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**Nora Pimentel**

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**From:** Carter Fulhorst <cfulhorst@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:21 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** City Council meeting 6/21/2022 Budget Vote

As I can not attend tonight's meeting, I would ask that the following be read out loud regarding the location of City Hall in relation to Santa Clara's Downtown:

"I want to thank this City Council for approving the City Hall Study in the upcoming budget today. Reclaiming Our Downtown believes, based on our own study, that Downtown remains the location in which a rebuilt City Hall adds the most VALUE to the City and its citizens."  
Thank you.

Best regards,  
Carter Fulhorst  
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## Carina Navarrete

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**From:** Clerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:28 PM  
**To:** Carina Navarrete  
**Subject:** FW: Funding for an update of the ECR Specific Plan

**From:** Mathew Reed <mathew@siliconvalleyathome.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 5:57 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>; Lisa Gillmor <LGillmor@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Kathy Watanabe <KWatanabe@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Raj Chahal <RChahal@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Karen Hardy <KHardy@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Kevin Park <KPark@Santaclaraca.gov>; Sudhanshu Jain <SJain@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Anthony Becker <ABecker@SantaClaraCA.gov>  
**Cc:** Andrew Crabtree <ACrabtree@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Lesley Xavier <LXavier@santaclaraca.gov>  
**Subject:** Funding for an update of the ECR Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor, Vice Mayor Jain, and Councilmembers Becker, Chahal, Hardy, Park, and Watanabe:

I am writing to you on behalf of SV@Home, which has been a longstanding organizational member of the Santa Clara Community Advocates. We would ask that you add funding for an updated ECR Specific Plan study to the CIP budget for the coming year. This study was already approved by the council, and just needs a budget allocation to move forward. The initial estimate for the costs of this work was a round \$1 million. However, this study would be an update, intended to respond to council concerns, of the original ECR plan already completed, and we believe from prior experience that the final costs would be significantly lower.

Currently there is no operative plan, or objective standards for the ECR. The plan initially rejected by council was the result of an over four-year planning process for the 250 acre ECR corridor. Through this process an integrated vision of the plan area was developed that brought together sustainable economic and residential development strategies, investment in transit and multi-modal transportation infrastructure, and a commitment to public and open spaces. Because the different elements of the plan were interdependent, major changes to one part unsettled the viability of the others. We have every expectation that a new, updated plan can be both functionally intentional, realistic and responsive to many of the council's concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this important item.

Sincerely,

Mathew Reed  
Director of Policy

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