

From: [Planning](#)
To: [Erin Fellers](#)
Cc: [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!
Date: Thursday, July 02, 2020 8:35:19 AM

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From: Andrea Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 6:39 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!

Dear San Mateo Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the 225 affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain.

I live in North Central San Mateo, in what feels like the last working class area in the peninsula, and am just a 10 minute walk from the proposed site. The people who live here are able to stay only because they have been here a long time. But for many others, there is nowhere left they can afford. I strongly support affordable housing in this area. It is deeply important to me that the entire peninsula does not become a bubble for tech workers, and I say this as a tech worker.

I support the current number of affordable homes at this site in San Mateo. Every one of these 225 deeply affordable homes will provide secure shelter to people in need. The 25% public employee preference will help support those who support our community. Please vote to support these 100% affordable homes.

Thank you for your continued leadership and courage around affordable housing in San Mateo.

Respectfully yours,
Andréa Davis

FW: MidPen Project

Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Thu 7/2/2020 8:34 AM

To: Erin Fellers <efellers@cityofsanmateo.org>**Cc:** Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>

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From: Carolina Nugent [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 8:00 PM**To:** Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>**Subject:** MidPen Project

Dear San Mateo Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the 225 affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain.

Living in a strong community where everyone is able to find housing they can afford, close to their jobs, is very important to me. I am so grateful that I can live in San Mateo. I want more people to be able to afford to live and work in this community.

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~Carolina Nugent

North Central Community Member

From: [Vanessa Diffenbaugh](#)
To: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#); [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: FW: I support the San Mateo development
Date: Friday, June 26, 2020 1:08:03 PM

Just as an FYI—support for DTSM from a community member below.

Vanessa

From: Daniel Schonberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Vanessa Diffenbaugh [REDACTED]
Subject: I support the San Mateo development

I live in the San Mateo Central Neighborhood. I'm aware that MidPen is working on a development at 5th and Claremont that would add housing to our community, focused on those in need. I am fully supportive of this effort. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Daniel Schonberg

From: [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
To: [Erika Gomez](#)
Cc: [Drew Corbett](#); [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: RE: Safety concerns with New Downtown Housing Plaza location
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 4:49:08 PM
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Erika,

In response to your questions:

- Yes, shade was deemed to be more important than passing trains and train noise. Those issues were part of the debate
- In terms of the plan review, I will defer to the project planner Phillip Brennan who can provide further information about the reviews that have been done by our Police, Public Works, and staff from Caltrain. Phillip is CCed on this email.

Thanks,

Kathy Kleinbaum

Assistant City Manager

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From: Erika Gomez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Re: Safety concerns with New Downtown Housing Plaza location

Hi Kathy, thanks for the quick response! See some follow-up comments/questions below.

Erika

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 2:23 PM, Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org> wrote:

Erika,

Thank you for sending in your concerns. There was a robust discussion and debate about where that plaza should be located that occurred during the community outreach process in March 2019 as well as at the Planning Commission study session in April 2019. The preference and direction from those meetings from both the community and the Commission was to locate the plaza closer to the Downtown so that it can be used by more of the public and also the residential side of the building was considered too shady.

EP: I understand the shade issue and it sounds like you had lots of input on shade vs sun. So shade was more important to the general public than noise or the strong breeze felt by trains going by at 60 miles an hour. I see. I see.

There are loading zones that will be provided to provide for delivery service for the building that are not located in front of the plaza so we are not anticipated that there will be traffic queuing issues there. In addition, should a car stop in front of the plaza, it would not be in a travel lane but in the parking zone.

EP: I had 2 other questions. Has Caltrain's safety officer reviewed the traffic/parking plan and could I talk to the police officer that reviewed the plans?

I hope this information helps alleviate your concerns.

Thanks,

Kathy Kleinbaum

Assistant City Manager

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From: Erika Gomez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Safety concerns with New Downtown Housing Plaza location

Hi Kathy,

Very exciting to see progress on the outdoor dining downtown! Thank you!!

I just had a brief chat with Mollie from Mid-penn. I shared with her that I have been taking the train to RWC for almost 3 years and noticed the outdoor seating next to the Box building, although super nice, was never used. I think it is super loud, and super windy when trains go by at 60 mph. I wondered why a smaller landing wasn't considered on the train side of the MidPenn building with a larger landing on the neighborhood side instead? This observation is mostly about comfort for the users of the building.

My second concern is regarding safety. If the landing of the main plaza is on the train side, are we really comfortable with the idea that cars that park in front of the plaza (even temporarily) are not going to cause cars to back up over the tracks (going east). Currently during evening peak hours the traffic backs up as far as B Street. With the new building cars traveling east may have to go around a car that was left idle for 2 or 3 minutes (For door-dash, retail or for someone to go inside for a drop off or pick-up, or to put a stroller in the trunk) and traffic may be delayed even more behind the idle car. This is not only a safety concern but also a carbon footprint concern by cars waiting behind a parked car in front of the plaza might cause. Even if this was a red curb, with 500 residents in the building the likelihood of people parking "temporarily" or worse yet double parking in front of the plaza could create a serious hazard.

I was wondering how the decision prevailed to put a large plaza on the city side instead of the neighborhood side when the neighborhood side might be a safer choice. I am really surprised that the Police dept or fire department would not see this as a concern? My suggestion to Mollie was to reconsider a smaller plaza on the city side and a larger plaza on the neighborhood side, maybe splitting the available open space 3:1 between the 2 plazas.

Mollie said a lot of comments were received and the general consensus was that the train side would be better and that if I wanted to know more I should look at the PPT from March of 2019. I was really surprised and disappointed at her response and I am hoping that perhaps you can find a few minutes to discuss.

If you do not have the time, would you be able to put me in touch with the police officer who reviewed the plans so that I can ask him/her some questions on their decision to approve this design. Also, has Caltrain's safety officer reviewed these plans and would you be able to share their input.

Thank you Kathy. I appreciate that you have worked on this for a very long time but as I shared with Mollie, from a safety perspective, I feel like I should share these concerns while the design is still being tweaked. With the city budget issues related to Covid 19, seems to me the last thing we need is a lawsuit based on unintended consequences.

Thank you and I hope that you and your family are well.

Erika



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From: [Erika Gomez](#)
To: [Karen Magallanes](#); [Phillip Brennan](#)
Cc: [Drew Corbett](#); [Tracy Scramaglia](#); [Kathy Kleinbaum](#)
Subject: Re: Safety concerns with New Downtown Housing Plaza location
Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:36:09 PM
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Hello,

Thank you Karen for your time.

I appreciated having a conversation with both you and officer Bartholomew today.

I want to make sure to document my concerns. However before I do that, I want to ask the question, does MidPen have complete autonomy on all the decisions from now on, including the location of the loading zone, even if it means potential risk and monetary liability to our city funds?

1. The plans show an 18-ft(approx) red curb between the corner of RR Ave and the loading zone. My guess is is that cars (Uber or other) may cue-up there while they wait for loading zone to free up. I heard today you cannot design based on human nature but with 500 people in the building and this plaza as a destination the probability is pretty high.
2. Could the loading zone be moved further to the center of the block to mitigate this potential safety issue, especially if cars are cueing past the RR tracks?
3. Do we really believe that with no parking underneath that 2 loading spaces are sufficient? It concerns me that we are not worried about temporary double parking at a place of congregation, ie the plaza, which could cause traffic to be squeezed to one lane.
4. Lastly, I know some folks thought the plaza would be best closer to the RR tracks but there were some comments too that that the Claremont side would be better. Should we consider a compromise with a small Plaza near the train and a larger plaza at Claremont and 4th, ie the neighborhood side? More foot traffic improves safety on the neighborhood side. Of course I suggest just by rearranging, not eliminating a unit.
5. I stopped by 4th and Claremont and the RR Ave at 2:15 today and took some photos. The Claremont side is much more peaceful and more residential than the loud and busy RR Ave side.

I also heard today that CNA wanted the plaza on the RR Ave side. I confirmed that is not the case.

I will attend the meeting with MidPen and make these suggestions a second time. I am hopeful that we can make this work for so many reasons especially the safety and potential risk to the city for approving this design if the traffic on 4th to B Street has unintended consequences.

Thank you all for your time.
Erika

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On Tuesday, June 30, 2020, 11:02 AM, Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org> wrote:

Erika,

The meeting minutes are all posted on the What's Happening in Development page for the project here:

<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/4094/PA19-033-City-Owned-Downtown-Affordable->

Thanks,



Kathy Kleinbaum

Assistant City Manager

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From: Erika Gomez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Karen Magallanes <kmagallanes@cityofsanmateo.org>; Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Tracy Scramaglia

<tscramaglia@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Re: Safety concerns with New Downtown Housing Plaza location

Hello Karen,

Got your email and spoke to the police officer who reviewed the plans as well.

If you could give me a call at your earliest convenience I would really appreciate it.

Also, would you mind sending the meeting minutes or link from the March 2019 public meeting as well as the latest plan view with the new loading zones shown?

Thank you,

Erika



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On Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 9:28 AM, Karen Magallanes <kmagallanes@cityofsanmateo.org> wrote:

Hello Ms. Gomez,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the on-street loading zone and Plaza on 4th Avenue.

Staff evaluated the loading zone through the formal submittals of the Planning Application. For the latest set of plans, the on-street loading zone is proposed as 10' wide and 40' long. The proposed length dimension is longer than the minimum length dimension (25') per Municipal Code Section [27.64.320](#), to allow for proper maneuvering and space for a loading vehicle. In addition, the on-street parking adjacent to the loading zone is removed and replaced with red curb for proper maneuvering, and for a proposed Fire Hydrant. Due to the length of the loading zone and parking removed adjacent to it, maneuvering in and out of the loading zone should not present a queuing issue.

With regards to the Plaza, we have had several conversations with the Joint Powers Board (JPB)/Caltrain in relation to the project's proximity to Railroad Right-of-Way. From these conversations, their main concerns were in relation to any encroachments into Railroad Right-of-Way, and rail safety during construction. Based on these conversations, the location of the Plaza would not be an issue of concern for the JPB/Caltrain. There is also a condition of approval stating that the applicant is responsible to obtain the appropriate permits/agreements with other agencies like JPB, prior to issuance of the building permits.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions.
Thank you,



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From: Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Erika Gomez [REDACTED]
Cc: Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>; Karen Magallanes <kmagallanes@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: RE: Safety concerns with New Downtown Housing Plaza location

Hello Ms. Gomez:

I wanted to follow-up and put you in contact with Karen Magallanes from our Public Works Department. Karen has also been responsible for reviewing this project and can answer any specific questions related to the on-street loading zone and public plaza location. She will be reaching-out to you and can also put you in contact with the appropriate point-person at Caltrains.

Best-
Phillip B.



Phillip Brennan
Associate Planner | Community Development
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From: Erika Gomez [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>
Cc: Brendan Bartholomew <bbartholomew@cityofsanmateo.org>;
Kathy Kleinbaum <kkleinbaum@cityofsanmateo.org>; Drew
Corbett <dcorbett@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: Re: Safety concerns with New Downtown Housing Plaza
location

Hi and thank you Phillip for the responses.

I will reach out to Brendan.

I also look forward to hearing who at Caltrain I should correspond with as well.

I am happy to reach out on my own if it will save you some time.

Thank you!
Erika

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Thursday, June 18, 2020, 12:59 PM, Phillip Brennan
<pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org> wrote:

Hello Ms. Gomez:

My name is Phillip Brennan. I'm the planner for this project. I was copied on your correspondence with Kathy and wanted to introduce myself. I would like to put you in contact with Brendan Bartholomew from our Police Department (I've copied him on this email). Brendan has been reviewing this project from the very start and will be able to speak with you and respond to your questions in-depth.

With regard to the traffic/parking plan, I do know that our Public Works Department has had several discussions with Caltrain staff. I'm following up to confirm whether those discussions included Caltrain's safety officer at any point. I will update you as soon as I have new information.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any related questions.

Sincerely,

Phillip B.



Phillip Brennan

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From: [George](#)
To: [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: Comment on PA19-033 City-Owned Downtown Affordable Housing and Parking Garage
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:47:08 PM

Dear Mr. Brennan,

Even though these are parking lots, they have provided some "open space" and trees in the Downtown area. Nearby, the former Kentucky Fried Chicken lot had also provided some "open space" with its surface parking lot and a small lawn area and trees until it was recently demolished for redevelopment as mixed-use office space.

Given the loss of open space in the area for development, I would strongly recommend that this current project offer a significant tree-lined offset around the entirety of the complex to compensate for the loss of and to create a public open space.

The City-developed apartment complex in the San Mateo Creek neighborhood by Gateway Park at 3rd Avenue east of South Fremont Street comes to mind as an example of such a tree-lined canopy alongside a building complex.

And the nearly adjacent Metropolitan Apartments between 3rd and 4th Avenues below Eldorado Street also sport a tree-lined canopy, albeit smaller, surrounding the complex, though I would recommend a sidewalk 3 to 4 feet wider in this case, (in addition to, not taking away from the remainder of the green setback), in anticipation of increasing foot traffic in the Downtown area in the future.

If you were to also add bike lanes to the streetscape of this project, you'd probably be doing yourself a favor by getting a step ahead on future demand and city-wide planning.

You might also consider reclaiming sidewalk space from streetlights by either affixing streetlights directly to buildings, or stringing them between buildings (European style). Sidewalk space is a bigger problem in the Downtown core, but it's still a good idea to place streetlights up and away from foot traffic where you have the building density to do so.

As to the buildings themselves, permitting larger, maybe overhanging, balconies can make a great difference to the feel of spaciousness with smaller apartments. We are blessed with a wonderful climate; balconies take advantage of that by expanding smaller interior space into the outdoors.

You've maybe already considered and dismissed due to cost, but taking advantage of the space underneath for additional underground parking is an option that is only available now at initial construction.

George Derby, City of San Mateo resident

t. [REDACTED]

From: [George](#)
To: [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: Re: Comment on PA19-033 City-Owned Downtown Affordable Housing and Parking Garage
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:57:08 PM

Another consideration with this project is the very real possibility that sometime in the future the adjacent Caltrain/freight rail lines will be trenched underground, with open green space and building construction appearing above said trench. This is a development path that has occurred in many places in the US and around the world. So these current structures should take into consideration in their design that a large trench will be dug alongside their foundations and utilities sometime in the not all that distant future.

George Derby

t. [REDACTED]

On Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 4:46 PM George [REDACTED] wrote:

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Subject: FW: I SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!
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From: Gwen K [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: I SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!

Dear San Mateo Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the 225 affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain.

I am proud to work with San Mateo County's most vulnerable student population through the EOPS and CARE programs at the College of San Mateo. Because of my positionality, I have personally seen, experienced, and helped others navigate the housing crisis that SM County is experiencing along with the rest of our state. This affordable housing project is an opportunity for SM County to address its residents' basic needs and champion social equity.

I support the current number of affordable homes at this site in San Mateo. Every one of these 225 deeply affordable homes will provide secure shelter to people in need. The 25% public employee preference will help support those who support our community. Please vote to support these 100% affordable homes.

Thank you for your continued leadership and courage around affordable housing in San Mateo.

Respectfully,
Gwen Kenny, San Mateo Community Member

Gwen Kenny M.Ed.

College of San Mateo

Program Services Coordinator

Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)

[REDACTED]

FW: Advocate for People with Developmental Disabilities(480 4th Ave)

Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Tue 7/7/2020 11:50 AM

To: Erin Fellers <efellers@cityofsanmateo.org>**Cc:** Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>

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From: Gwendoline Diaz [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:49 AM**To:** Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>**Subject:** Advocate for People with Developmental Disabilities(480 4th Ave)

Dear Planning Commission: I am a resident of the City of San Mateo. I support the Downtown Opportunity Sites project and ask that it include some apartments for people with developmental disabilities. Inclusion of people with developmental disabilities will reduce the project's parking and traffic impact and will address an unmet priority of the City's Housing Element. Please make your approval of this project subject to Mid-Pen Housing's agreement to make 20 of the apartments subject to a preference for people with developmental disabilities.

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Hi Erin,

This came through the Planning email box today.

-Michelle

From: Irene Vega [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: SUPPORT- 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo

Dear San Mateo Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the 225 affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain.

I have lived in San Mateo for the majority of my life, I grew up just down the street from the King Center. Now as an adult trying to find affordable housing is so difficult. I love this city and would like to continue living in it!

I support the current number of affordable homes at this site in San Mateo.

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Respectfully yours,

Irene Vega
San Mateo Community Member

From: [Planning](#)
To: [Erin Fellers](#)
Cc: [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes near San Mateo Caltrain
Date: Monday, July 06, 2020 10:40:24 AM

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From: Jack Cody [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes near San Mateo Caltrain

Dear San Mateo Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the 100% affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain. The affordability crisis affects everyone, especially our most vulnerable populations. This proposal maximizes the potential of the land by providing as many affordable homes, close to transit, as possible. Its serving of low-income individuals and families also reduces the need for additional parking.

The more homes we can build, the more neighbors and diversity we'll have, the better off we'll be, as a community. As we are learning during the COVID-19 health emergency, secure housing is healthcare. **I support the current (or a greater) number of affordable homes at this site in San Mateo. I respectfully ask you to move forward with Midpen's "Downtown San Mateo Opportunity Sites" in a timely manner.** Every one of these 225 deeply affordable homes will provide secure shelter to people in need.

Thank you for your continued leadership and courage around affordable housing in San Mateo.

Respectfully yours,
Jack Cody, San Mateo Resident

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From: Kaitlin Chang [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!

Dear San Mateo Planning Commission,

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When it comes to affordable housing, survivors of domestic violence are often left out of the conversation. Survivors have many barriers that make it difficult find affordable housing, and with this project, there will be more opportunities for them to find safe and stable housing.

I support the current number of affordable homes at this site in San Mateo. Every one of these 225 deeply affordable homes will provide secure shelter to people in need. The 25% public employee preference will help support those who support our community. Please vote to support these 100% affordable homes.

Thank you for your continued leadership and courage around affordable housing in San Mateo.

Respectfully yours,
Kaitlin Chang, San Mateo Community Member

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FW: Planning Commission

Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Tue 7/7/2020 11:42 AM

To: Erin Fellers <efellers@cityofsanmateo.org>

Cc: Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>

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From: Kelcie Briones [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:06 AM

To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Planning Commission

"Dear Planning Commission: I am a resident of the City of San Mateo. I support the Downtown Opportunity Sites project and ask that it include some apartments for people with developmental disabilities. The inclusion of people with developmental disabilities will reduce the project's parking and traffic impact and will address an unmet priority of the City's Housing Element. Please make your approval of this project subject to Mid-Pen Housing's agreement to make 20 of the apartments subject to a preference for people with developmental disabilities."

Kelcie Briones

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From: [Planning](#)
To: [Erin Fellers](#)
Cc: [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: FW: I SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!
Date: Monday, July 06, 2020 1:29:15 PM

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From: Nancy Schneider [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: I SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!

Dear Chair Etheridge, Vice Chair Mallory, Commissioners Ebnetter, Maldonado, and Williams,

I am writing to you in support of the 225 affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain. I am a long time San Mateo resident who lives in walking distance to transit and downtown San Mateo. I personally support the construction and development of these homes, because we are in the midst of a long lasting housing crisis. This design is well planned and will give 225 families the opportunity to live near transit and within walking distance to all the services that downtown San Mateo provides. Perhaps they will even be able to walk to their jobs in the community

I support the current number of affordable homes at this site in San Mateo. Every one of these 225 deeply affordable homes will provide secure shelter to people in need. The 25% public employee preference will help support those who support our community. Please vote to support **all** of these 100% affordable homes.

Thank you for your continued leadership and courage around affordable housing in San Mateo.

Respectfully yours,

Nancy Schneider
San Mateo Community Member

FW: Support: 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo

Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Thu 7/2/2020 8:34 AM

To: Erin Fellers <efellers@cityofsanmateo.org>**Cc:** Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>

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From: Rose Garcia [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 7:20 PM

To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Support: 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo

Dear San mateo Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the 225 affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain.

I love San Mateo community — this is a good place to thrive , work, live and raise family. This is the reason I support these affordable homes to meet its increasing demand esp. in these times where families are emotionally and physically challenged by the pandemic.

I support the current number of affordable homes at this site in San Mateo. Every one of these 225 deeply affordable homes will provide secure shelter to people in need. The 25% public employee preference will help support those who support our community. Please vote to support these 100% affordable homes.

Thank you for your continued leadership and forage around affordable housing in San mateo.

Respectfully yours,

Rose Paquette

San Mateo Community Member

From: [Planning](#)
To: [Erin Fellers](#)
Cc: [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!
Date: Thursday, July 02, 2020 10:14:53 AM

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From: Susanne Scher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>
Subject: SUPPORT - 225 Affordable Homes in San Mateo!

Dear San Mateo Planning Commission,
I am writing to you in support of the 225 affordable homes at 480 E. 4th Avenue and 400 E. 5th Avenue in San Mateo, near Caltrain.
San Mateo used to be a friendlier place where many kinds of people could live a good life, not just the rich, we need diversity.

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Thank you,
Susanne Scher
[REDACTED]

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"Good design goes to heaven; bad design goes everywhere."

From: [San Mateo JACC](#)
To: [Phillip Brennan](#)
Subject: Downtown Affordable Housing and Parking Garage Sites Project (PA19-033) - Disabled Person Parking
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:24:39 PM

Dear Mr. Brennan,

I am writing concerning the Planned Downtown Affordable Housing and Parking Garage Project. I have also spoken directly with representatives from MidPen Housing about this and other things.

Specifically, I am writing to ask about parking spaces for persons with disabled person parking placards and plates during construction. Currently, there are spaces for persons with such placards and plates. Since the plans were changed and both the housing and parking garage are to be constructed simultaneously, I am writing to ask that a couple of spaces for disabled persons be made on the street on the east side of the railroad tracks. I realize that there may be such parking available west of the railroad tracks, but it is not reasonable to expect disabled persons to walk across railroad tracks.

The San Mateo Japanese-American Community Center is at the corner of Claremont Street and 5th Avenue (415 South Claremont Street and 503 East 5th Avenue). Seniors attend some of the activities that are held during the day, and some park in the disabled person spaces. The activities include senior men's and senior women's clubs, a ukulele class, and a Japanese conversation class.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Wesley Taoka
Executive Director
San Mateo Japanese-American Community Center
415 South Claremont Street
San Mateo, CA 94401
(650) 343-2793; sanmateojacc@gmail.com

FW: Downtown Opportunity sites project

Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>

Tue 7/7/2020 1:52 PM

To: Erin Fellers <efellers@cityofsanmateo.org>**Cc:** Phillip Brennan <pbrennan@cityofsanmateo.org>

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From: Terry Driscoll [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:55 AM**To:** Planning <planning@cityofsanmateo.org>**Subject:** Downtown Opportunity sites project*Dear Planning Commission:*

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Thank you
Terry Driscoll