

Melissa Meslo

From: Nora Pimentel
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Nora Pimentel
Cc: Melissa Meslo
Subject: Public Comment Emails for Item #10
Attachments: Public Comment to City Council for Tue Apr 19 meeting; #10 4/19 meeting ; Santa Clara City 22-532 Action on a Written Petition Apr 19, 2022

These emails have been received in the Public comment email box, they will become part of the public record.

Thank you

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From: Frank Lemmon <flemmon@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 7:26 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Frank Lemmon
Subject: Public Comment to City Council for Tue Apr 19 meeting

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

As the Council looks forward to the annual budgeting process in May / June, I suggest that funding for a study of the economic impact of locating City Hall in the Downtown district at Monroe & Benton be included in the budget plan. A great deal of planning for the downtown district redevelopment has been completed, but for due diligence it's essential to assess the impact of locating City Hall in the downtown district as an option. For example, the downtown district offers a unique opportunity for locating City Hall where it will be part of the plan, instead of a "drop in" to an existing development already in progress. Therefore, I hope the Council will utilize the opportunity to commission a study, as this agenda item has been waiting since the March 1st Council meeting, and because it's the wise and informed thing to do.

Sincerely,

Frank Lemmon
District 5 Resident

Melissa Meslo

From: Patti Allmon <p.allmon@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: #10 4/19 meeting

Please Vote Yes

There is much to gain by putting this on the next agenda. The people of Santa Clara deserve to know the possibilities for a successful and vibrant downtown.

Thank you

Patti Allmon

Sent from my iPhone

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Coldwell Banker

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From: Donna West <dwestsfo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Public Comment; Donna West; Dan Ondrasek
Subject: Santa Clara City 22-532 Action on a Written Petition Apr 19, 2022

email to PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov

10. 22-532 Action on a Written Petition (Council Policy 030) Submitted by Mary Grizzle on behalf of the Members of Reclaiming our Downtown

Please read out loud to public at city council meeting. April 19. 2022 - only once

Thank you Honorable Mayor & City Council Members,

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There was push back on each of these issues from the City Council before acceptance and approval of these items that citizens now support. Each request makes the Future Downtown Santa Clara business district BETTER, with connectivity city wide to all citizens and brings revenues dollars to us.

Now these citizens uncovered how the recent return of City Hall to American Downtowns brings dollars and benefits to those cities and their citizens. We know city hall needs of a new home.

I am asking that you please add the item on the NEXT agenda and, during that meeting vote yes to “study” this with WRT. There will not be a delay of the Downtown Precise Plan.

Thank you. Respectfully and sincere from

District 3 Donna West - Business and Resident



City of Santa Clara

The Center of What's Possible

Date: April 19, 2022

To: City Manager

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor & City Council

Subject: Correspondence received regarding Item 10 on the April 19, 2022, City Council Meeting Agenda

As of April 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. the Mayor and City Council Offices received the attached correspondence regarding agenda item 10. Action on a Written Petition (Council Policy 030) Submitted by Mary Grizzle on behalf of the Members of Reclaiming our Downtown are Requesting to Place an Agenda Item at a Future Council Meeting to Discuss and Vote on the Current Downtown Urban Planning Firm WRT to Study the following 4 Financial Benefits of Moving City Hall to a Location within the 8 Blocks of the Original Downtown (Lafayette Benton Monroe Homestead): 1. The financial benefits and construction savings of moving city hall to an 8+ story mixed-use (offices) building; 2. An updated and complete analysis of the advantages of selling the acreage used by city hall on its current location on Warburton; 3. The substantial increase in private investment after a city hall has been brought back to Downtown as evidenced by several other American cities studied by Reclaiming our Downtown; 4. Financial benefit of a "completed Downtown" to the tax revenue of Santa Clara.

Melissa Lee
Executive Assistant to the
Mayor & City Council

Documents Related to this Report:
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POST MEETING MATERIAL

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Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Mayor and Council; Donna West
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From: JIM McNamee <jimmcnamee@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 11:44 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Text for reading on 4/19/22 by Jim McNamee - ecomment also entered in Speakup site

We lost the real downtown Santa Clara in an unfortunate series of events many decades ago and little has been done since then to cohesively bring it and its tax revenues back. Millions and Millions of dollars have been lost due to this inaction. The work this Reclaiming Santa Clara group has initiated and accomplished should have been done decades ago by city officials, but instead, they left this downtown area in relative ruin. The “Reclaiming Santa Clara” group is hard at work to return that vibrant downtown and few question whether they will get the job done.

A smaller portion of their work has focused on the future location of City Hall and as they have looked locally and across the country for successful alternatives, they would like that portion studied. They have consistently looked at the future downtown area with nothing but objectivity and the desire for the best development, never eliminating anything that is possible or worthy of consideration.

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From: Carter Fulhorst <cfulhorst@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 7:13 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Study of Downtown

To whom it concerns,

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Best regards,
Carter Fulhorst
ph# (408)318-5293



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Carina Navarrete

From: Jonathon Evans <oqra@jthon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 9:37 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 04-19-2022 - Item Number 10 Public Comment

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Old Quad Residents' Association (OQRA) on the topic of moving Santa Clara City Hall to downtown. It is the position of OQRA that the city should evaluate the need for a new City Hall based on the needs of the City Administration and not the desires of a single community group.

Should the City deem it necessary to expand or relocate City Hall the City should consider what best meets the needs of the whole City when proposing any future location for City Hall.

When identifying sites to locate City Hall the City should take the following into account:

- Needs of the City administration
- Accessibility to the wider City
- Effects of City Hall on economic development

Should Downtown be identified as a potential location for City Hall, it is important the city assess the impacts positive or negative City Hall will have on the wider downtown precise plan, and execution of development we have spent so much time working on.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Evans
President Old Quad Residents' Association