1808 N. Shoreline (Attachment 1)

cc: Ms. Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager

Ms. Aarti Shrivastava, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director

Mr. Martin Alkire, Principal Planner

Ms. Kerry Williams, Kerry M. Williams Consulting LLC

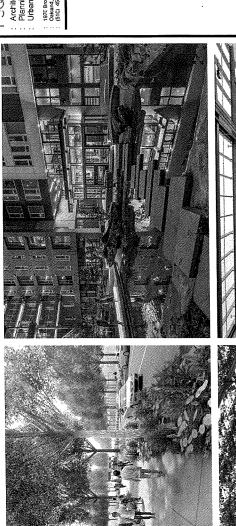
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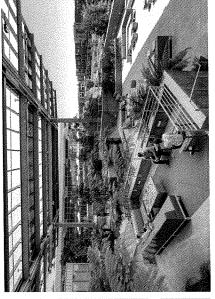
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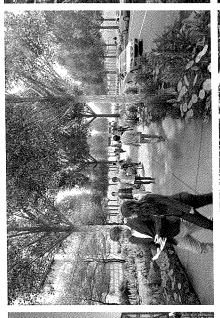
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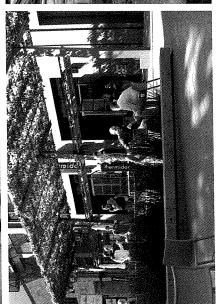
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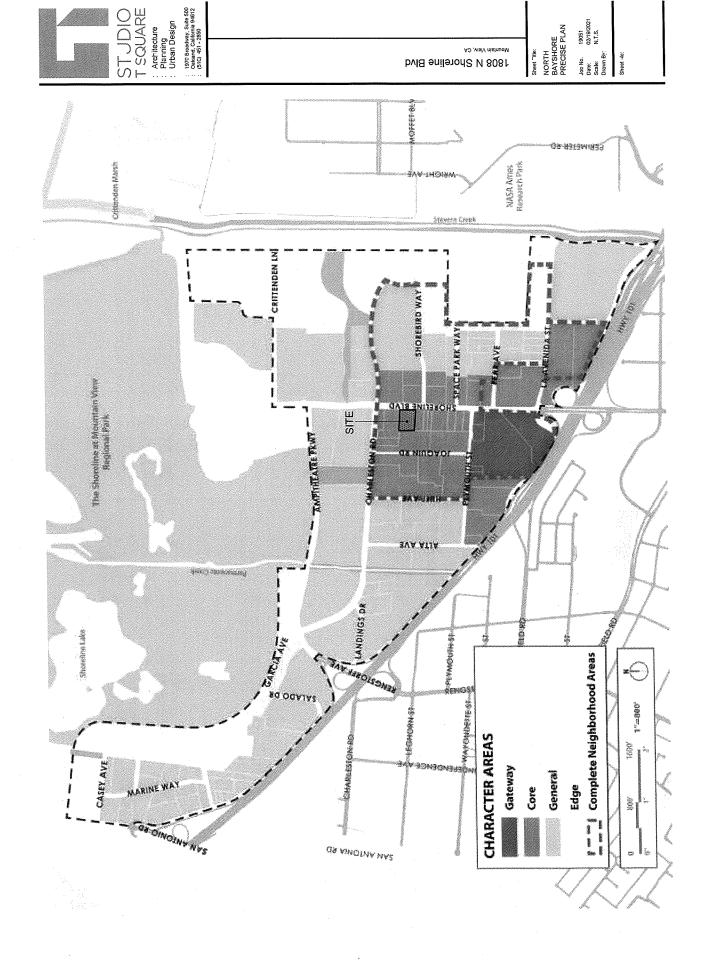


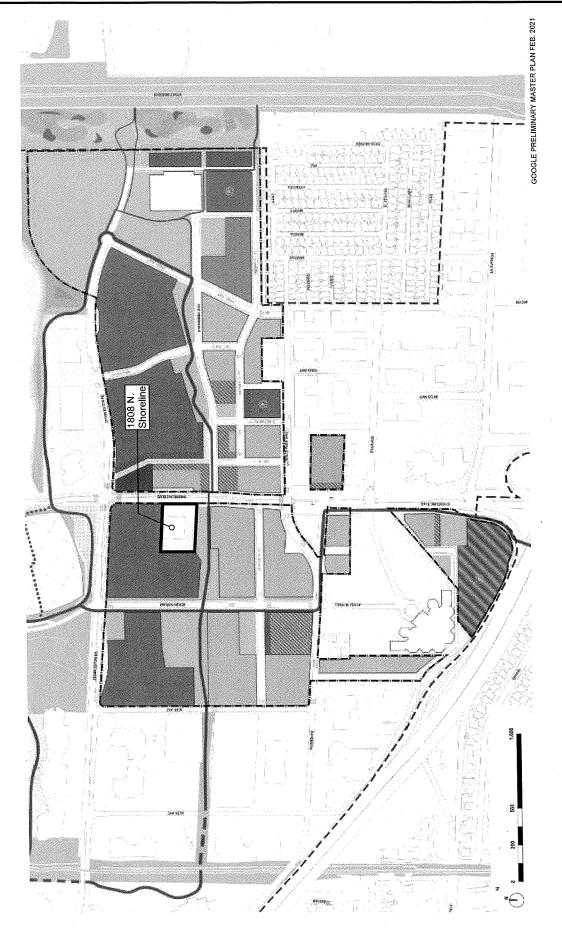






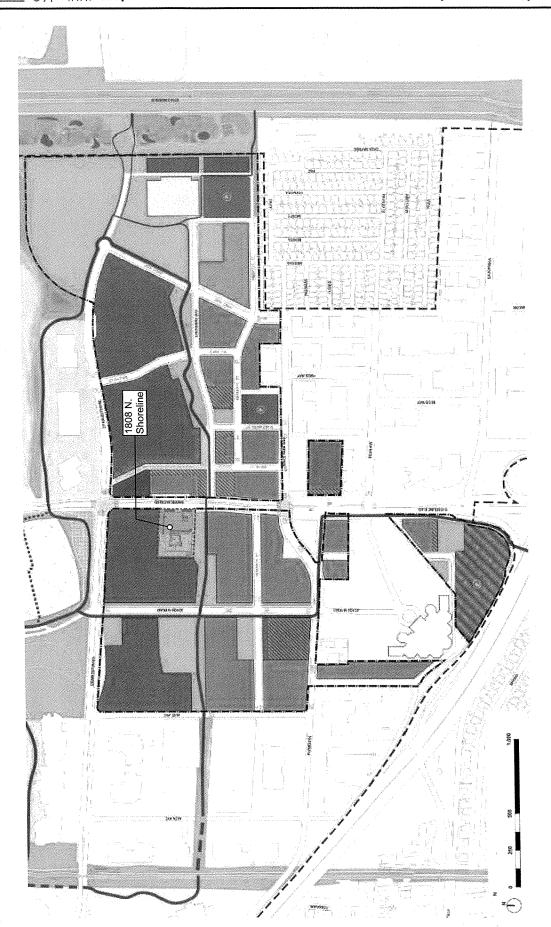






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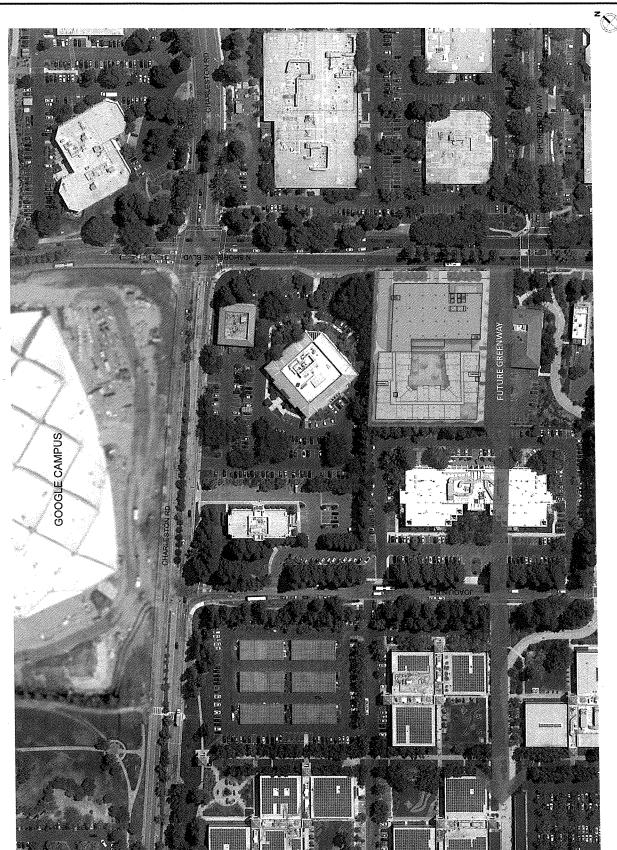
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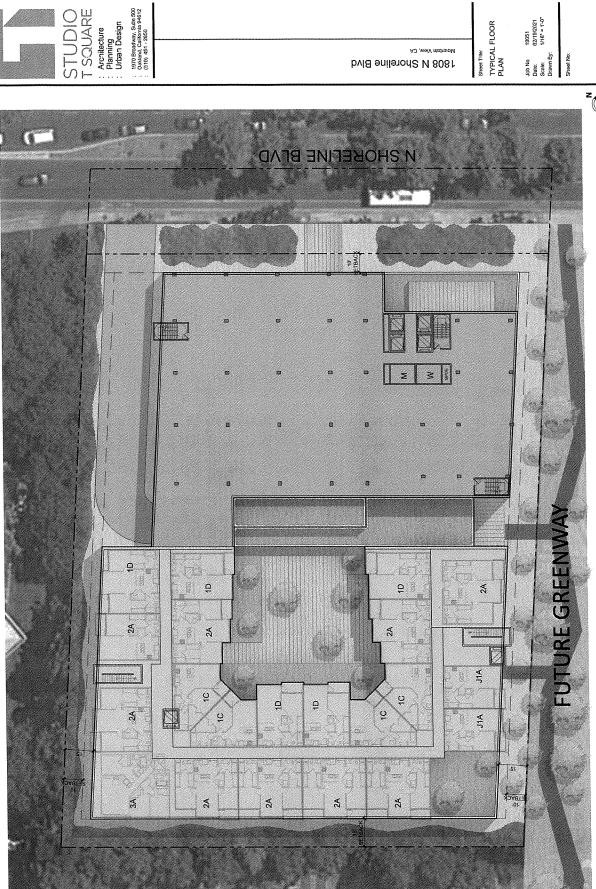
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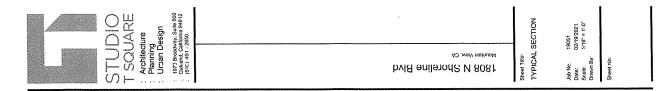
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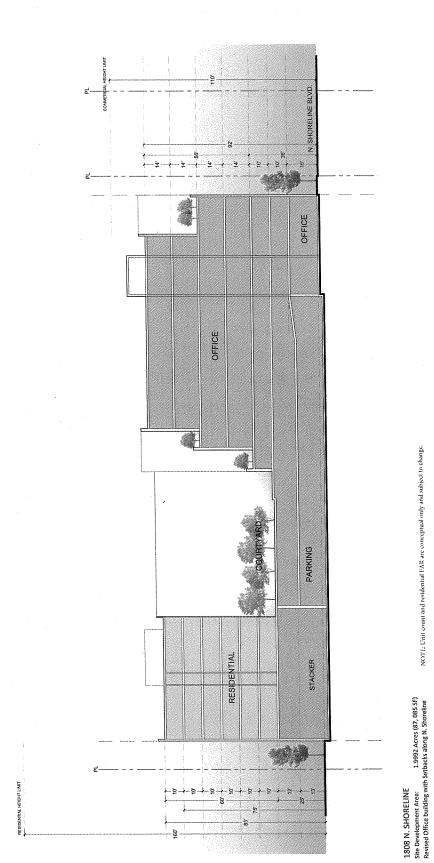












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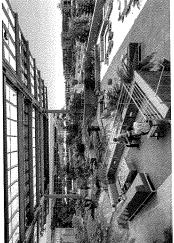
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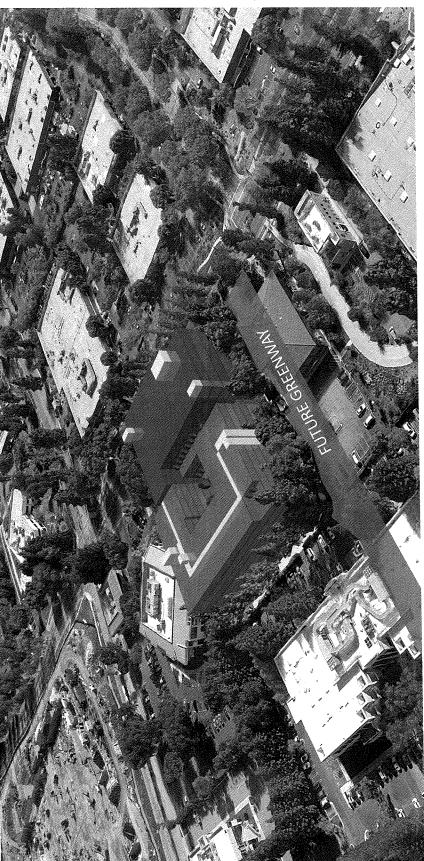
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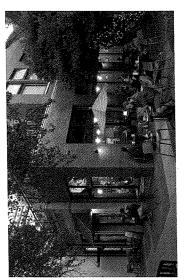


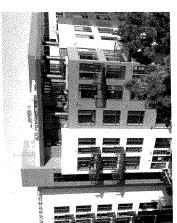












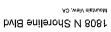
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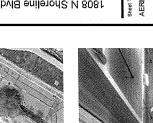


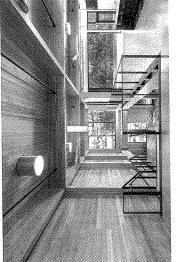


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Abe-Koga, Margaret

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Subject:

Council Meeting March 23, Agenda Item 7.1 – Google North Bayshore Precise Plan and

Bonus FAR Allocation

**Attachments:** 

AAH ltr MV CC re NBS Housing 20210323.pdf

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Regards, Doug DeLong

[Begin letter text]

Advocates for Affordable Housing Emmons Drive Mountain View, CA 94043

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Joan MacDonald for AAH

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Subject:

Agenda Item 7.1 – Google North Bayshore Precise Plan Nonresidential Bonus Floor Area

Ratio Requalification Request and Preliminary Shorebird Master Plan

**Attachments:** 

City Council Letter 03.22.21.pdf; 2021.03.16 Gateway Masterplan SyWest-SyRes.pdf

# Dear Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers:

We hereby formally submit the attached letter for the above-referenced City Council agenda item to be heard on March 23, 2021.

Sincerely,

On behalf of Bill Vierra Shari Webb Syufy Enterprises Pelican Way San Rafael, CA 94901



March 22, 2021

#### **VIA EMAIL**

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RE: Agenda Item 7.1 – Google North Bayshore Precise Plan Nonresidential Bonus Floor Area Ratio Requalification Request and Preliminary Shorebird Master Plan

Dear Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers:

Regarding the above-referenced agenda item, we respectfully request that the Council <u>not</u> award the remaining Nonresidential Bonus Floor Area Ratio ("Bonus FAR") until a holistic economic and strategic plan is developed for the entire North Bayshore. Without a complete North Bayshore plan, the ability to deliver all the housing for the North Bayshore will be impossible and the Gateway will never be developed. The North Bayshore financial and transportation issues must be fully vetted and quantified before the City can prudently and fairly award its final financial lever (*i.e.*, office square footage) to Google.

As has been noted by the City's economic consultant and Google, office square footage is the financial currency for unlocking the complete housing vision for North Bayshore and solving the transportation issues in the North Bayshore. At this juncture, the City has not seen a full transportation study for the North Bayshore or the City's final Gateway Master Plan. In this vacuum of critical information, the City's decision to award the Bonus FAR places the City in the precarious situation of having to bear the future cost of solving North Bayshore's housing and transportation issues to achieve its goals. However, such does not have to be the case via a holistic approach.

As part of the City-led Gateway Master Plan, we developed a housing plan that will deliver over 2,000 housing units, which plan has been shared with the City. Our plan is designed in a manner consistent with the vision of the North Bayshore Precise Plan and the City's Gateway Master Plan. We stand prepared to work with the City staff to incorporate this plan into the City's Gateway Master Plan, as well as work with all the North Bayshore developers (including Google) to develop a comprehensive plan for the North Bayshore that is financially viable. This holistic approach will ensure the City achieves its vision for 9,850 housing units in the North Bayshore as well as the development of the Gateway, a cornerstone of the North Bayshore Precise Plan.

Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers March 22, 2021 Page 2

To be clear, we are not opposing Google's plan. We are opposed to the out-of-sequence process that jeopardizes the rest of the North Bayshore vision. Below we have outlined all the issues and benefits of taking a pause on tomorrow night's process, so a holistic economic and strategic plan can be developed.

# 1) Diversify the pipeline of residential units to the market.

The promise of 9,850 residential units in North Bayshore has a much higher likelihood of being achieved if there is more than one major source of unit contribution. We are proposing to contribute 2,000 of the 9,850 units promised. While the Shorebird plan proposes to deliver 7,000 units, there is no clear path for the remaining units without a comprehensive evaluation of how to fund necessary infrastructure of the area.

## 2) Mitigated risk of delivery of residential units to the market.

While 7,000 of the 9,850 units proposed by Google require certain threshold events to be achieved prior to unlocking the land on which proposed units are to then be constructed, SyWest/SyRES does not require relocation of any existing office or other similar impediments to be relocated prior to construction. As such, we believe our "time-to-market" can be shorter.

#### 3) Construction of Shoreline Gateway residential.

We own our land outright. Execution and construction of the residential plan is exactly our core business. We are developers and operators of commercial real estate and high-density residential properties, and we do not rely on any third parties, partnerships, or consulting arrangements to perform.

#### 4) Existing City processes need to be completed prior to FAR allocation.

- a. The City's own economic consultant, Seifel Consulting, concluded that <u>office is the sole currency</u> remaining for the City to have any hopes for mitigating current impacts and paying for future impediments to developing the Gateway, and in effect, North Bayshore overall.
- b. In 2019, the City promised a Gateway Master Plan document. This still has not been completed. No allocation of Gateway office FAR (500k sf) should be contemplated until the City-led Master Plan is complete and adopted. It is premature to discuss any allocation that would further encumber the development of the entire Gateway.
- c. The existing traffic mitigation measures have failed, and impacts exceed all threshold measurements. At last measure, in early 2020, the SOV targets are currently not being met. The trip cap thresholds are being exceeded.
- d. The City has not been able to offer a comprehensive and deliverable solution to existing traffic impact failures, future traffic mitigation, discussions of infrastructure funding, and setting achievable housing and open space requirements. Google's proposal also refers to, and ultimately will be looking to rely on, the City creating new bonding mechanisms to gap future infrastructure funding. Any City bonding should address the needs of the entire North Bayshore area and not just Google's holdings.

# 5) No need to allocate Bonus FAR at this time, and in advance of proper vetting.

- a. Google's own Shorebird document specifically acknowledges and reaffirms that "Office is the Currency".
- b. Allocation (the 'spending') of the only currency the City has remaining can be construed as out of sequence with normal processing of *first evaluating the full value and ultimate feasibility* of a specific plan without regard for impacts on all other properties that reside in the North Bayshore area.
- c. The act of allocating all remaining Bonus FAR under the North Bayshore Precise Plan, in advance of the City reviewing and actually completing any financial analysis of the Shorebird proposal, is simply not prudent. It is also inconsistent with all actions the City has taken in prior Bonus FAR allocation processes.

We took the liberty of attaching a plan set for the Shoreline Gateway residential development SyWest/SyRES has proposed on our portion of the Gateway Master Plan area. As mentioned above, while the City has yet to deliver a "City-led Master Plan" for all properties within the Gateway, we believe our design delivers the desperately needed residential capacities, and still allows for full integration of all surrounding property, which is consistent with the overall vision. The implementation of this plan and development of the Gateway property and other properties within North Bayshore all together, will ultimately be determined by your decision tomorrow night.

Sincerely,

Bill Vierra, President SyWest Development

CC:

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# SHORELINE GATEWAY MOUNTAIN VIEW-CALIFORNIA

SYWEST DEVELOPMENT & SYRES PROPERTIES

**FEBRUARY 8, 2021** 

# 2,019 DWELLING UNITS

AFFORDABLE 307 DU (15%)

MARKET RATE

1,712 DU (85%)

## COMMERCIAL

RETAIL 19,030 SF

VILLA SPORT 60,000 SF

### **PARKING**

RETAIL TOTAL RESIDENTIAL 1,212 STALLS (0.6 PARKING RATIO) 1,637 STALLS **425 STALLS** 

OPEN SPACE

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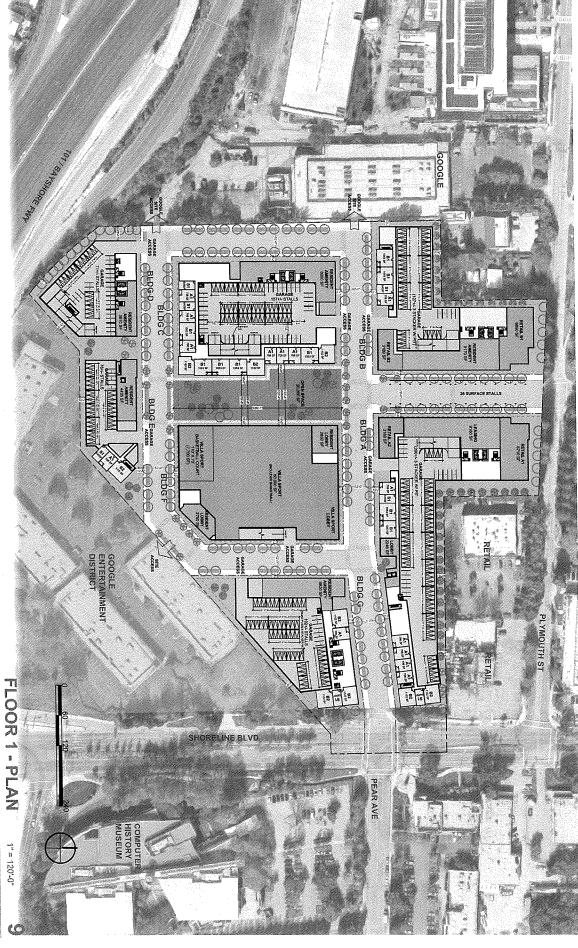
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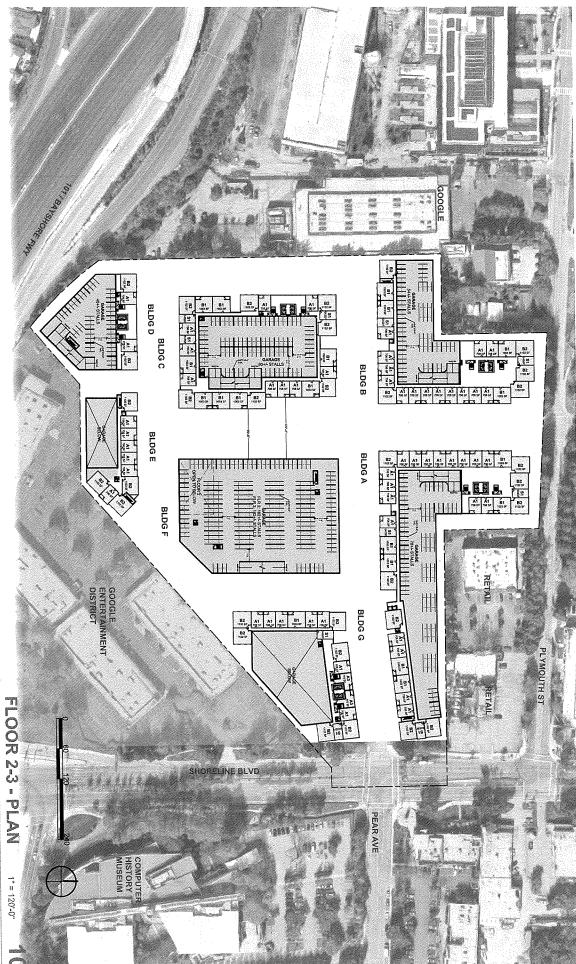
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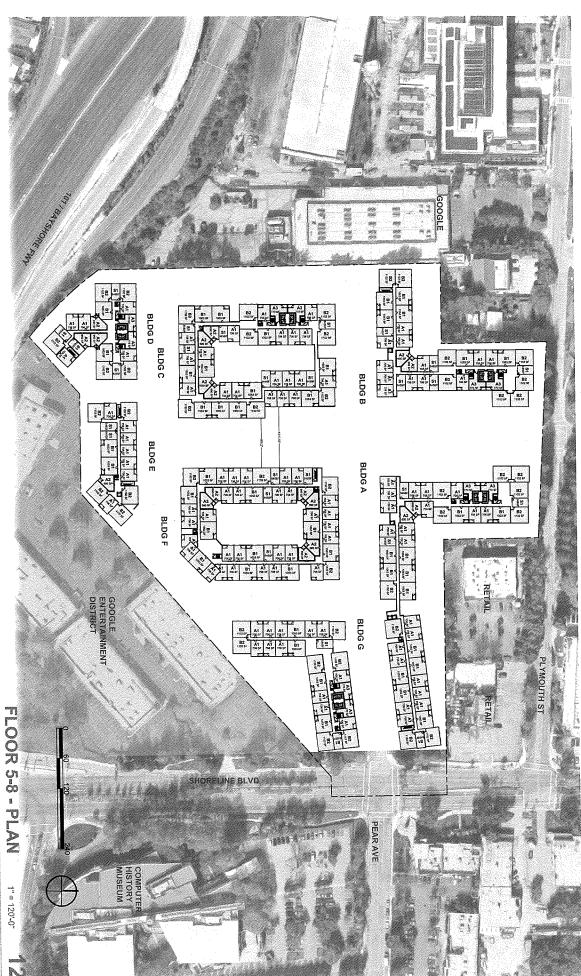


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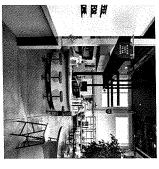




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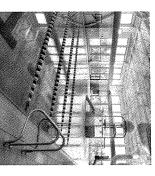
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Lisa McLain, President
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The LWV supports actions that cope with the jobs/housing imbalance, as well as actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The LWV also supports affordable housing for all Californians. As a result, we have supported the North Bayshore Precise Plan (NBSPP) since 2017 when it was adopted with its strong residential component.

Therefore, we are enthusiastic about Google's proposed Master Plan which includes 7,000 new housing units, with a target of 20% below-market-rate (BMRs), or 1,400 affordable housing units. We are pleased to see that these units will be spread across the neighborhood areas of Shorebird and Joaquin. We look forward to seeing which sites Google plans to dedicate to the City for all-affordable projects. We urge the City to work with Google to dedicate these sites early in the process so that the all-affordable housing developments can be built expeditiously. We commend Google for planning to build 5% of the affordable units as inclusionary units. This means the affordable component will serve a mix of incomes from very low to moderate.

The 7,000 units proposed here by Google, the 2,000 units recently proposed by SyWest, along with the housing already in the pipeline, will put the City on track to meet the 9,850 new residential unit target anticipated by the 2017 Precise Plan. Google proposes a mix of rental and ownership housing. These additional units will help the serious housing shortage of our region and will help Mountain View achieve its Regional Housing Needs Allocation for the cycle beginning in 2023.

We are also pleased to see that Google has worked with the elementary school district and is proposing a 4 acre school and park site in a desirable location. We understand that there are many issues to be resolved, including how Google and SyWest's Gateway proposals can work together, but we urge the Council to follow the Staff recommendation to authorize requalification of the 1.3 million square feet of non-residential FAR, with the conditions set out by Staff. We especially like the requirement of a Formal Master Plan submittal within a year, as we would like to see this ambitious plan for North Bayshore implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our input. (Please submit any questions about this letter to Donna Yobs at

Lisa McLain, President Donna Yobs, Co-Chair, Housing Committee League of Women Voters Los Altos-Mountain View

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League of Women Voters Los Altos Mountain View

March 21, 2021

Mayor Ellen Kamei and Members of the City Council City of Mountain View 500 Castro Street Mountain View 94041

Re: Council Meeting March 23, Agenda Item 7.1 – Google North Bayshore Precise Plan and Bonus FAR Allocation

Dear Mayor Kamei and Members of the City Council:

The LWV supports actions that cope with the jobs/housing imbalance, as well as actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The LWV also supports affordable housing for all Californians. As a result, we have supported the North Bayshore Precise Plan (NBSPP) since 2017 when it was adopted with its strong residential component.

Therefore, we are enthusiastic about Google's proposed Master Plan which includes 7,000 new housing units, with a target of 20% below-market-rate (BMRs), or 1,400 affordable housing units. We are pleased to see that these units will be spread across the neighborhood areas of Shorebird and Joaquin. We look forward to seeing which sites Google plans to dedicate to the City for all-affordable projects. We urge the City to work with Google to dedicate these sites early in the process so that the all-affordable housing developments can be built expeditiously. We commend Google for planning to build 5% of the affordable units as inclusionary units. This means the affordable component will serve a mix of incomes from very low to moderate.

The 7,000 units proposed here by Google, the 2,000 units recently proposed by SyWest, along with the housing already in the pipeline, will put the City on track to meet the 9,850 new residential unit target anticipated by the 2017 Precise Plan. Google proposes a mix of rental and ownership housing. These additional units will help the serious housing shortage of our region and will help Mountain View achieve its Regional Housing Needs Allocation for the cycle beginning in 2023.

We are also pleased to see that Google has worked with the elementary school district and is proposing a 4 acre school and park site in a desirable location. We understand that there are many issues to be resolved, including how Google and SyWest's Gateway proposals can work together, but we urge the Council to follow the Staff recommendation to authorize requalification of the 1.3 million square feet of non-residential FAR, with the conditions set out by Staff. We especially like the requirement of a Formal Master Plan submittal within a year, as we would like to see this ambitious plan for North Bayshore implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our input. (Please submit any questions about this letter to Donna Yobs at

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League of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain View

cc: Martin Alkire

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### **Gutierrez**, Jeannette

From:

David Meyer ·

Sent:

Monday, March 22, 2021 3:11 PM

To:

Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Hicks, Alison; Lieber, Sally; Matichak,

Lisa; Showalter, Pat

Cc:

City Clerk; City Council; Alkire, Martin; Pancholi, Diana; Shrivastava, Aarti; Yuju Park

Subject:

SV@Home letter RE: North Bayshore Bonus FAR Allocation

Attachments:

SVH Letter RE - NBS Bonus FAR Allocation 032221.pdf

Dear Mayor Kamei, Vice Mayor Ramirez, and Councilmembers Abe-Koga, Hicks, Lieber, Matichak, and Showalter:

On behalf of Silicon Valley at Home, we write today to express our support for the staff recommendation to allocate bonus FAR to Google's North Bayshore Master Plan proposal, which will allow Mountain View to take the next step in implementing the North Bayshore Precise Plan. The city has developed a clear vision for North Bayshore and decisions related to bonus FAR allocation should be taken based on whether a proposal will significantly further the overall goals of the Plan. Google's latest proposal, which includes up to 7,000 new homes, 20% of them affordable, will advance the city's goals of 9,850 new homes, complete neighborhoods, and other important community benefits.

When the Council last took up the bonus FAR discussion in 2019, SV@Home similarly advocated that any decision be based off of a proposal's ability to meet Mountain View's overall North Bayshore housing and complete neighborhood goals. Since then, we are pleased to see that Google has increased the potential number of new homes and has taken action to address outstanding community concerns related to school land and open space. While there are still issues to be resolved in these areas, allocating the bonus FAR today will pull the North Bayshore process out of its rut and allow it to move forward.

Though unrelated to today's proposed action, we would be remiss to not express our excitement regarding SyWest's initial updated concept for its land in the Gateway area, which envisions a potential for over 2,000 new homes. When combined with Google's proposal and the housing developments already underway in the Precise Plan area, this would put the city on track to meeting its ambitious 9,850 new home target for North Bayshore. We are looking forward to the upcoming Gateway Master Plan discussions at Council, where we hope there will be an opportunity to discuss how Google and SyWest's Gateway proposals can work together.

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Sincerely,

David

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### TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

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**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:19 PM

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Lieber; Lieber, Sally; Hicks, Alison

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Kimbra; , City Clerk

**Subject:** MVCSP comments on Google North Bayshore Precise Plan matters to City of Mountain

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Attachments: CC-Google Bonus FAR Allocation-MVCSP-20210323.pdf

(formal letter attached)



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revisions that the City Council would like incorporated. We are pleased that the Staff Report provides excellent guidance on the compliance issues with the North Bayshore Precise Plan and issues that Google has specifically requested City direction on.

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