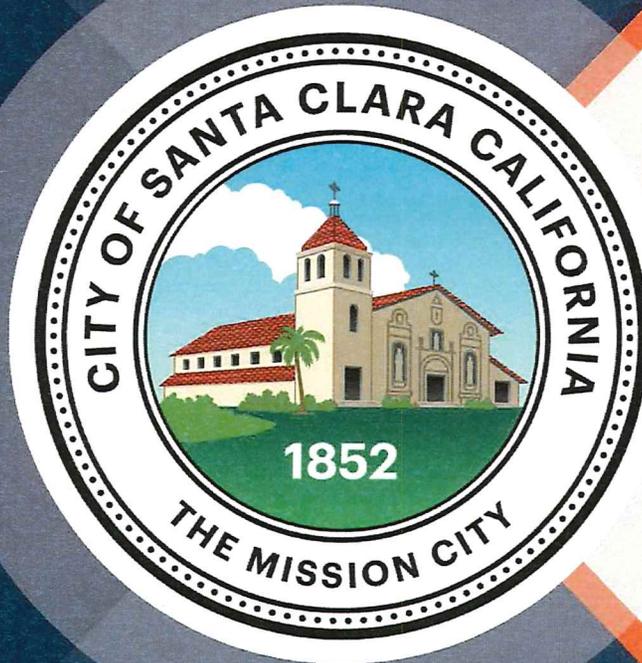


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Item 9. Tasman East Specific Plan

November 13, 2018



Tasman East Specific Plan

City Council Actions

- 1) Certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations;
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Tasman East Specific Plan

Agenda

- 1) Background Information / Context
- 2) Project Components
 - Specific Plan
 - General Plan and Climate Action Plan Amendments
 - Zoning Ordinance
 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- 3) Planning Commission Recommendation
- 4) Staff Recommendation

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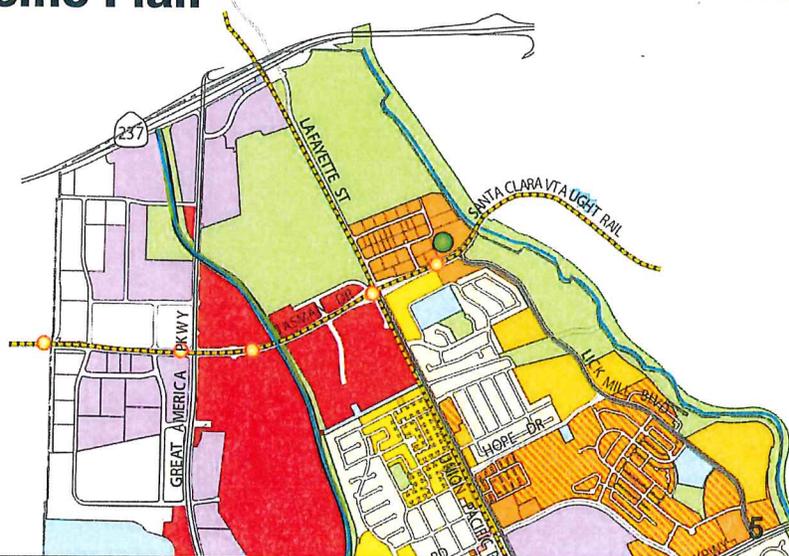


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2010 General Plan

- Phase II Focus Area
- 2,285 Residential Units
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Provide Housing in proximity to Jobs

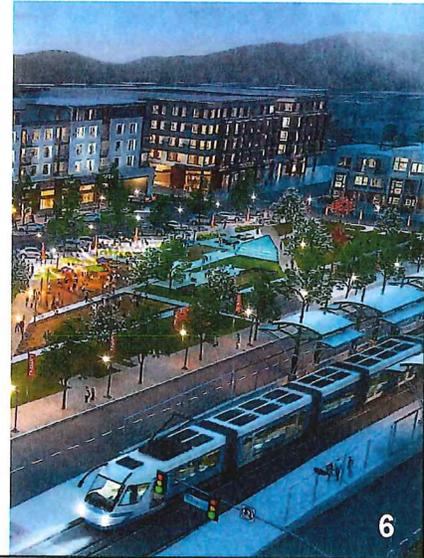




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2010 General Plan Goals for Specific Plan

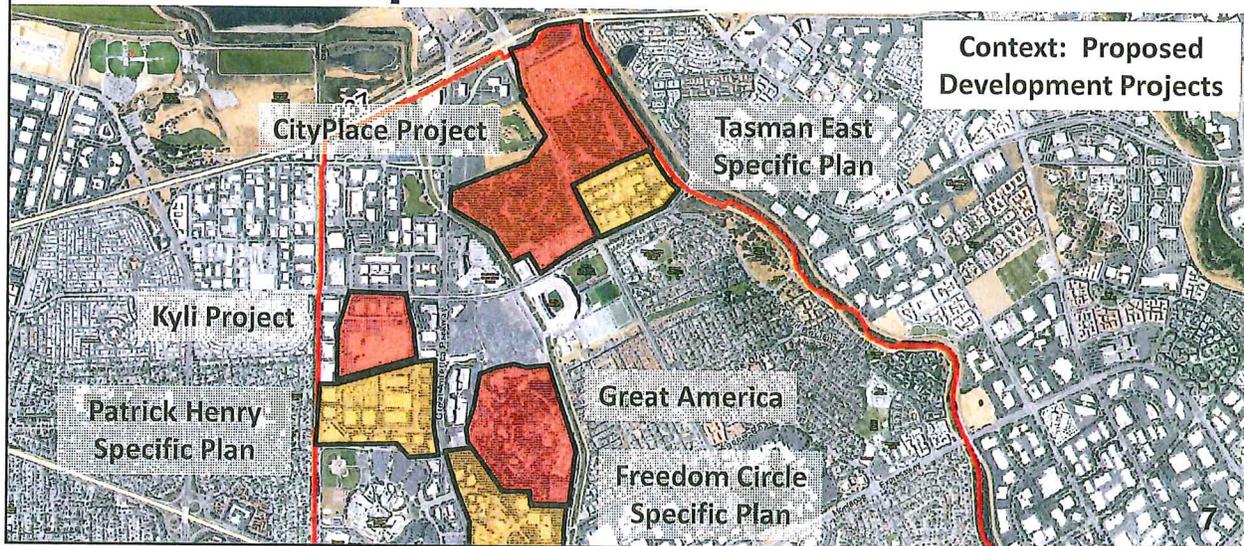
- Establish Tasman East as A High Density Residential Neighborhood with access to commercial services and open space
- Promote pedestrian-friendly design features such as trees, landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian and bike paths, pedestrian street crossings
- Provide publicly accessibly open spaces
- Allow higher densities through Specific Plan process
- Provide adequate infrastructure to support new development



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Context: Proposed Development Projects



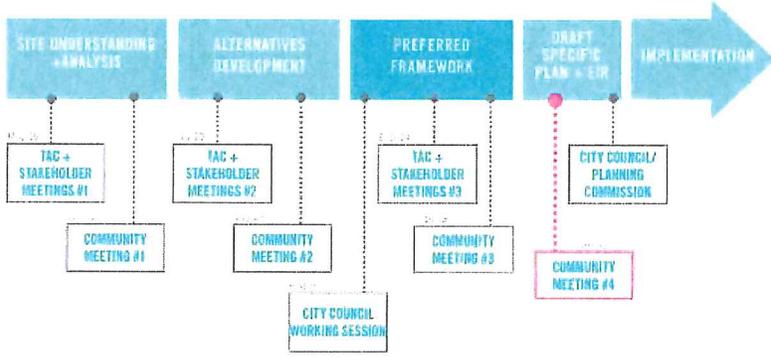


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Plan Development Timeline

- Analysis & Outreach January 2017 – July 2017
- Plan Development July 2017 – June 2018
- EIR Circulation July, 2018
- Planning Commission October 24, 2018
- Council Consideration November 14, 2018



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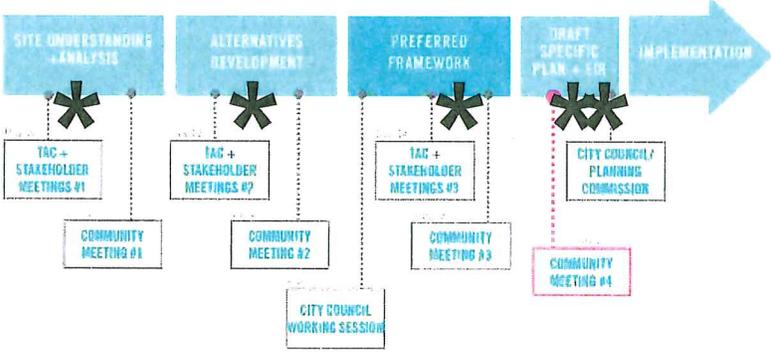


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City Council Study Sessions

- April 11, 2017
Placemaking
- June 6, 2017
Density, Open Space, and Street Network
- February 6, 2018
Open Space Strategy
- June 26, 2018
Draft Plan Elements
- September 18, 2018
Draft Plan Elements



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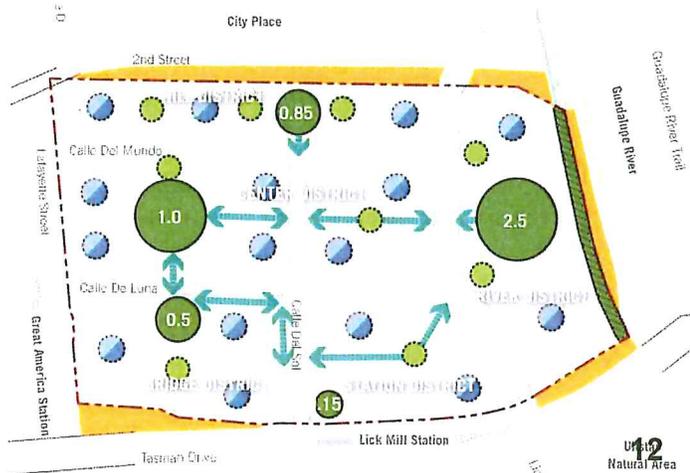


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Plan Elements - Open Space Strategy

- Dedicated Parkland (Minimum 5 Acres) ●
- Privately-Owned Open Space
 - Greenways ➡➡➡
 - At Grade & Publicly Accessible (100% Credit) ●
 - Private Open Space (50% Credit) ●
- Total = 10 Acres





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Plan Elements - Greenways

- Link Parks and Open Spaces
- Mid-Block Connections
- Minimum 30 Foot Width



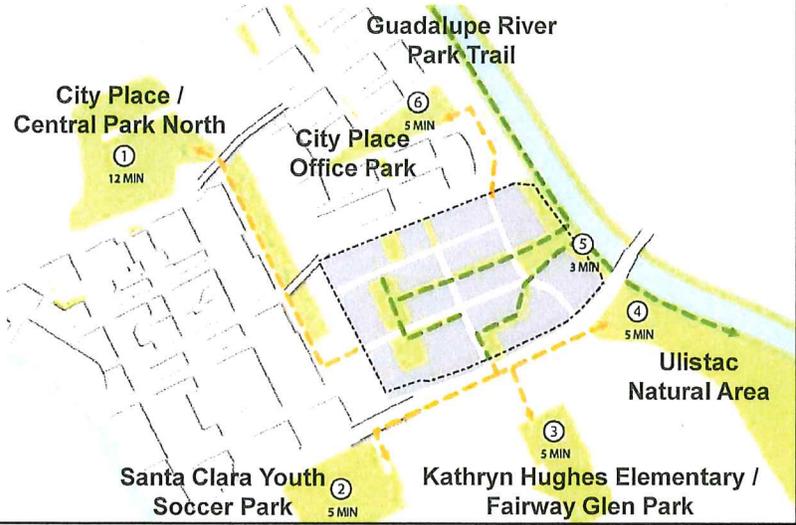

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Plan Elements - Regional Connectivity

- Shared Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Public Streets
- Public Paseos

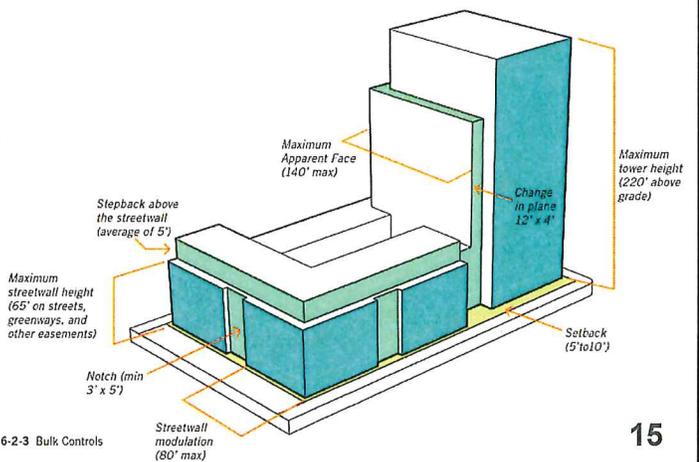



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Plan Elements - Design Standards & Guidelines

- Urban Design Framework
- Streets
- Open Space
- Buildings



6-2-3 Bulk Controls

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General Plan Amendments

- Establish Transit Neighborhood Designation (100-350 DU/AC)
- New Transition Policy allows parcel less than one acre in size to be developed at the next lower density range
- Amends Climate Action Plan to set VMT reduction targets for the Transit Neighborhood General Plan designation (20% total VMT reduction, 10% from TDM programs)
- Update General Plan Phasing

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Transit Neighborhood Zoning Code Amendment

- Allows buildings up to 220 feet in height
- Allows residential and commercial uses
- Establishes lower parking ratios for Transit Neighborhood and development standards for uni-stall spaces
- Establishes Architectural Review process for projects, using the Specific Plan for design standards and guidelines
- Allows Industrial uses in existing buildings and expansions per the ML Light Industrial chapter of the zoning ordinance

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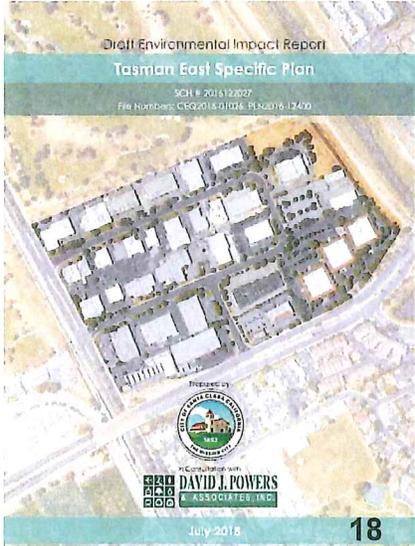


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Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- Provides Information to Decision Makers
- Identifies Significant Unavoidable Impacts
 - Air Quality (ROGs and NOx Emissions)
 - Cumulative Impact on Utilities (Landfill Capacity)
 - Biological Resources (Bird Strikes)
 - Transportation (Intersection and Freeway Levels of Service)



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Biological Impacts

- Multiple mitigations included in project
- Significant impact: bird strikes
 - Determined to be significant and unavoidable, regardless of building height
 - Bird-safe design imposed as a mitigation measure throughout the plan area
- Avian movement between the plan area and Ulistac (Guadalupe River wildlife corridor, Pacific Flyway) determined to be a less than significant impact



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Biological Impacts – Bird Strikes

- Design issues
 - Reflective and/or untreated glass
 - Height and density of vegetation adjacent to buildings
- Majority of bird collisions occur below 60 feet in height
- Studies found no correlation between frequency of bird strike and adjacent habitat areas
- High correlation with emission of light at night time
- Bird safe design focuses on type of glass, size and orientation of windows and architectural design features recognizable to birds

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Avian Movement Mitigations

- Audubon Society/Sierra Club request:
 - 200' no build setback
 - additional 100' with 50' height limit
- EIR/Project proposal is 100' setback consistent with established policy
- Increased setbacks would reduce projected development potential from 1140 units to 494 units (loss of 646 units)





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Transportation Impacts and Mitigation

- Project would partially mitigate impacts
 - Sidewalk improvements to Tasman Drive
 - Signalize Lafayette Street and Great America way
 - Signalize Lafayette Street and Calle Del Mundo
 - Reconfigure intersections: Lafayette Street/Calle Del Luna, Lafayette/Calle De Primavera, Tasman Drive/Calle Del Sol
 - Fairshare contributions to Montague Expressway and Mission College
 - 3rd eastbound through lane at Tasman and Centennial (needs VTA approval)
- Other improvements infeasible due to land constraints, scale or jurisdiction

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Transportation Impacts and Mitigation

- Project requires a 20% VMT reduction, consistent with the Climate Action Plan (10% from location, 10% from TDM strategies)
- TDM strategies include:
 - Reduced parking ratios
 - Universal transit passes for all residents in Tasman East
 - Monitoring for effectiveness over the first three years
 - Bike share and bike repair facilities
 - Possible Transportation Management Agency (TMA)

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Planning Commission Recommendation – Adopt Plan with the following changes:

- Minimum density of 120 DU/AC
- Density Incentive (affordability requirement) based on construction type
- Minimum VMT reduction: 30%, with 20% from TDM measures
- LEED Silver or equivalent (incorporated in Draft Plan)
- Scooter share with corrals as a TDM strategy (incorporated in Draft Plan)
- Greenways maintained at level of City Parks (incorporated in Draft Plan)

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Minimum Density

- Commission recommends minimum density of 120 DU/AC
- Staff recommends 100 DU/AC as minimum (previously 85 DU/AC)
- Average density required to produce 4,500 units \approx 125 DU/AC
- 100 DU/AC as a minimum provides for more variety in architectural style and construction type
- 100 DU/AC aligns with maximum density for next lower designation

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Density Incentive (Affordable Housing)

- As discussed at Study Session, staff recommends incremental benefit (reduction in affordability requirement) tied to density
- Planning Commission recommends benefit tied to construction type, more directly offsets the higher costs for Type I construction
- Incentive tied to construction type is more complex to administer
- Planning Commission Construction Type approach produces fewer units (reduction from 491 to 453 based on evaluation of current applications)
- Construction type based incentive would require higher levels of affordability for Type III construction

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TDM Plan

- Commission recommends minimum Vehicle Mile Travelled (VMT) reduction of 30% with 20% through project specific TDM measures
- 20% VMT reduction aligns with Climate Action Plan
- 30% feasibility not established, particularly for residential uses

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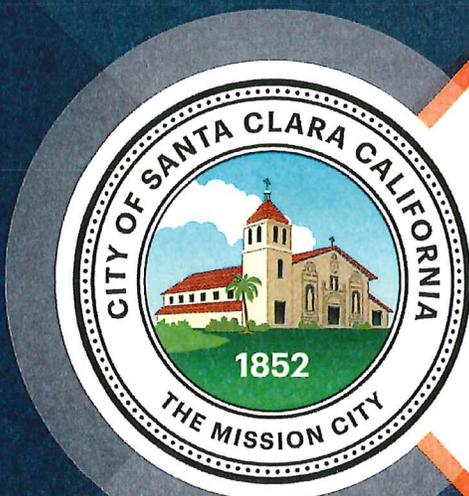
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Density Incentive (Affordable Housing)

Density Range	Required % Inclusionary Units (100% AMI) Phase 1 Projects	Required % Inclusionary Units (100% AMI) Phase 2 Projects
Up to 120 DU/AC	10%	15%
120-140 DU/AC	8% (For units over 120 DU/AC)	12% (For units over 120 DU/AC)
140+ DU/AC	5% (For units over 140 DU/AC)	10% (For units over 140 DU/AC)



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Density Incentive (Affordable Housing)

Project Density	Total Units (1 Acre Site)	Affordable Units (100% AMI) Phase 1 Project	Affordable Units (100% AMI) Phase 2 Project
120 DU/AC	120	12	18
140 DU/AC (with incentive)	140	13	20
160 DU/AC (with incentive)	160	14	22



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Density Incentive (Affordable Housing)

Comparison of Staff & Planning Commission Recommendations

Table: Comparison of BMR yield based on current applications on file for the Tasman East Specific Plan area

Site	Developer	Area (Acre)	Number of Units	BMR w/ density reduction (Staff)	BMR reduction by Construction Type (PC Recommendation)	Alt #1 7%/10% based on construction type	Alt #2 5%/12% based on construction type	
2343 Calle De Mundo	SummerHill	3.06	347		34	35	35	41
2200 Calle De Luna	Holland	3.91	600		49	29	41	29
5123 Calle De Sol	Ensemble	2.81	504		42	40	45	46
5186 Lafayette St	Ensemble	0.86	147		13	14	15	17
2263 Calle Del Mundo	Ensemble	0.96	149		13	15	15	18
2300 Calle De Luna	Related	5.52	575		57	58	58	69
2233 Calle Del Mundo St. Anton		1.22	195		195	195	195	195
2101 Tasman Drive	Related	7.72	939		88	67	78	75
Total BMR Units					491	453	482	490

Alternative 1 = 7% for Type I and 10% for Type 2
Alternative 2 = 6% for Type I and 12% for Type 2



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Relationship to Ulistac

- ~170 foot setback from property line
- Site plan TBD



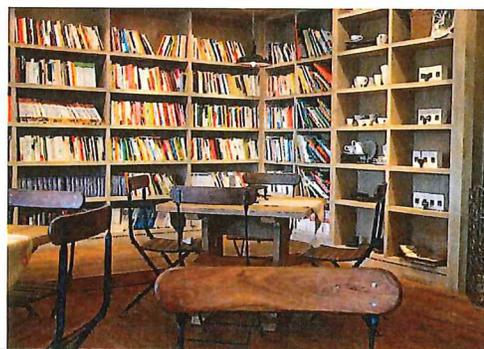


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Community Amenities – Library Spaces

- Free book share incorporated into commercial space
- Bookmobile landing space in public plaza



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Community Amenities – Public Meeting Space

- 2,000 sq. ft. of ground floor space, accessible from public sidewalk/open space; Proximity to space for bookmobile
- Hours: 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Monday-Thursday; 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Saturday
- Available for City, School District, non-profits, community service organizations, civic associations, neighborhood groups & youth organizations
- Tables, chairs, TV/presentation screen, restroom, ADA accessible
- Fee/security deposit consistent with other community rooms

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Community Amenities – Residents’ Meeting Spaces

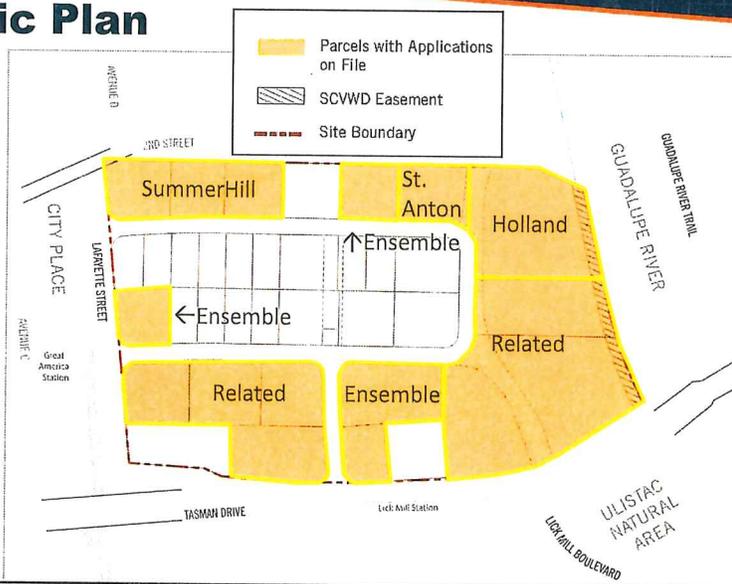
- Community space provided in each development
- Available to residents of that particular development

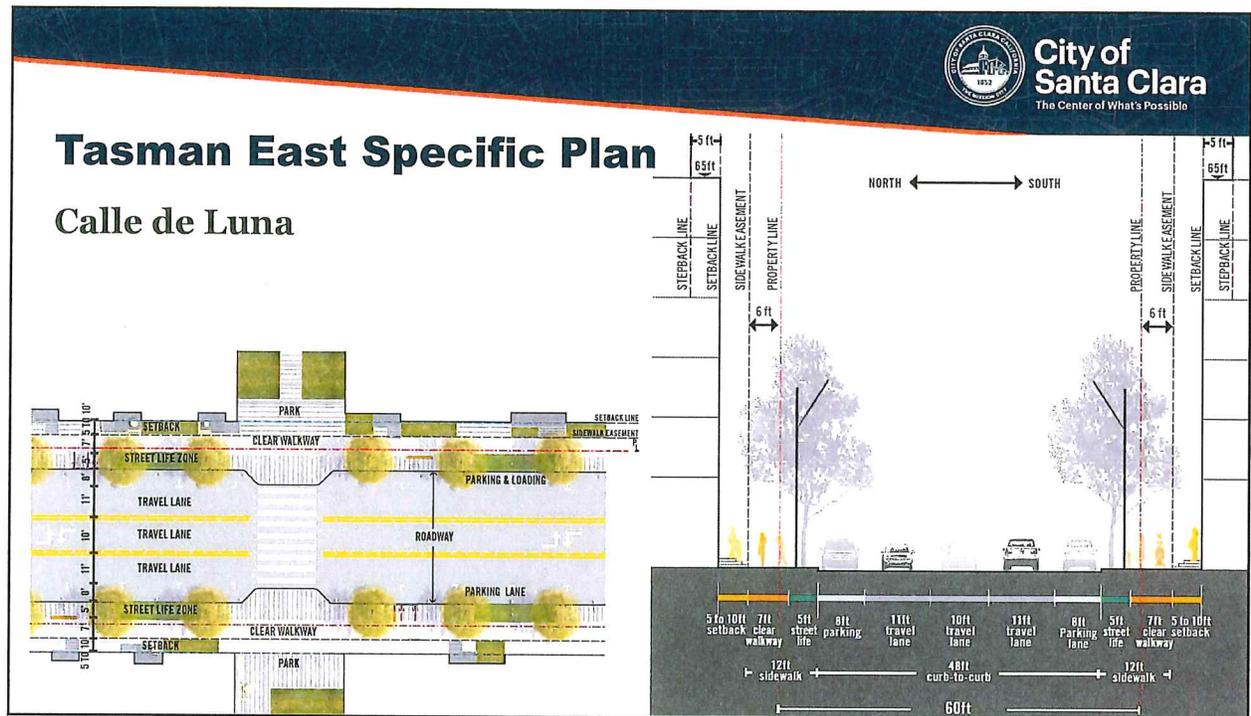


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Applications on File

- 8 Applications
- 5 Developers
- 26.14 Acres
- 3,450 Units
- 500 BMR Units
- 51,820 Sq. Ft. Commercial
- 4 Acres Park







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**Calle de Luna
Greenway Adjacent
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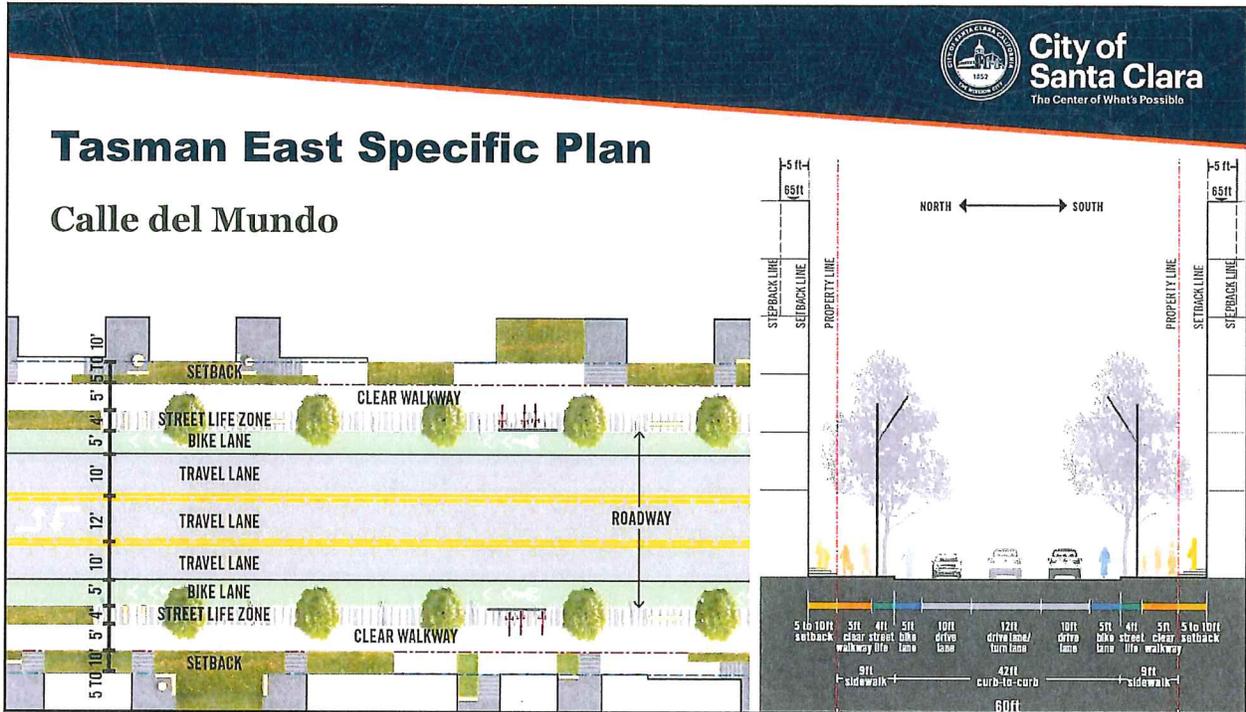


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Calle de Luna





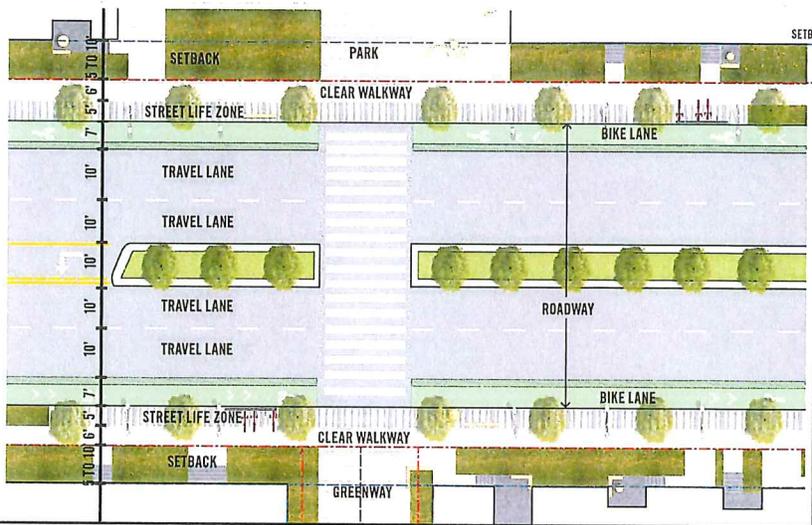


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Lick Mill Boulevard

- Regional North-South Connector
- Dedicated Bike Lanes



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Lick Mill Boulevard





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EIR Circulation Completed September 13, 2018

Comments received from:

- City of San Jose
- City of Sunnyvale
- SC Valley Transportation Agency
- City of San Jose Airports
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- California Public Utilities Commission,
Rail Crossings and Engineering
- County of Santa Clara LEA
- San Joaquin Regional Rail
Commission
- Santa Clara Unified School
District
- Lozeau, Drury LLP
- Linda Williams



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AGENDA ITEM #: 9

AGENDA REPORT

Date: November 13, 2018

To: City Manager

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor & City Council

Subject: Correspondence received regarding Item #9 – Action on Tasman East Specific Plan

From Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at noon, through Tuesday evening, November 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm, the Mayor & Council Offices have received the attached communications regarding Item #9 – Action on Tasman East Specific Plan.

Lynn Garcia
Executive Assistant to the
Mayor & City Council

Documents Related to this Report:

- 1) *Communications received*

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POST MEETING MATERIAL

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Natural Area

From: Diana Rendler [<mailto:dmrpeace@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee.

In eighth grade, I worked at Ulistac, planting native plants, removing invasive ones and helping start to a interview process so the visitors in the park could be counted. This natural area is critical to native species and while housing is important, please do it in a way that protects the birds and their home. Don't let a little bit of nature in the middle of a huge bustling city be compromised.

Thank you. Diana Rendler.

272 S 16th Street San Jose Ca 95112.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: OSA Comment Letter on Tasman Area East Agenda Item
Attachments: Tasman Area East_OSA Comment Letter_2018-11-13.pdf

From: Joelle Garretson [<mailto:jgarretson@openspaceauthority.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: 'Marc Landgraf'
Subject: OSA Comment Letter on Tasman Area East Agenda Item

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Please find OSA's comment letter attached.

Best,
Joelle

Joelle Garretson
Executive Assistant
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openspaceauthority.org
San Jose, CA 95119



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To: Mayor Gillmor and Members of the City Council
City of Santa Clara
Via email: mayorandcouncil@santaclaraca.gov
RE: **Tasman East Focus Area Specific Plan**

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Members of the City Council,

In 1999 and again in 2004, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority provided a total of nearly half a million dollars in grant funding to the City of Santa Clara for designing and building of trails, and for revegetation with native plant species at the City's Ulistac Natural Area. The intent of these grants was to improve the ecological health of Ulistac for birds and other wildlife to thrive, and to increase easy access so members of the public could enjoy this beautiful natural setting.

The Open Space Authority is very supportive of providing additional housing in Silicon Valley's existing urban footprint and are therefore generally in support of the Tasman East development proposal. We are concerned, however, that buildings sited too close to the Guadalupe River, or buildings whose height and proximity to the river and to Ulistac Natural Area, could interfere with flight patterns of birds taking off and landing at the Natural Area. The Authority is also concerned that insufficient riparian setbacks would cut off important riverside habitat connectivity to Ulistac, which is important in maintaining the Natural Area's viability to support a healthy bird population as well as other wildlife.

We therefore strongly request:

- 100' setback from the top of bank of the Guadalupe River for all buildings and other hardscape
- 55' height limit within 300' of the top of bank of the Guadalupe River or the Ulistac Natural Area
- Bird-friendly design on the buildings where they face the Guadalupe River and/or Ulistac Natural Area

The Open Space Authority appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Tasman East Development proposal and stands ready to answer any questions the City of Santa Clara may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Mackenzie". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

Cc: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Board of Directors

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From: Mayor and Council
To: Paul Bickmore
Subject: RE: Support the Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Paul Bickmore [<mailto:paulbickmore@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Support the Tasman East Specific Plan

Hello,

I've been a consistent advocate for allowing more housing to be built in general and today is no different. Adding cross streets is exactly what we should be doing throughout the area, and is an example of what we should be doing on El Camino Real, and 100 dwelling units per acre is a start at real walkable, transit oriented development and solving our housing woes.

My only criticism is that the parking requirements are too high, as these punish people like myself that are trying to do the right thing and get around without a car, while costing a lot of money that will undoubtedly be passed on to residents. In future plans, there will be no excuse for any parking minimums.

However, the plan is good, and you should support it.

Thank you,

Paul Bickmore

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please save our local wildlife

From: Marie Monahan [<mailto:mariebm42@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:58 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please save our local wildlife

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds. We owe this to our future generations.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,
Marie Monahan
4949 Tonino Drive
San Jose, CA 95136

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Project

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Liskovec [<mailto:jsliskovec@att.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Project

I am a resident of Cupertino, but I am very much opposed to this Santa Clara project that has the potential to be a bird killer. Please do not approve it.

Sincerely,

jim Liskovec
23100 Via Esplendor #42
Cupertino CA 95014

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Nature Area

-----Original Message-----

From: Pamela Montgomery [<mailto:pamela408@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 12:59 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac Nature Area

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am extremely worried about the proposal to build high-rise housing so close to the Guadalupe River and the Ulistac Nature Area. Our local environment, as well as the world environment, are in grave danger. We are in an era of massive extinction of species. We must protect what the natural areas we have! Your plan is not what the residents of San Jose expected nor what was discussed. I urge you to reconsider plans for increased housing that respect the natural areas around it.

Sincerely,

Pamela Montgomery
pamela408@aol.com

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Shishir Paudel [<mailto:shishir.paudel@sjsu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

To the Mayor and City Council of Santa Clara,

My name is Shishir Paudel. I am a resident of Santa Clara County and San Jose State University Student. As a environmental studies student, I really love the greenery imbedded in the city. Guadalupe River belt and Ulistac natural area are the great examples which is the home of many different kinds of birds. Recently, I came to know about the Tasman East Specific Plan which is going to set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. I, along with the other students at SJSU, care about the birds along the Guadalupe River and I would like to request the council to save them. Planting more trees and a park along the Guadalupe River that is specifically designed to complement the river and Ulistac Natural Area would be really helpful. Thank you!

Shishir

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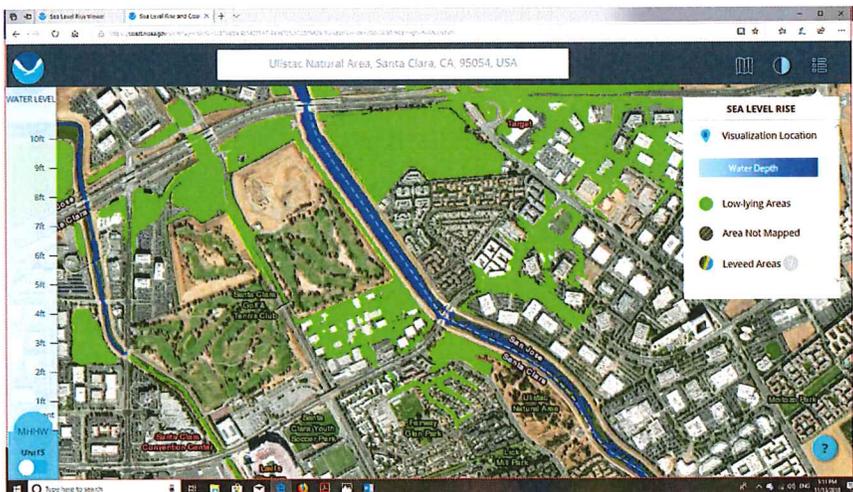
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From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Catherine Borrowman [<mailto:cborrow1315@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 1:20 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

- Dear Mayor Gillmor and City Council members,
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- I am a natural resources/environmental planning consultant and I have been studying the hydrology, water quality, hazards, and wildlife of the area where the Tasman East Specific Plan will develop a new community in Santa Clara. I have been following the Tasman East Specific Plan process since last winter. During the last Santa Clara Planning Commission meeting, a speaker talked about how important bird-safe design is for the towers. I would appreciate it if the Tasman East Specific Plan is approved tonight with a condition that towers may not be within 300 feet of the Guadalupe River. The area adjacent to the Guadalupe River is an important buffer zone to protect people from flooding, which will be an increasing concern as the sea level rises. According to the NOAA Sea Level Rise viewer, this area is in low lying area, pictured in green below in a 100 year flood event. It is also an important place for birds that are in the adjacent Ulistac Natural Area. Please provide habitat for birds by approving the Tasman East Specific Plan with the condition that part of the open space that is provided for in the plan is designated for a park with trees adjacent to the Guadalupe River that will protect birds and keep them from harm. The Land Use Diagram from the Tasman East Specific Plan that is attached states that a 2.5 acre dedicated open space area will be implemented through the City's parkland ordinance and through the terms of the Specific Plan. Please express your support for a park adjacent to the levee of the Guadalupe River. It will make the people safer that reside in the buildings elsewhere in the 40+ acres if they are farther from the levee, and they will enjoy recreating and watching birds in a park along the river.



Respectfully,
Catherine Borrowman

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Aron Mey [<mailto:aronmey1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11:40 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

To whom it may concern,

This is Aron Mey, a Junior attending San Jose State University, I would love for you to reconsider your plans on building so close to the Guadalupe Riverway. Ulistac Natural Area is a beautiful park which holds an array of birds that I think is worth keeping safe. Migratory birds may use this area of the park for haven or nesting hopefully you may plant more trees that may complement the river's design plans. Killing birds is not acceptable so if possible may you use a determination of overriding considerations regarding the hazards on bird species. We should not make this a housing verses birds issue. The City can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. The City can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm.

Best regards,
Aron Mey

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Shirley Woods [<mailto:shirlwoods8@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,
Please make sure the tall buildings are set back far enough from Ulistac and the river edge so that our birds will continue to thrive. Please make sure that the Tasman Plan includes clear guidelines to safe guard the birds.
Thank you for protecting our precious environment.
Shirley Woods
1317 Glen Eyrie Ave.
As Jose 95125

Sent from my iPad

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Arcadia Alatorre [<mailto:aalatorre@mail.sfsu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 9:24 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

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Thank You,
Arcadia Alatorre

Junior-Transfer Student

Communication & Psychology Major

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(408)430-8205

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Rocky Mussadi [<mailto:rmussadi@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Rocky Mussadi

216 Granada Way

Los Gatos CA, 95032

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Ruchi Wadhawan [<mailto:rwadh@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:00 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

My name is Ruchi Wadhawan. I love birds and I spend a lot of time watching them and photographing them. Spending time watching them makes you realize how beautiful birds are and how precious places like Ulistac, on the Guadalupe river, are for birds.

I plan to attend the City Council meeting today. This will be the first time ever that I will have taken the time to speak before a City Council. I will attend because I love birds and I don't want to see them harmed or chased away by new development. I know that Ulistac is an important rest stop for many migratory birds as well as home for about 150 different beautiful birds, some resident here and some migrating through here.

Any new development should help to make the Ulistac area more inviting more birds. I understand that we can have a park along the river -with trees - that will make the river edge even better than it is now. I think everyone would love thisa place to spend time outside and enjoy the river.

I know we need housing but it would not be good to locate buildings close to the river. We need to keep the buildings back from the river and keep tall buildings further away as birds always fly into building windows and die. We need to make the new plan so that it helps Ulistac ...so it does not hurt the birds that flock here.

Let us not make this housing versus birds. I hope we can modify the plan so that birds will not be harmed.

Thanks
Ruchi

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Nancy Fetterman [<mailto:nafetter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 5:47 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

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Nancy and Terry Fetterman

29115 Loma Prieta Way

Los Gatos, CA 95033

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan at Ulistac opposition/suggestions
Attachments: SCC Wildlife at Ulistac, Housing Plan letter to SC City Council 11-13-18.docx

From: Kathryn Mathewson [<mailto:kmathewson@secretgardens.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 3:52 AM
To: Mayor and Council; Teresa O'Neill
Cc: 'Teresa O'Neill'
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan at Ulistac opposition/suggestions

November 13, 2018

TO: Santa Clara Mayor and City Council Members

RE: Tasman East Specific Plan and Ulistac Nature Area

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Kathryn Mathewson
Secret Gardens
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November 13, 2018

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: cuauhtemoc galvan [<mailto:cuauhtemoc012@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:31 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

To all whom it may apply,

Good evening, my name is Cuauhtemoc Galvan and I am a neighboring resident of San Jose, student at San Jose State University, and more importantly an aspiring environmentalist. I writing you fine people in my most sincerest and respectful protest to protect the beautiful wild life that we are blessed to share our living spaces with. Specifically, I am referring to my protest to the development proposed from the Tasman East Specific Plan that will indefinitely remove and kill natural Ulistac area along the Guadalupe River that is home to many species of migratory birds throughout the year. I hold a deep appreciation for all animals and their habitats, especially when they are entrenched in our city developments in this day and age. I find it absolutely unethical to allow the killing of birds and their habitats for capital gain. I ask that you not make the case a housing versus bird issue by offering a determination of overriding considerations about the possible damages to the birds habitat. The City of Santa Clara, under your supervision, can and should require the plan to prohibit tall buildings from 300 feet away from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. I demand on behalf of all environmentalists and animal/ plant species affected that a park be designed next to the river to compliment the beauty of the natural area. I honestly believe you fine community leaders can create a perfectly designed, mixed-use and transit-oriented development at Tasman East that both serves the community and contributes to the Ulistac natural area and protection of all birds, thank you.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting 11/13/2018 - Agenda Item: 18-1195 - Tasman East – Specific Area Plan recommendations

From: Raj Chahal [<mailto:rajchahal@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:54 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Lisa Gillmor; Patrick Kolstad; Debi Davis; Kathy Watanabe; Patricia Mahan; Teresa O'Neill
Subject: City Council Meeting 11/13/2018 - Agenda Item: 18-1195 - Tasman East – Specific Area Plan recommendations

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

REG: Tasman East – Specific Area Plan recommendations

As you all know our city is facing acute shortage of housing, more than that, availability of affordability housing shortage is even worse. With “Tasman East – Specific Area Plan”, we have opportunity to fix some of the problems related to housing and affordable housing.

As this is specific area plan and we are ready to pass on density bonus much beyond our stand general plan we have every right to ask developers to contribute a higher percentage of affordability component.

I propose that the specific area plan should require higher levels of affordability tied to construction type, rather than project density. Planning commission during their deliberations overwhelmingly agreed to this suggestion. The higher density being proposed under this plan brings down cost of land per dwelling unit for developers and they should be able to accommodate the requested affordability component. For the working families in this city, two biggest issues being faced are lack of availability of affordable housing and ever-increasing rents, it is time we do our best to solve these two issues.

Here is the proposed **affordable housing component** which should be tied to construction types under this plan:

Type of Construction	Required Affordable Housing component for Phase I Through August 1, 2019	Required Affordable Housing component for Phase II, After August 1, 2019
Type IV and V	20%	25%
Type III	15%	20%
Type I and II	10	15%

Transportation Measures – TDM measure:

Traffic is another big problem being faced by our residents and it is time we look into introducing TDM penalties in our city. For this specific area plan we should take aggressive steps to reduce vehicles on our already congested roads.

I propose that we increase the required VMT reduction to 30%, with 20% of the reductions coming from TDM measures.

Hope you all will give serious considerations to the above proposals.

Sincerely,

Raj Chahal
Resident Santa Clara

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Kristine Andarmani [mailto:k_andarmani@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:44 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

November 12, 2018

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

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Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for taking this important action to protect your precious local environment.

Sincerely,

Kristine Andarmani

Concerned Citizen

19616 Ladera Ct.

Saratoga, CA 95070

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Protection of Birds in the Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Rob Jerdonek [<mailto:robjerdonek@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:54 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Protection of Birds in the Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a resident in the Northside of Santa Clara and I live near Ulistac Natural Area.

The current version of the Tasman East Specific Plan will be devastating to the diverse wild bird populations in the area of the Guadalupe River and Ulistac Natural Area.

According to experts at the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, the plan includes a 20-story tower adjacent to the Guadalupe River. The size and placement of the tower will be severely hazardous to migratory birds on the Guadalupe River flyway.

With over 40 acres included in the plan area, the City of Santa Clara can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at the 40+ acre area of Tasman East, while at the same time providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. The recommendation from bird experts is to provide a tree-rich river park, and to set tall buildings at least 300 feet away from the river.

I would like to request that you do not approve this plan without following the above recommendations. While new housing is important, we also need to protect open spaces for birds and other wildlife.

Rob Jerdonek

Santa Clara resident

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan must protect our birds

From: Laura Sternberg [<mailto:laura.sternberg@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:56 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan must protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council:

PLEASE make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

I learned from the Sierra Club that high rise residential towers are to be built only 40-ft from the Guadalupe, and if built as planned, will cause significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Sincerely,
Laura Sternberg
1596 Puerto Vallarta Drive
San Jose, CA 95120

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Patty Linder [<mailto:patty4282@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:46 PM
To: Mayor and Council
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Thank you.

Regards,

Patty Linder
839 Bend Avenue
San Jose CA 95136-1804

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Mija Gentes [<mailto:m.gentes@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:36 PM
To: Mayor and Council
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Thank you

Mija Gentes

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Guadalupe River Corridor

From: Lois Webber [<mailto:loliweb712@att.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Guadalupe River Corridor

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Respectfully,

Lois L. Webber,
S.C Registered Voter
41 Timber Cove Drive
Campbell, CA 95008

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Susan Trivisonno [mailto:susan_trivisonno@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:05 PM
To: Mayor and Council
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Sincerely,
Susan Trivisonno
2810 Oak Estate Ct
San Jose, CA 95135

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Stop the Tasman East Specific Plan

From: lynn shannon [<mailto:cougarvet@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 7:35 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Stop the Tasman East Specific Plan

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Lynn Shannon

186 N Central Ave, Campbell, Ca 95008

Thank you for taking this important action to protect your precious local environment.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: elisa@hpssims.com [<mailto:elisa@hpssims.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 7:34 PM
To: Mayor and Council
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The few remaining natural habitats are quickly disappearing from Santa Clara, and with reduced open areas for wildlife comes a reduced quality of life for Santa Clara residents.

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Elisa Hamilton
2524 Crystal Dr
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Katja Irvin [<mailto:katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 6:59 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Council Members,

I'm an advocate for fish and riparian habitat protection in Santa Clara County. I'm active with the Sierra Club and regularly participate in creek cleanups on Coyote Creek. In the interest of long-term sustainability, the Tasman East Specific Plan must include stronger land use and open space language to maintain a valuable riparian corridor along Guadalupe River and connecting to the Ulistac Natural Area.

It is not a great burden for this project and related improvements to accommodate nature with a substantial natural park area along the river and building design and setback policies to prevent harm to birds. There is no reason to use overriding considerations in the EIR to kill birds – the site is large enough to accommodate both without harm to our fragile wildlife.

What kind of City is Santa Clara? Will you bow to the habitat infringing plan submitted by the developers, or will you ask them to redesign their plan to accommodate the small but crucial wildlife habitat that still exists within our cities?

Thank you for your bravery and commitment to do the right thing now for the future, even if it isn't easy. I would say the same to the developers – they can feasibly provide a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East, with tall buildings set back at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River.

Please weigh carefully this important decision.

Best regards,
Katja Irvin
Santa Clara County Resident

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: elizabeth french [<mailto:elizafrench@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 6:26 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and City Council members, My name is Elizabeth French and I am a resident of Santa Clara County. I am also a bird lover and am concerned about the impact the Tasman East Specific Plan will have on the many bird species that currently inhabit the proposed area of development along the Guadalupe River and at Ulistac. The elimination of bird habitats will cause many needless deaths which could, and I feel should, be avoided. To help protect these birds the council should require that land adjacent to the river include an abundance of trees and buildings be built at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. I appreciate your consideration of a plan which includes the future habitats for the native birds which have called the proposed land site home much longer than we humans have laid claim to it.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth French
elizafrench@hotmail.com

Sent from my iPad

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan and Ulistac Natural Area

From: Sharon Meyers [<mailto:SharonMe@npccconsult.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 6:25 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan and Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

So many in San Jose and Santa Clara County have been able to enjoy the Guadalupe with the many improvements that have been implemented in recent years, including the bike and walking paths, and natural habitats. Now a major section of this river way is in danger of encroachment from development.

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

I deeply understand the critical need for housing, lack of available land, and the need for infill and building up. BUT, I am also keenly aware of the value a diverse natural environment can bring to citizens and visitors who enjoy the areas. Open spaces with vibrant natural habitat provide, not only wildlife refuge, but human refuge from the stresses of big city living, traffic, and high stress jobs. Further, facing serious outfall from climate in habitat destruction and species demise, I believe it is of paramount importance that we do everything in our city and county planning to try to help mitigate these effects. Potential disruption of migratory paths and habitat destruction does not meet these needs.

I am sure creative people can find solutions to meet both needs, as many other large urban areas have done. Man and his natural environment can exist together for the benefit of everyone.

I ask, please ensure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Most Sincerely,

Sharon Meyers

861 Morse St. San Jose, CA 95126

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please protect wildlife when planning residential towers

From: Nicole Cushing [<mailto:ncushing@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 6:11 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please protect wildlife when planning residential towers

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

According to the Sierra Club, the Tasman East Specific Plan Area is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause significant harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the river edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you,

Nicole Cushing

16322 Robie Ln, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Lynn Stuart [<mailto:jllynnstuart@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I just learned about the tall towers planned for near Ulistac Natural Area. This will create a serious environmental issue for the migratory birds that fly here and thrive here. Ulistac is a beautiful and important area for these birds and steps need to be taken to protect them and keep them safe. This is important for birds, pollinators and beneficial insects.

If you must build, then make sure these tall towers are set far enough back from both Ulistac and the river edge so wildlife will continue to thrive here.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds and the rest of the wildlife.

Lynn Stuart
1318 Karmen Ct.
Santa Clara

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Rose Hill [mailto:rose_hill14@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Hi ,

I am a current resident in the 95126 zip code of San Jose. I am writing to you to ask that the mayor and council please take into consideration the plight and the circumstances of our wildlife, in particular, the birds regarding the Tasman East Specific Plan.

Us humans have spent much of our brief time on this planet devastating the animal population across the globe mostly due to our subservience to money, personal ease, convenience and our imagined entitlement, as opposed to taking into consideration the effects our behaviors will have on other life forms around us, such as plants, animals and the ecosystems in general.

When it comes to things that are closer to home, such as the Tasman East Specific Plan, I believe it is my duty as a human being to acknowledge and take a stand for the helpless animals that don't have a voice regarding the loss of their habitat that they will be subjected to because of humans and their inattentiveness or ignorance of their rights as living beings, and yes, they have rights by merit of their very existence.

Humans have a certain arrogance about them, where some believe that they are dominant over plants animals, creation and many times over each other in general, and therefore feel and believe they are justified to do what they will, many times at their own as well as other creations expense. The thing is, when someone is dominant over something else, they carry the responsibility to be just, honorable, Fair, kind and moral in general in how they manage and treat those who fall within their jurisdiction and realm of influence. Otherwise, tyranny, injustice and oppression to a lesser or greater degree will prevail.

When we build and do whatever we want without taking into consideration the effect our actions have on the environment, we are not only doing a disservice to the animals, plants, ecosystem, etc, but we are doing a disservice to ourselves as we live in what is known as the web of life, and nothing is independent of everything else.

I ask that you put into action specific guidelines that will help prevent this building project from further adversely affecting an already fragile part of our nearby nature and

the environment of the Ulistac Natural Area, such as providing a park along the Guadalupe River that is specifically designed to complement the river and Ulistac Natural Area. Please plant many trees, as they are an integral part of avian life cycles and their quality of life.

It IS NOT acceptable to kill birds.

Please do not make it a housing versus birds issue by making a “determination of overriding considerations” regarding hazards to birds.

It is to mans detriment, worldly and spiritually, when he chooses to ignore the importance of life of ANY TYPE and just "do what he wills". This attitude has caused humans and life on earth in general TREMENDOUS environmental losses, human as well as animal deaths, needless and unnecessary suffering and in many, many cases, irreparable damage.

The City can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River.

The city can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm.

Please see the attached links in case there are any doubts that humans in general are devastating the animal and bird populations by ways and means of our actions.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter.

Sincerely,

Rose

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/technology/science/report-finds-north-american-skies-quieter-by-15-billion-fewer-birds/article31876053/>

<http://www.latimes.com/local/obituaries/la-me-birds15jun15-story.html>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/03/19/AR2009031902055.html?noredirect=on>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/sep/29/earth-lost-50-wildlife-in-40-years-wwf>

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Jacqueline Nisson [<mailto:swimjx@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 5:06 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and City Council Members,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the many migratory birds and other species of wildlife that will be affected by the decision regarding the Tasman East Specific Plan. My name is Jacqueline Nisson, and I am an Environmental Studies student at San Jose State University. I am passionate about advocating for species that do not have their own voices but are very much part of our community.

It is possible that this plan can still go forward and avoid impacting migratory birds. Please consider the following mitigations made to protect our local wildlife. Migratory birds are drawn to the Ulistac Natural Area. Creating a tree-rich park along the Guadalupe river that complements Ulistac will help provide resting spots for migrating birds and habitat for other wildlife. It will also benefit our own community and provide a place that people can enjoy. The Tasman East Specific Plan should require that tall buildings are built at least 300 feet from the Guadalupe River to prevent killing migratory birds. Creating a park and changing the building requirements is a way to continue the Tasman East Specific Plan while protecting wildlife that are vital to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Nisson

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: mwalstra@comcast.net [<mailto:mwalstra@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 4:46 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Re: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for helping the environment.

Maureen Walstra
2038 Leon Drive
San Jose, CA 95128

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: carolee bird [<mailto:caroleebird@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Fwd: Tasman East Specific Plan

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From: carolee bird <caroleebird@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 4:20 PM
Subject: Fwd: Tasman East Specific Plan
To: mayorandcouncil@santaclara.gov <mayorandcouncil@santaclara.gov>

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From: carolee bird <caroleebird@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 4:14 PM
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan
To: mayorandcouncil@santa.gov <mayorandcouncil@santa.gov>

Dear Mayor Gillman and City Council,

I am writing to ask you to consider making the Tasman East Specific Plan one that will protect the many migratory birds that fly along the Guadalupe River and the Ulistac natural area, give people a beautiful naturalistic Park and still leave room on the 40+ acres for a well designed, transit-oriented development and mixed use neighborhood.

Birds are too precious and important to our environment to be collateral damage.

Sincerely,

Carolee Bird
San Jose, Ca 95148

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: LB Nelson [<mailto:nelsonlb2002@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Re: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to read my email. I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

L. B. Nelson

nelsonlb2002@yahoo.com

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan must protect our birds

From: Axomoxa mail [<mailto:mail@axomoxa.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 4:20 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan must protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning 20+ story high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Set back tall buildings far enough from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development must take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

The Tasman East Plan must include clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thomas Carlino

549 Quail Bush Ct

San Jose, CA 95117

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman Area planned Housing Proposal

From: Bobbe Ruch [<mailto:bobberuch@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 3:37 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman Area planned Housing Proposal

Dear Mayor and City Council Membees,

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Each year our running team, the 500 Mile American Indian Spiritual Marathon Team runs along the Guadalupe River and volunteers at Ulistac by pulling invasive plant species or pruning Native Plants or by transplanting Native Plants. We truly enjoy listening to, and watching the many Native Birds who live there.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.
Thank you!
Bobbe Ruch

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Linney [<mailto:carollinney@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 3:36 PM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Ulistac

I'm alarmed to hear that housing is being planned that might harm the wildlife in Ulistac park. I understand the need for housing, but tall towers adjacent to the creek would have a serious deleterious effect. Please keep wildlife in mind when you make your decision.

Carol Wilson

a voter

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Michelle White [<mailto:michelle.white@sjsu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Council Members,

My name is Michelle White, and I am a student at San Jose State University and Santa Clara County resident who is deeply concerned about the potential approval of the Tasman East Specific Plan. I am an avid park goer, and I'm worried about the impact this project will have on birds and thus, the environment.

I urge you to remember that we live in a special place full of forward-thinkers who can design buildings that do not threaten our animal cohabitants. Approving a project that would harm birds is a step in the wrong direction, and we can do better!

Please protect this sensitive area for all generations to come, and make wise decisions that take long-term steps for residents and animals. The City can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Michelle White

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Housing on the river

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Teltschick [<mailto:cteltschickfall@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 3:08 PM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Housing on the river

Dear Mayor and CC:

You probably care about climate change. And you should. But do you realize that the best way to fight climate change—and so many of the problems we face— is to respect and preserve nature?

The relentless pressures of our expanding urban population are formidable, but remember that perceived needs are often not real needs. Are residential towers close to a river something we need, or want?

Do not build close to the river.

Our future depends on wise leadership, long term vision, and an understanding of just how much human survival depends on the survival of intact natural ecosystems.

Please choose and vote accordingly.

Sincere regards,
Carol Teltschick

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Natural area

-----Original Message-----

From: Mae Miller [<mailto:hiromime@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 3:08 PM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Ulistac Natural area

Dear Mayor Gilmore & Council Members.

Ulistac Natural Area has an open space for hiking, an abundance of flora & a

variety of fauna for walkers, lovers of nature, bird lovers & exercise enthusiasts that do & will attract visitors to your city.

When I visit a place, I go to trip advisor to see what That area holds for observing birds & nature. Please protect this special area & the animals, especially birds, that live here or stop here during migration. When you consider the Tasman East Special Plan, please protect these creatures by placing the towers far from the Guadalupe River. Housing for people is important but protecting animals when possible is also.

Mae Miller

5866 Crump Ct.

San Jose, CA 95120

from my iPad

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Desiree Grahn [<mailto:desiree.grahn1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 2:58 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Best,
Desirée Grahn
1039 Nightfall Court
San Jose, CA 95120

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Pam Hemphill [<mailto:pam.hemphill@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you to ask that you modify the tall buildings project and value the river as a natural area for everyone to enjoy, including wildlife. The Guadalupe river trail is still developing and the concept of returning the river to be a lovely part of San Jose needs to be honored. People need to be outdoors. The river is a wonderful opportunity to have a rich natural resource in the heart of San Jose.

I first became acquainted with Ulistac Natural Area on October 28, 2018 when I took a walk with Bay Nature from Ulistac to the Alviso Marina and back. I had previously been afraid to walk along the Guadalupe River at all, and had never been to Alviso.

Our walk started with a tour of Ulistac. I was struck by the wonderful native plant landscape and the birds at Ulistac. I have seen a lot of natural areas and pulled invasive plants in many places. Ulistac gets an A+. It has clearly taken some years and a lot of hands-on work to develop the treasure that it is. And the birds have come. I can easily imagine this rich landscape continuing in many places along the river. Many not on our walk were at Ulistac, showing their children the birds and plants. The wrong location of these buildings can ruin all of this. They already will be out of scale with the landscape and a threat to birds.

As one walks north toward Alviso, the Guadalupe River seems barren of landscape, and there is no shade. Clearly there is no reason not to plant trees along the river levee everywhere. Tall buildings have tall shadows that are a problem for parks. These tall buildings should be built, if they are built, back from the river and have parkland along the river.

I ask you to please review the plan and consider Ulistac, the wildlife, and the Guadalupe River, which still has a long way to go to be an important resource for the citizens of San Jose.

Thanks,
Pam Hemphill MD

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds & their habitat

From: Lisa Winningham [<mailto:lwinning1@verizon.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds & their habitat

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Lisa Winningham

177 Escobar Avenue

Los Gatos, CA 95032

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Stacey Peralta [<mailto:svperalta@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 2:19 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

Mayor Gillmor and Santa Clara City Councilmembers,

My name is Stacey Peralta and I am a 3rd generation Bay Area native, Sunnyvale homeowner and member of the Sierra Club.

My children and I love the outdoors, nature and visiting open space areas in our community. I am deeply concerned about how the Tasman East Specific Plan will negatively affect Ulistac Natural Area. Earlier this year, my son's Cub Scout group and I toured through Ulistac and we learned that this land is the only dedicated natural open space in the City of Santa Clara. Ulistac is the last 40 acres of natural, undeveloped land in the city and a major migratory flyway for birds.

Over the past 10 years, I have seen Santa Clara's commercial growth explode with Levi Stadium, residential and commercial developments. As our roads, 101 and 237 freeways are continually congested, and housing prices exponentially increase, we need to protect open space for our community. I ask the City of Santa Clara to require the Tasman East Specific Plan to set tall buildings at least 300 ft from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River and shorter buildings set back 100 ft. Tasman East should create a transit-oriented, mixed use neighborhood. The plan should include a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our wildlife, especially native and migratory birds, from harm.

I ask each councilmember to carefully consider how Tasman East will affect our last remaining acres of open space for the short term and future generations.

Thank you,
Stacey Peralta

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please don't build towers so close to the Ulistac Natural Area

From: David Schultz [mailto:dave_schultz28@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please don't build towers so close to the Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is slated to have high rise residential towers built only 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and if built as planned, will cause significant harm to birds as they try to fly near the river.

I urge you to alter the project to ensure that the tall buildings are set back far enough from Ulistac and the river's edge, to allow the birds to get to the river safely and continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor, and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for taking this important action to protect our precious local environment.

Regards,
David Schultz
16100 Yona Vista Avenue
San Jose, CA 95127

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: new development on the river guadalupe

-----Original Message-----

From: Pam Gill [<mailto:gilladmin@me.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 2:24 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: new development on the river guadalupe

Please don't approve this development. the City can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. Thanks for reading, Pam Gill

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Kate Finn [<mailto:kfinn@mac.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Kate Finn
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40 ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

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Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Regards,
Kathleen Finn
21361 Milford Dr.
Cupertino, CA 95014

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ullistac Natural Area and proposed housing

From: Colleen Cabot [<mailto:colleencabot@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 1:23 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ullistac Natural Area and proposed housing

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council,

The proposed Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ullistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ullistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

We are losing animals to extinction at a horrific pace - I hope the City Council can make appropriate changes to this development to protect this important migratory bird area in San Jose while providing needed housing.

Thank you.
Colleen Cabot
3291 Parkhaven Dr
San Jose CA 95132

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Marcus Smith [<mailto:almadenmarcus@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 1:11 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

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I am a big believer in additional housing, but let's do it right. San Jose has a poor history of development and it doesn't seem like a major impediment to ensure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thanks for listening
Marcus Smith
6812 Royalwood Way
San Jose 95120

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Grace Gallardo Oliver [<mailto:ggallardousa@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 12:54 PM
To: Mayor and Council
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Sincerely,

Grace Gallardo
1263 S. Clover Ave
San Jose Ca
95128

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: James [<mailto:jpearson@garlic.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 12:44 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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James Pearson 7370 Church Street, Gilroy, CA

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Comment on Tasman East Final EIR regarding Library Services
Attachments: Tasman East and Library Services 2018-11-12.docx

From: Jan Hintermeister [<mailto:jan.hintermeister@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 12:43 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Comment on Tasman East Final EIR regarding Library Services

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

Thank you Mayor Gillmor and City Council for showing stalwart support for our library system. One of the great needs in our City is for additional housing and the Tasman East Specific Plan provides an opportunity to partially meet that need. New housing brings new residents which will bring new demands on our library system.

The Tasman East Specific Plan envisions up to 4500 dwelling units with approximately 12,285 new residents (Tasman East Draft EIR, Section 3.12.2.6, p. 195). When fully built-out, this new housing would add about 9-10% to Santa Clara's current population. With no increase in library capacity this 9-10% increase in population would reduce the level of service to the Santa Clara residents by 9-10%. The Tasman East Draft EIR quantifies this service reduction as follows:

"The residents generated by the project would slightly reduce the library-space-per-resident ratio and library-items-per-resident ratio by 9.4 percent, from 0.85 to 0.77 square feet of library space per resident and from 3.69 to 3.36 items (e.g., books and audio/visual volumes) per resident." (Section 3.12.2.6, p. 195)

The Draft EIR goes on to identify this 9-10% reduction in service as a "Less Than Significant Impact" (Section 3.12.2.6, p. 195).

What would be needed to maintain the current service levels of 0.85 square feet per resident and 3.69 items per resident? Using the population increase of 12,285 residents from the EIR and the existing levels of service, also from the EIR, we would need:

12,285 residents x 0.85 square feet per resident = 10,442 additional square feet, and

12,285 residents x 3.69 items per resident = 45,332 additional items (books and audio/visual).

To maintain existing library service levels, we'd need approximately a 10,000 square foot increase in space with an additional 45,000 collection items. The current Mission Library covers 7,700 square feet while the Northside Library covers approximately 15,000 square feet. The Northside Library has a collection of around 40,000 items. Maintaining existing service levels would require additional space midway in size between today's Mission and Northside Libraries and additional books and other items slightly larger than today's Northside Library collection.

I question whether an impact on the order of the existing Mission / Northside libraries should be called "Less than Significant". Although the Tasman East project is quite large, additional housing under construction or in the planning stage is several times larger. In order to maintain Santa Clara's acclaimed library system and the service that our residents expect as we continue to add housing, we also need to increase our library capacity through fees, other mitigations or other funding mechanisms.

Sincerely,

Jan Hintermeister (speaking on my own behalf)

Member, Board of Library Trustees

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Lynne Crowell [<mailto:lynne1639@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Thank you,

Lynne Crowell

1639 Fruitwood Court

San Jose, CA 95125

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Nature Preserve

From: Judy Fields [<mailto:jfields54@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Mayor and Council; Judy Fields
Subject: Ulistac Nature Preserve

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river.

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Thank you,
Judy Fields
2200 Calle de Primavera
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Jeannie [<mailto:jpsivertsen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

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Sincerely,

Jeannie Sivertsen

255 Jones Rd, Los Gatos Ca 95030

Sent from my iPhone

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Development Area

From: Elaine Gould [<mailto:elne.gould@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Development Area

Dear Mayor Gilmore and Council members,

I am a resident of Santa Clara County and a member of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. As an SCVAS member, I lead field trips for elementary school age children to the bay. As part of that 30 year program, we emphasize with children how important it is to preserve natural habitats for birds and animals along our creeks with new developments that provide for housing and work. In that light, it is so important that the proposed Tasman East development create parkland and trees along the flyway and buildings that are set back at least 300 feet. What a boon that would be for people living and working in the area as well as for the birds.

Elaine Gould

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our wildlife

From: Deborah Kennedy [<mailto:djkennedyart@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our wildlife

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Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds and other wildlife.

Please consider the long-term health and well-being of your children and mine who will not survive in a decimated world.

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Deborah Kennedy
1457 Hester Ave.
San Jose, CA
Eco artist, educator, lecturer
www.deborahkennedyart.com

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Judy Coughlin [<mailto:judycoughlin@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

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Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for taking action to protect our precious local environment. I love that we have this wonderful natural area in our urban setting and visit often - for the birds and the plants.

Judy Coughlin

Los Gatos

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Project, regarding bird safety

From: Martha Sherman [<mailto:mhsherm@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Project, regarding bird safety

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is across the street from the Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

We realize that housing is needed in Santa Clara, but this plan is not in the best interest of our wildlife and our citizens. Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

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Thank you for taking this important action to protect our Santa Clara environment for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Martha and Bob Sherman
4298 Dry Bed Court
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: June Cancell [<mailto:june.c@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council of Santa Clar,

I am a resident of Santa Clara County, a hiker and naturalist who loves open space, parks and the wildlife, including the birds, who, like us, depend upon our natural ecosystems for survival. I love the birds in Ulistac and along the Guadalupe River and hope that the Council will protect the birds and keep them from harm.

Please provide a park along the Guadalupe River designed to complement the river and the Ulistac Natural Area. Trees are especially crucial.

It is not acceptable to kill birds any more than it is acceptable to kill people. We are all part of the animal species and as human beings, it is our responsibility to take care of the wild birds who are the true residents of the area. It is a fallacy to make the issue one of housing versus birds. The City can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River.

In fact, the City can create a well-designed, mixed-use, transit-oriented development at Tasman East while, at the same time, providing a river park that will complement the Ulistac Natural Area and protect our birds from harm.

I look forward to your support at helping to protect our open spaces for the health and human beings and birds alike.

My best,

June Cancell

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Robert Mackenzie [mailto:rb_mackenzie@icloud.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Mackenzie
1568 Burrell Ct.
San Jose, CA 95126

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Santa Clara Valley Wildlife

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Campbell [<mailto:chez-leilani@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 11:13 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Santa Clara Valley Wildlife

To All City Council Members,
Once forgotten Santa Clara Valley open space cannot be replaced.
Please vote to protect open space and the birds and animals that need it for life.

Sincerely,
Carol Campbell
Willow Glen resident

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: City of Santa Clara: Contact City Council

From: webmanager@santaclaraca.gov [<mailto:webmanager@santaclaraca.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: City of Santa Clara: Contact City Council

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3. COMMENTS

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City of Santa Clara

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Ortiz, Lori [<mailto:LOrtiz@epicor.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Lori Ortiz
San Jose, 95125

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: C.J. JONES [<mailto:yocj@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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This is SO important since we are losing nature habitats for so many due to our ever-growing city.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

I vote as do many of my friends! Please keep this in mind!

Carol Jones

Acacia Street, San Jose

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: annie belt [<mailto:annieb58@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Sincerely,

Annie Belt
890 Pacific Ave.
San Jose, CA 95126
408-288-6322

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: michele rowic [<mailto:mrowic@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I recently learned about the Ulistac Natural Area. I was looking for a place to go birdwatching to celebrate my friend's 50th birthday. I love that Ulistac is close to large urban areas and is accessible by bicycle on the Guadalupe River Trail. One truly has a sense of being in nature, away from busy and noisy urban city streets.

Now, today I learn that this protected area is under threat from a plan, the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, to build high rise residential towers.

Please reconsider the proximity of the Towers to the Guadalupe River. It sounds like the plan involves building the Towers so close to the River (40 feet) that it will negatively impact the Ulistac Natural Area.

Having the Towers so close to the River will harm the birds. The migratory birds need more room to take off and land. They may also fly into the buildings. Additionally, the habitat will be in constant shade, which may alter the plants in the area.

Please take this opportunity to improve and preserve this special area. People need natural spaces.

Please ensure the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River so that the habitat will continue to thrive.

It is places like Ulistac that make living in Silicon Valley desirable, enjoyable and in close proximity to nature.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds and the habitat of the Ulistac Natural Area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Michele Rowic

169 S 15th St Apt 6
San Jose CA 95112

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Oya Cavdar [<mailto:oya.cavdar@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Oya Cavdar

2059 Camden Ave.

San Jose, CA 95124

Sent from my iPhone

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan review

From: charles smith [<mailto:cssasmith@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan review

This plan is not what residents envisioned or what was discussed, and it will harm birds. If towers are to be built, they need to be set back from the river and Ulistac to ensure that birds do not fly into the towers. Allowing development and residential towers only 40 feet from the levee encroaches too much upon needed open space. Preserve an open and diverse riparian corridor for wildlife and recreation and aesthetics. We do not want Ulistac and its rich habitat to be harmed from being shaded by tall buildings.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds

Charles S Smith

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Lauren McCawley [<mailto:laurenmccawley@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Hello,

My name is Lauren McCawley; I work as a science educator with public school students across Santa Clara County. In my work, I always emphasize the importance of wildlife areas, particularly near water, as corridors for animals. These areas connect other wild areas, and as such are essential for wildlife to survive and thrive in our increasingly urban area. One such area is Ulistac Natural Area along the Guadalupe River, which is itself the largest animal corridor in Santa Clara County.

The Tasman East Specific Plan is a threat to this wildlife, especially to migratory birds. As I'm sure you know, birds are an important part of the ecosystem. Without them, many more species will suffer.

I am writing to request the Tasman East Specific Plan include the following:

- protection for Ulistac Natural Area
- a park along the Guadalupe River, which should contain trees
- Those trees should be existing, older trees as much as possible. Older trees contain important features such as holes, hollow parts, and thick branches that serve as habitat for birds and other wildlife.
- The hazards to birds caused by placing tall buildings near the river should be avoided with a dertermination of overriding considerations. The city can and should require that these tall buildings be places at least 300 feet from the Guadalupe River levee to avoid window strikes and other threats to birds.

The city can easily create a well designed, mixed use neighborhood at Tasman East that also supports the wildlife already living there and that does not lead directly to killing birds. Please do so!

Sincerely yours,
Lauren McCawley

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should PROTECT OUR BIRDS

From: Isabelle Y. Chappuis [<mailto:isabellechappuis@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:16 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should PROTECT OUR BIRDS

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

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With sincerest regards,

Isabelle Chappuis

1328 Rothland Ct, San Jose CA 95131
Children's Garden Preschool
www.cgpreschool.com

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan: Stop or at least redesign the high-rise to protect our birds

From: Elaine Yastishock [<mailto:eyasta@outlook.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:10 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Richard Jack
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan: Stop or at least redesign the high-rise to protect our birds

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Yes, we need more housing but there are a variety of locations in which that can happen and it already is. But there is no moving or changing what nature has chosen. Our precious resource in nature needs your care. MAKE THIS A WIN-WIN AND NOT AN EITHER-OR.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Elaine Yastishock
86 Lester Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Christine Wolfe [mailto:cwolfe_9898@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gilmore and City Council:

I am a Sunnyvale resident and 30 year Audubon Society member and frequently walk and bird watch at the Ulistac Natural Area. I am concerned about the Tasman Plan and think it will harm the birds that live in this area as well as the birds that migrate through it. It would be great if you could provide a park along the Guadalupe River that would be designed to complement the river as well as the wildlife there. More trees would be wonderful.

The City should and can require the Tasman East Specific Plan to see tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the river.

The City can create a well designed, transit oriented development and mixed -use neighborhood at Tasman East that also provides for a river park that complements Ulistac Natural area and protects our birds from harm.

Thank you for your consideration,
Christine Wolfe

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Robin Browndorf [<mailto:Robin@browndorf.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Sincerely,

Robin Browndorf
1069 Camino Ricardo
San Jose, CA 95125

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Linda Takemori [<mailto:lindatak@pacbell.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Linda Takemori
862 Salt Lake Court
San Jose, CA 95133
cell 408-210-3402

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: James Hamm [<mailto:jnchamm@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Sincerely,

Claudia L. Hamm
5477 Blossom Dale Dr.
San Jose, CA 95124

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Save Ulistac for Birds

From: Sharon Jackson [<mailto:shakat@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:48 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Save Ulistac for Birds

Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Thank You,
Kathleen Haydel
Sharon Jackson
1696 Sandyrock Lane
San Jose, CA 95125

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Jena [<mailto:jena.chua@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:44 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Thanks,

Jennifer Chua

3901 Lick Mill Blvd #418

Santa Clara CA 95054

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds
Attachments: gail.vcf

From: Gail Cheeseman [<mailto:gail@cheesemans.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:43 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Doug Cheeseman
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter and from the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

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Sincerely, Gail and Doug Cheeseman

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Gail & Doug Cheeseman
gail@cheesemans.com
doug@cheesemans.com
20800 Kittridge Rd
Saratoga, CA 95070
408-867-1371

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Myra Kelley [<mailto:myramkelley@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:36 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Sincerely,
Myra Kelley
2339 Maximilian Drive
Campbell, CA 95008

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: wildlife

-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Cachopo [<mailto:patricia.cachopo@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:35 AM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: wildlife

Dear City Council and Mayor,

The wildlife mainly birds that use Ulistac should not be discouraged from using the park because of unthoughtful plans for the new buildings that are planned around that area. The height of the buildings and will they be crowding areas such as the creek that would interfere with the habits and behaviors of the birds that use Ulistac need to be considered and carefully planned before they are built.

We really can coexist.

Thank you,
Patricia Cachopo

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Proper Due Diligence to Preserve Ulistac Natural Area

From: Patty Kim [<mailto:patty.kim@broadcom.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Proper Due Diligence to Preserve Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is located next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers situated only 40 feet from the levee. At such a distance, these towers will be so close to the river that it will endanger migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe. The current plan will cause very significant, unnecessary and severe harm to birds in and around our city and its environs.

We definitely need denser housing and more commercial entities in San Jose to ensure the vitality of our city. However, we must be responsible in our actions and decisions that are involved in and associated with these changes. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor. This needs to remain part of our city.

New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade the city.

In the case of Ulistac Natural Area, we can do so by ensuring that the buildings are set far enough back from Ulistac and the Guadalupe River bands so that the birds can also be part of the city we call San Jose. A barren San Jose would be a most tragic outcome of the commercial and residential growth that we are embarking upon.

I strongly urge and request that you ensure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds as well as the beneficial insects and pollinators which inhabit the Guadalupe corridor.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kim

1149 Holly Ann Pl / San Jose, CA 95120

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Natural Area update.
Attachments: Letter to City Council - Nov 18.pdf

From: Ulistac Natural Area [<mailto:ulistac@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:27 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac Natural Area update.

Mayor and Council Members,

Please find attached a letter from UNAREP updating you on what is happening at Ulistac Natural Area.

Kind Regards,

Karen Campbell

Ulistac Natural Area Restoration & Education Project
Website: ulistac.org
Facebook: [Ulistac Natural Area](#)

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Twenty Story Towers on the Guadalupe River: An ugly mess!

From: Gloria McClain [<mailto:GMcinSJ@webtv.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Gloria McClain
Subject: Twenty Story Towers on the Guadalupe River: An ugly mess!

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Do you remember when the tall city buildings were built at the corner of Hedding and First Street in San Jose? Bird strikes had to be cleaned up frequently! I don't know if this is still necessary, or if all the birds on that flight path have died. Do you? Yes, that is in San Jose, not Santa Clara but the tragic results are the same. We need birds! Not only for insect control but also for their beauty and their songs. They do give us a moment of relief from what has become a terribly ugly, overcrowded valley. The "Valley of the Heart's Delight" is long gone. Please help us keep those birds that are still left, by setting back these newly planned buildings, a greater distance from the Guadalupe River and from historic Ulistac. Right now, these buildings are only on the new plans, they have not been built. A little thought and a hefty erasure is all that is needed to move them! Please change it while it is still easy to do!!!! I know you can do it if you try!

Gloria McClain

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Geoff Browning [<mailto:browninggeoff@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:06 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Thank you,

Geoff Browning

5011 Ponderosa Terr

Campbell, 95008

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please... Do not approve the Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Robert Wells [<mailto:rwellsmailbox@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Thank you,

Robert Wells

6088 Pietz Ct, San Jose, CA 95123

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Towers of housing

-----Original Message-----

From: Denny Alff [<mailto:dennyalff@comcast.net>]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 9:03 AM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Towers of housing

Please find another more suitable place to build housing. With unpredictable climate change, being near water sources is not advisable.

Denny Alff

118 ViaCollado

Los Gatos , Ca 95032

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Safeguard the Birds

From: Robert Whitmore [<mailto:robtl@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:54 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Safeguard the Birds

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Robert L Whitmore



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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Plan

From: Iris Stewart-Frey [<mailto:istewartfrey@scu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Plan

Dear Mayor and Council Members of Santa Clara,

I am on the faculty of Santa Clara University and have taken students to study the diverse ecosystems and waterscape at Ulistac Park. What makes Ulistac special is that it is a magnet for migratory birds.

While I applaud the cities ideas to develop transit-oriented housing, 20-story towers adjacent to the Guadalupe River will devastate populations of migratory birds. I therefore ask you to reconsider this decision. There are possibilities to develop this type of housing without permanently destroying bird populations. Parks like Ulistac add priceless value to a city because of the wildlife and ecosystems they contain. They are easily destroyed, but often difficult, expensive, or impossible to rebuild, AND they take opportunities for livable cities away.

I trust that you will make a decision for people and the ecosystems that sustain them

Best regards, Iris Stewart-Frey

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Iris Stewart-Frey
Associate Professor
Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences
Santa Clara University

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Guadalupe River and bird migration considerations around city planning and development

-----Original Message-----

From: Amelia [<mailto:ameliaowen-c@att.net>]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:48 AM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Guadalupe River and bird migration considerations around city planning and development

Please remember to give full consideration of the migratory birds and habitat in San Jose for wildlife. Housing should allow for habitat around Guadalupe River.

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Amelia Elizabeth Owen-Casillas
174 Danze Drive
San Jose, CA
95111

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Mayor and Council
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From: AnnMarie Trihaj [<mailto:atrihaj@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:47 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Secific Plan

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AnnMarie Trione
1030 Savannah Dr
San Jose, Ca 95117

Lynn Garcia

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From: Mark Luiso [<mailto:maluiso@pacbell.net>]
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Mark Luiso
1326 Star Bush Ln.
San Jose, CA 95118
(408)266-7805

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman

-----Original Message-----

From: Arlene Rusche [<mailto:broche545@aol.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:46 AM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Tasman

Please save the birds and develop a river park! Stop building on every inch of fairly open space!
Your grandchildren will thank you and so will I!

Arlene Rusche
Santa Clara

Sent from my iPhone

Lynn Garcia

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Plan - a few important thoughts

From: Gail Bower [<mailto:gb136@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:46 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Plan - a few important thoughts

Hello,

I'm a resident of Santa Clara County and I enjoy the natural areas we have that provides us with some wonderful breathing room after spending so much time indoors working. One of those lovely places is along the Guadalupe River and at Ulistac where I love to walk the trails, bird watch and look for native plants to practice my ID skills.

Naturally, I want this area protected with the best possible forward thinking measures to protect our birds and all natural living things from urban encroachment. I ask that this city of Santa Clara make breathing room for nature with a park along the Guadalupe River that is specifically designed to complement the river and Ulistac Natural Area be provided for all the enjoy - people and nature.

To that end I ask that you absolutely require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. I am certain, in this day and age, that you and the smart people that run your city can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. It just takes making that a project goal and then make it happen. It can be done! You can do it! Please make the South Bay a beautiful well rounded urban area - not overbuilt!

Thank you for reading my letter and many thanks to you and your team for all the work you do to run your part of the South Bay.

Kind regards,
Gail Bower
Cupertino, CA

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan must protect birds and wildlife

From: Kathleen Smith [mailto:kms_smith@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:37 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Kathleen Smith
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan must protect birds and wildlife

We must, as a priority, protect and improve all natural habitat remaining in the highly developed Bay Area. We have already lost too much natural habitat and we cannot allow the destruction of any more.

Adjacent to the Ulistac Natural Area, the Tasman East Specific Plan Area proposes to develop high-rise residential towers forty feet from the levee. This proposal would significantly harm migratory birds flying along the Guadalupe river.

To ensure the survival of birds and wildlife in this natural habitat, the towers must, at the very least, be set back a fair distance from Ulistac and the river's edge.

New development must improve, rather than degrade, the Guadalupe corridor natural habitat. Once habitat is destroyed, we can never restore it.

Thank you for taking this important action to protect our precious local environment.

Kathleen Smith
350 E Taylor St Apt 1110
San Jose CA 95112
408 279 0605

Lynn Garcia

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Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: George E Gowman [<mailto:geogow@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:34 AM
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George E Gowman
4959 Avenida De Los Arboles
Santa Clara, CA 95054

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Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for considering our wildlife in city development plans.

Kind regards,

Olena Kamentsev
4405 Norwalk Drive, #14
San Jose, California 95129

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Michael Hundt [<mailto:mdmhundt@pacbell.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:33 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Best Regards

Michael Hundt

862 Promenade Ct.

San Jose, CA 95138

Henry Coe State Park Volunteer

California Naturalist

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please preserve Ulistac Natural area when planning development

From: Sheila Kane [<mailto:skane29@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:31 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please preserve Ulistac Natural area when planning development

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Sheila Kane

601 S 13th St

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Susan Abele [<mailto:susan.abele@att.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:28 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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Susan Abele

1615 Tiffany Way

San Jose, Ca 95125

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Jonathan Johnson [<mailto:johnsonjonathan99@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:28 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Jonathan Johnson,

Morgan Hill resident

Thank you for taking this important action to protect your precious local environment.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: JESS STEPHENS [mailto:denise_stephens@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:25 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

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New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for your consideration that Ulistac is a Silicon Valley treasure, not just a source of income for Santa Clara.

Denise Stephens

5435 McKee Road

San Jose, Ca 95127

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Building near Ulistac

-----Original Message-----

From: Carolyn Flanagan [<mailto:cflan@att.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:17 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Building near Ulistac

Dear Mayor and City Council,

The Ulistac National Area is an important resource along the Guadalupe Corridor. Building tall high rises close to the area and the river will be a danger to migratory birds. Please make sure the Tasman East Specific Plan Area is set back far enough from the river and the Ulistac Area, so that this precious resource, which could be so easily lost will be preserved. Be sure that the plan includes guidelines to protect the birds and pollinators. We need to think of the environment as well development.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn Flanagan
6402 Hidden Creek Drive
San Jose, Ca 95120

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan Area,

From: David Marancik [<mailto:ddm2005@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:15 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan Area,

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

High rise buildings, 40 ft from the river will also be visually impactful, and I have to imagine the effect on the Gaudalupe river will not be good for it long term. Open space is valuable for wildlife and peoples physical and mental health.

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Leah Quenelle [<mailto:lquenelle@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I grew up in San Jose and still reside in the South Bay, in Morgan Hill.

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Sincerely,

Leah Quenelle

648 Spring Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Leslie Erganian [<mailto:leslielux@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor,

I have been a resident of Santa Clara County for 15 years. During that time, I have had the unique privilege of living under the Pacific Flyway. The diversity and beauty of birds that pass overhead every single day, is a unique and special gift.

In particular, the Guadalupe trail, is one of the great unsung treasures of the entire bay area, the vastness of the elevated view, the proximity to nature, wet and resplendent all the year round. It invites walkers, joggers, bikers, quiet observers of the gifts that this special place on earth gives to us.

The proposal of 20 story towers along this river, is absolutely the wrong kind of construction for the entry-point from bay to valley. The set back needs to be increased. A river park needs to be developed. There is a lot of thoughtful development that has occurred near this river, and all up and down it, nature in consort with mankind is responding to thoughtful development. It is the opportunity for harmonious development that considers the impact on migratory birds as well as a need for housing, that will insure the synergistic evolution of this beautiful region of the bay for decades and centuries to come, and also avoids crippling its most precious potential for the foreseeable future.

Many thanks for supporting open space for birds, and thoughtful and ecologically responsible development for humans.

Best,

Leslie Erganian Wagener

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Patty Ruzek [<mailto:patruz@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:06 AM
To: Mayor and Council
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Patricia M. Ruzek
6225 Gunter Way
San Jose, CA 95123

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Johanna van de Woestijne [<mailto:johannacalifornia@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 7:58 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council of Santa Clara,

I am a resident of Santa Clara County and have very much enjoyed being able to walk and birdwatch in the Ulistac Natural area. It is an important magnet for migratory birds on the Guadalupe River flyway. Please do not approve a development plan that allows buildings closer than 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe Rivers. A good plan would be more trees along the river and set tall buildings back more than 300 feet.

The City can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm.

Best,

Johanna van de Woestijne

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Carol Mattsson [<mailto:carol.mattsson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 11:03 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Deb Kramer; Audubon Contact
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

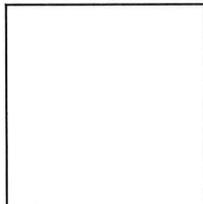
Hello Mayor Gilmore and Santa Clara City Council members,

I'm a resident of Cupertino who appreciates the natural areas along the Guadalupe River, especial Ulistac Natural Area. Please change the Tasman East Specific plan to include open space and natural areas along the river, and keep the buildings at least 300 feet back from the edge of the river. Both the birds and human residents of our area will appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Carol Mattsson
Cupertino Resident

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Mattsson Web Solutions

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Kira Gunderson [<mailto:kira.gunderson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 7:10 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council of Santa Clara,

My name is Kira Gunderson and I am a community member residing in Santa Clara County.

As an avid birder, I am concerned about development in Silicon Valley that pushes out migratory birds. I am writing to ask the City to protect and support the birds of Guadalupe River by including a river park in the plans for development at Tasman East. A park with lots of trees, and a requirement to set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the levee of the Guadalupe River, would provide suitable habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Kira Gunderson
Sunnyvale, CA

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Lia [<mailto:laelia8@aol.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 6:37 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and City Council members:

I am a birder and regular visitor to Ulistac Natural Area. I am always amazed ant the variety of birds that congregate in this relatively small urban park, and am writing to encourage you to protect the birds at Ulistac by creating a waterfront park along the Guadalupe River as part of your new development plan.

It should not be acceptable to kill birds in order to create housing for people, and I think that given the choice, many residents would prefer a transit friendly development that includes: providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. The way to do this is to provide a tree-rich river park, and to set tall buildings at least 300 feet away from the river.

I always felt that the city had done much for birds by setting aside the park at Ulistac and it has helped so much to protect the wildlife of Santa Clara from surrounding developement. Please continue to protect wildlife by building wisely and preserving the riverfront and the birds at Ulistac!

Thank you!
Lia L. Schnipper MD
Redwood City
Laelia8@aol.com

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Eve Meier [mailto:eve_m_meier@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 4:13 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Hi Mayor Gilmore and Santa Clara City Council,

I'm a resident of San Jose and love visiting Ulistac nature area! It's a very special place with a high number of bird species including some rare birds. Please protect this very important area. How about a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at the 40+ acre area of Tasman East? Also, provide a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and set tall buildings at least 300 feet away from the river.

Thank you,
Eve a Meier

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Concerns

From: Roy Gordon [<mailto:roy@roygordon.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 2:20 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Concerns

I am a 20 year resident living adjacent to the Guadalupe River close to 237.
I am an avid wildlife photographer who walks the river from Tasman to Alviso and back every morning. If Tasman East goes ahead a planned, this wildlife treasure could be lost for ever. There is already so much development along the river, with much more in process in Alviso. Multi story blocks will significantly change the movement of birds in the area, to the detriment of us all.
I take 50 - 100 photos every day along the river, and my life would be much poorer if the plans go ahead.
Respectfully
Roy Gordon
4271 N 1st St #46, San Jose, Ca 95134
408-887-5628

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Comments on the Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Melanie Barnett [<mailto:melbar@stanford.edu>]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: glenbarnett2002
Subject: Comments on the Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and Council-members,

My husband Glen and I have lived in North Sunnyvale for 26 years, so although we are not residents of Santa Clara, we have many interactions with our neighboring city (in fact, Glen works in Santa Clara, 1.5 miles from the proposed development.)

We feel fortunate to live near the Ulistac Natural Area/Guadalupe River, and appreciate the City of Santa Clara employees and many volunteers whose efforts make this natural space possible.

We are concerned that the proposed plan is a hazard to birds and implore the city to alter their plan. Instead of placing 20-story towers adjacent to the Guadalupe River, we ask that the city modify the plan to move the towers >300 feet back from the Guadalupe River levee, and instead include a park near the river, one planted with plenty of trees.

We absolutely understand the need for more housing, as our young adult sons cannot afford to live in their hometown. We are not opposed to high-density housing, not even in our own backyard. However, this must be balanced with a respect for nature and wildlife. The health benefits of nature are numerous (<https://www.asla.org/healthbenefitsofnature.aspx>), so think about how folks will feel, once they learn that their home is a deathtrap for birds.

Please note that the City's own EIR states that impact on migratory birds will be "significant and unavoidable". We dispute that this impact is unavoidable: it is a choice.

Thank you for your time and attention to our concerns.

Melanie and Glen Barnett

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: SAVE the Ulistac Natural Area on the Guadalupe River

From: Jennifer Duret Khaleghi [<mailto:jdkhaleghi@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 8:44 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: SAVE the Ulistac Natural Area on the Guadalupe River

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area which is next to the beautiful Ulistac Natural Area is planning high rise residential towers. These high rise residential towers can be deadly for the birds who migrate and live here along the Guadalupe River.

Please strongly consider that the high rise buildings are set back far enough from Ulistac and the Guadalupe River edge so that birds will continue to migrate and thrive here.

Ulistac is an ecological gem in the City of Santa Clara and a major migratory flyway. There are OVER 150+ different species of birds that migrate here. Ulistac is a dedicated Natural Area, not a commercialized park. It's natural beauty is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as that of the Guadalupe River Corridor. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe River Corridor for the migratory birds, beneficial insects and pollinators specific to the Ulistac Natural Area.

Please consider and make sure the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard this natural habitat for wildlife and migratory birds that live and thrive in the beautiful Ulistac Natural Area.

Sincerely yours,
Jennifer Duret Khaleghi

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter LaTourrette [<mailto:platourrette@comcast.net>]

Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 8:29 AM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I understand that you will be considering approval of the Tasman East Specific Plan this coming Tuesday (November 13). From what I have read, it appears that the plan allows for 20-story towers very close to the Guadalupe River. I urge you to reconsider and require that tall buildings be located at least 300 feet distant from the river bank.

I am a birder and, although I do not live in Santa Clara, I go birding several mornings a week in the Ulistac Natural Area, which is immediately south of the Tasman East project. Ulistac is a marvelous natural location, heavily used by local citizens as well as by birders from all over the Bay Area. The great birding there, especially during fall migration, is due to its proximity to the Guadalupe River, a major migration corridor. During fall mornings, one can sometimes see hundreds of warblers working their way into the area from the north, flying up the river and into Ulistac. This route puts them over the eastern portion of the proposed Tasman East.

Any tall buildings are going cause multiple bird-strike deaths, but the numbers will increase with proximity to the river. Please mandate that tall buildings be located at least 300 feet from the river bank.

Peter LaTourrette
1019 Loma Prieta Ct.
Los Altos, CA 94024
(650) 961-2741

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Neela Srinivasan [<mailto:neela.notjunk@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2018 4:15 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Fwd: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

I live near the city of Santa Clara and routinely visit the Ulistac Natural Area. In these times of biodiversity crisis, places like the UNA offer a haven for wildlife, including birds. UNA is a well known migratory bird flyway. It will be better for the environment if the city council opted to preserve and enhance the riparian area at Ulistac and all along the Guadalupe river.

Please do not make it a "determination of overriding considerations" and pit housing against the environment. We can build smartly and protect our waterways which are part of our watershed. Please do not build within 300 ft of the river. Please protect birds and keep them from harm.

Sincerely,
Neela S

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Request to do a brief presentation for Relay for Life 2019

From: Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley [<mailto:tabithakh@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2018 3:32 PM
To: Genevieve Yip; Mayor and Council
Subject: Request to do a brief presentation for Relay for Life 2019

Hello Genevieve,

I hope you are doing well. I am hoping you are still the correct person to contact regarding making a brief presentation to the City Council. Last year we were under Special Order of Business and we would be happy to be under that section again this year. It will be a very brief presentation with some slides and fliers that I can share with you beforehand. Could you please let me know if we can make a presentation this year? I am hoping we can do it on 1/29 as the Relay is a bit earlier this year and I will be encouraging the Council to have a team (so I want to give them time). Please let me know what might be possible.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley
2019 Relay for Life Co-Chair

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Alie Victorine [<mailto:aliea58@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2018 2:57 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

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Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you,

Alie Victorine

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Project impacting Ulistac

From: linda [<mailto:dred271@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Project impacting Ulistac

Madam Mayor and City Council,

While reviewing plans for the Tasman East Project, I would hope that environmental studies have been conducted.

While the need for housing and transportation is essential to the growth and sustenance of our City; Open Space is minimal within our city limits. Ulistac provides a place of natural and historical preservation that is sorely needed.

Residential towers will impact resident and migratory birds access to flyways, nesting and feeding areas. Planners, developers and the City should ensure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.



Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan Area
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From: Dave Turk [<mailto:daveturk45@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

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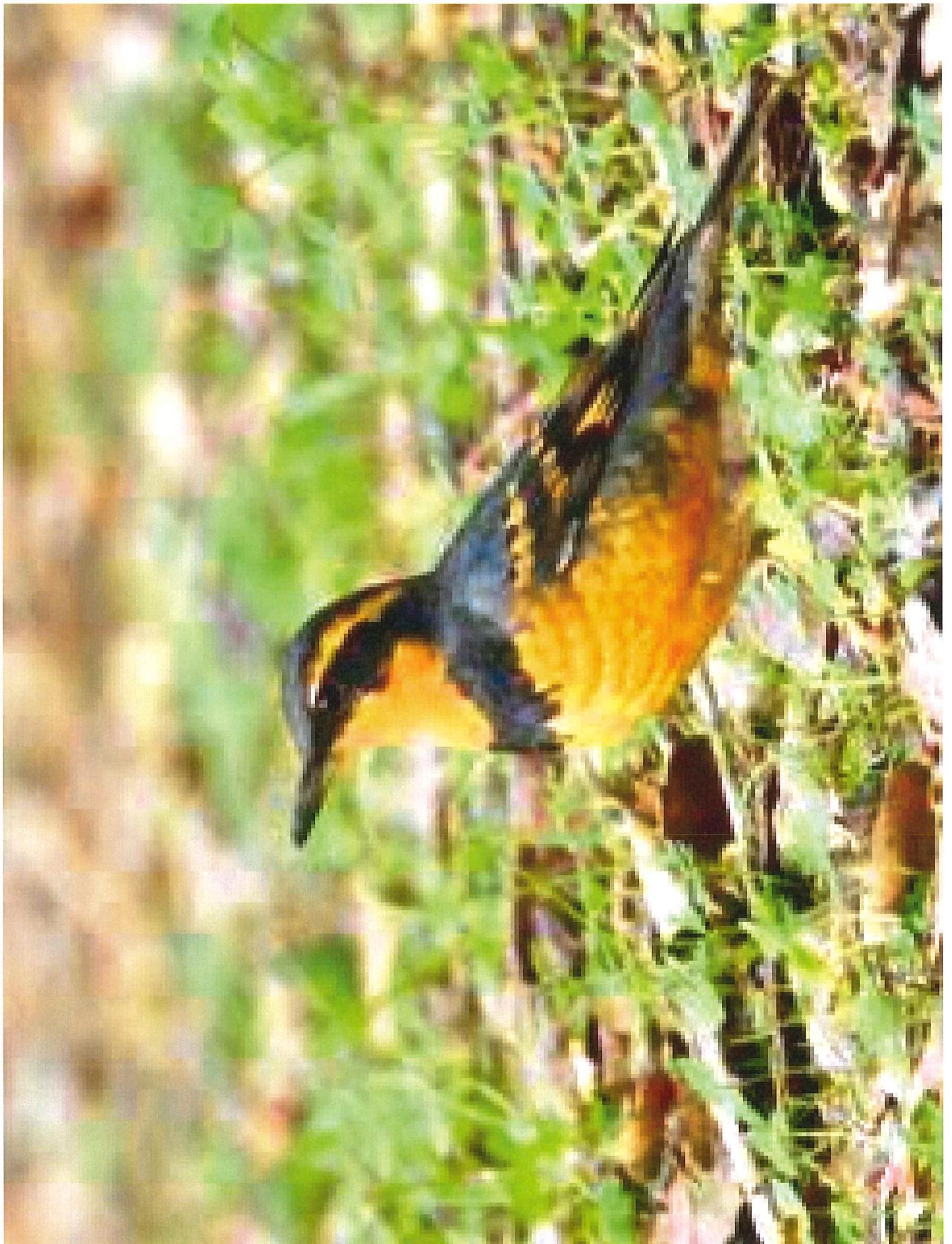
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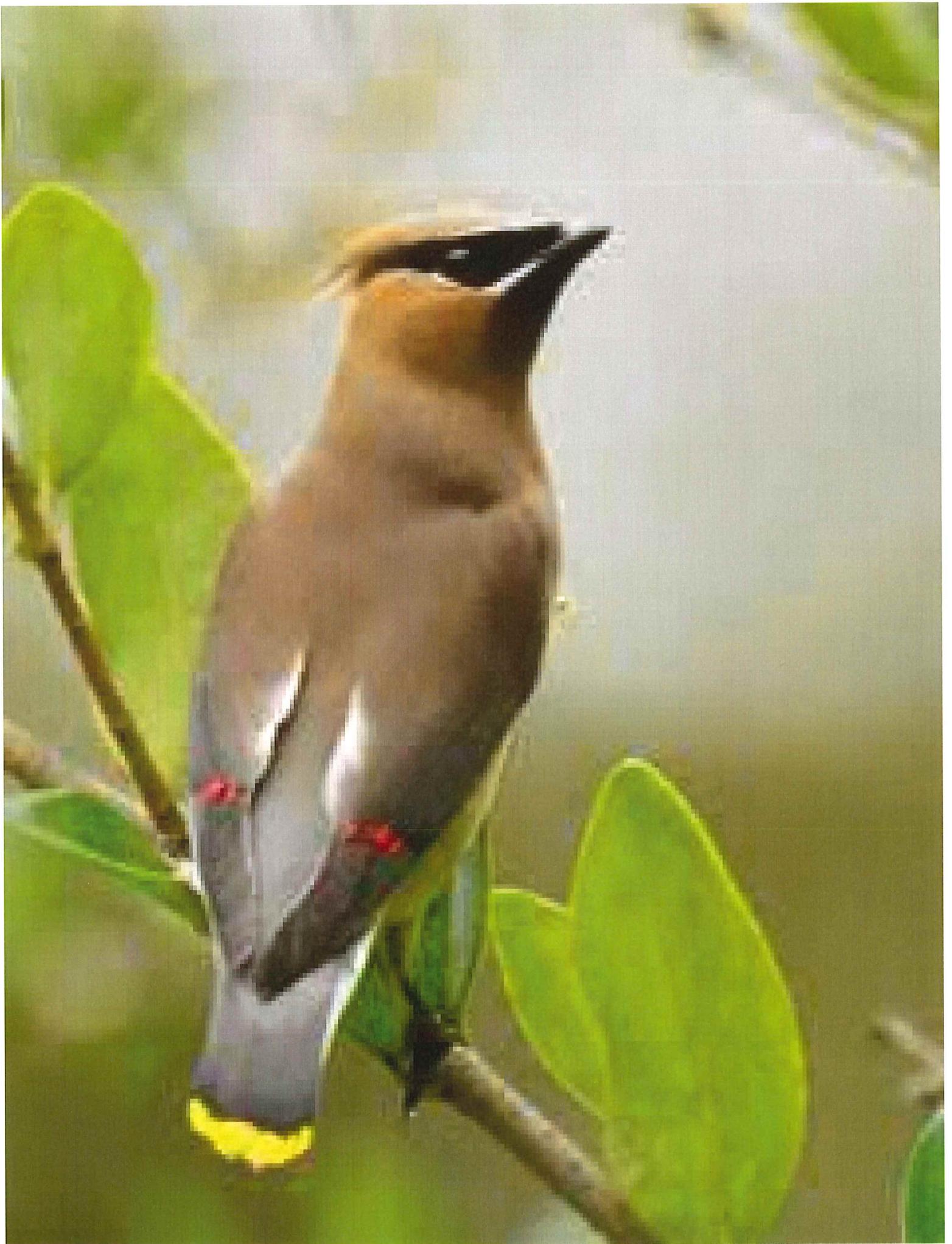
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Best Regards,
Dave Turk
1650 York St, San Jose, CA 95124





Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: upcoming vote - Tasman East - protect, don't destroy

From: Amy Rabinovitz [<mailto:arabinovitz@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: upcoming vote - Tasman East - protect, don't destroy

I live close to the border of San Jose and Santa Clara, but am a San Jose resident. Nevertheless, the majority of my shopping, my food shopping and my dining out takes place in Santa Clara.

I also visit Ulistac Nature Area at least twice a month.

Please, I urge you, to consider the more eco-friendly option in the upcoming Tasman East vote. Birds, and the resulting pleasure and benefits we all get from providing them a home and migratory stop, are an important part of what we all love about this area.

I'm told you have an option to have a well-designed, transit-oriented development that **complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm.**

For the future of all of us, and for the liveability of our area, show that you are not out to trash and destroy our nature sanctuaries. Be part of the future, where birds and beauty can co-exist with growth and humanity.

Thank you for your consideration.
Amy Rabinovitz

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: SueTomasic [<mailto:sue@tozmic.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2018 7:29 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

My name is Sue Ellen Tomasic and I am a resident of Santa Clara County. Although I am not a resident of your city, I am writing about your proposed plan and its impact upon a beautiful and important area. I often visit the Ulistac Natural Area to enjoy the open space and nature, especially the birds. It should be our job, as citizens of Earth, to protect birds and keep them from harm, not build in their migratory paths and strip away their natural cover.

Your city can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. I believe it is possible for your city to create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. Please change this plan appropriately so that birds are not needlessly harmed.

Thank you.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Gary Bailey [<mailto:tigergary@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 9:18 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and Council:

Please insure that the Tasman East Specific Plan will protect and complement the Guadalupe River and the Ulistac Natural Area. Please protect the integrity of the river and its fish and wildlife by keeping buildings at least 300 feet away from the river bank. This is especially important as the river supports fish species listed as threatened.

Please add native riparian trees along the river bank and away from the bank for the benefit of people, wildlife, and fish. And please insure that birds and other wildlife and their habitats are protected while the needs of people are being met.

Thank you,

Gary Bailey

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Allison Fluty [<mailto:allisonfluty@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 7:41 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

My name is Allison Fluty and I have lived in Santa Clara my whole life. One of the things I have loved about this city since I was a little girl is the opportunity to see many beautiful bird species that come through and visit the parks and neighborhoods, especially the birds along the creeks and Guadalupe river. I have heard about the development plan for tall buildings that will dramatically change the area at Guadalupe River and Ulistac and I was surprised because just yesterday I was reading about how the Council and Mayor vowed to protect the natural area and its inhabitants. I am hoping the Council will protect the area and the birds and keep them from harm.

Instead of Ask the Mayor and Council to provide a park along the Guadalupe River that is specifically designed to complement the river and Ulistac Natural Area. Ask for trees!

It is not acceptable to kill birds, which are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It should not be a housing versus birds issue. The City should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. I believe that our city can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. One of the few things keeping a person like me in such an expensive place to live is the ability to enjoy nature in an urban area. I am willing to work harder to stay some place I feel values the natural world.

Thank you

Allison Fluty, M.A.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Gena Zolotar [<mailto:gzolotar@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and the Santa Clara City Council,

I am writing to you to urge you to require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River in order to protect wildlife. I visit Ulistac Natural Area on a regular basis and am alarmed at the prospect of buildings being constructed right on the banks of the Guadalupe River. These buildings will be a hazard for birds that use the river as a flyway, and it should not be acceptable to kill birds in order to develop the area. It is possible to create a well-designed mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects both our local resident birds and migrating birds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Gena Zolotar
Mountain View, CA

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Marian Fricano [<mailto:fricano.marian@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 4:14 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gilmore and City Council,

I am writing because I live very close to Ulistac Natural Area and I have helped to plant native plants there and have seen the numbers of migratory birds increase as a result of this area. I also banded birds at the nearby Coyote Creek Riparian Area for many years and know the disparate need for natural areas for them to be able to rest and fuel up on their migrations.

Ulistac has become a magnet for migratory birds, therefore, I am asking you not to make decisions that will inevitably harm birds and wildlife, but to use the 40 acres that are included in the Tasman East plan area to create a well designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood, while at the same time providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and enriches our environment.

The best way to do this is to ensure that tall buildings are set at least 300 feet away from the river. Having lots of trees planted would be attractive to both humans and birds.

Please let your plan go forward with both birds and human concerns met for a better future for our struggling migratory birds and our human housing needs.

Thank you so much,

Marian E. Fricano

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Review

From: Brian Carr [<mailto:bc899899@comcast.net>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Review

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I am concerned that a possible Tasman east project that would place 20 story building near the Guadalupe River and Ulistac Natural Area will do great harm to this rare open space. As you may know, citizens , including many children, have devoted hundreds of hours to protecting and improving Ulistac. It is a valuable resource for birds and wildlife surrounded by development. I have visited Ulistac many times and appreciate this wonderful resource.

The proposal which would place 20 story buildings near the Guadalupe River and Ulistac would, according to your own report, cause “significant and unavoidable’ harm to birds which are at risk to fly into the tall buildings. It would also compromise the beauty of the natural environment so many have spent so much time to preserve.

I therefor ask that you approve a natural park near the river and allow tall buildings no closer than 300 feet from the river. Please do not disregard this small, last undeveloped area, which your citizens value so highly.

Brian Carr

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please Protect Guadalupe River Birds

From: Luciana Viana Viana [<mailto:luviana1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please Protect Guadalupe River Birds

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Councilmembers,

Please include a requirement in the Tasman East Specific Plan for an open space park adjacent to the Guadalupe River. Currently, the Specific Plan suggests, but does not require, that the open space be concentrated near the river. Building 200 foot tall residential towers adjacent to the river will have an adverse effect on birds, which will fly into the buildings on their way along the river to Ulistac Natural Area.

By requiring that the residential tower buildings be moved farther away from the areas where birds congregate, we can build needed housing and preserve our natural environment simultaneously. Thank you for helping to protect birds!

Luciana Viana Viana

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Development

From: Yiwei Wang [<mailto:y.wang82@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 2:49 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Development

Dear Mayor and Council,

I grew up in Santa Clara, and my mom still lives in the city. I am a regular visit and still live and work in neighboring Bay Area cities. I'm very disappointed to hear that the Tasman East Development plan does not consider the environmental impact of placing tall buildings near important ecological habitats.

I have taught several times at Santa Clara University and have brought my students to Ulistac to see the wildlife and native plants there to teach them about our local environment. Ulistac is the last large open space we have left in the city and a magnet for birds (resident and migrant). It is unacceptable to approve a housing plan that causes unnecessary hazards to birds near the park and the Guadalupe river.

With all the challenges that climate change, invasive species, and habitat loss, our jobs should be to reduce the burden on wildlife and plants. You should instead focus on building transit friendly, mixed income housing, that is set at least 300 feet from the levee of Guadalupe River. Access to natural spaces, such as a park dominated by native trees and plants, has proven psychological benefits for people and developmental benefits for children. Build a park near the river instead of giant structures, and help birds and people.

Sincerely,

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Yiwei Wang, PhD

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Patricia Lynch [<mailto:eventsolutions@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 2:42 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council of Santa Clara

Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

As a resident of Santa Clara and avid birder I frequently enjoy going to Ulistac Natural Area. This area is a magnet for migratory birds and rare birds are often seen. For a list of birds seen at Ulistac please check The Cornell Lab of Ornithology birding hotspot <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L773892>. Please do not make a decision that will inevitably harm birds and wildlife.

With over 40 acres included in the plan area, the City of Santa Clara can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at the 40+ acre area of Tasman East, while at the same time providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. The way to do this is to provide a tree-rich river park, and to set tall buildings at least 300 feet away from the river.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lynch
Resident of Santa Clara

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Development concern

From: Chris Johnson [<mailto:ryanjohnson77@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 1:54 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Development concern

Hello,

I am a long-time birder to Ulistac and I have one concern about the Tasman East Specific Plan. The Guadalupe River is a major migratory flyway for birds, and tall buildings too close to the river would inevitably cause birds to strike buildings. I believe the development project is a good idea on the whole, but tall buildings should be situated well away from the river (100's of feet away). In addition, I agree that planting native oaks near the river would have enormous benefit to native wildlife. I perform monthly bird surveys at Ulistac and its surrounds, and Ulistac is one of the most biologically productive locations in any Santa Clara/San Jose urban area, mostly due to the restoration efforts in and around Ulistac and the proximity to the river as a source of water, travel, and shelter. Please consider setting back tall buildings at least 300 from from the levee/river in order to avoid bird strikes and to allow space for oaks and other native trees to be planted along the river.

Sincerely,

Chris Johnson

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

-----Original Message-----

From: Jean Dresden [<mailto:jeanAnn2@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 1:25 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

Honorable Mayor and Council:

San Jose Parks Advocates are concerned about the specifics of the Tasman East Specific Plan Area and are opposed to the placement of towers in such proximity of the Ulistac Natural Area and the Guadalupe River and River Trail. We take no position on growth. Our only concern is the placement of towers.

San Jose Parks Advocates is a group of about 150 park passionate people who advocate on behalf of parks, trails, open spaces and natural areas in San Jose and the greater San Jose Area. We envision a community where parks and natural areas have equal standing in decisions about growth and economic development. We are commenting on this plan because of its impact on the Guadalupe River environment and the Ulistac Natural Area.

The Tasman East Specific Plan places towers proximate to the Guadalupe River and Ulistac Natural Area, shading both areas extensively. The Santa Clara Valley Land Use Near Streams guidelines indicates a modest 40 foot setback to the top of the bank of the Guadalupe River, but it was written at a time when towers were not envision anywhere but in downtown San Jose. These proposed high towers and close location to the river guarantees that the riverine environment will change, cooling the river and impacting wind speeds along the river environment. We note that the guidelines talk about wind impacts to pedestrians, but the wind also impacts birds and the wind patterns within the channel of the river.

The increased winds will make it difficult for Birds to navigate along the river, and the cooled areas will be less productive for their food sources. The increased wind makes it more likely that the birds will make errors and SPLAT into the towers. Dead birds littered along the ground are not an attractive residential feature. There are several examples of bird unfriendly structures near river environments and we can provide pictures of the dead birds if you wish.

Shading on Ulistac will decrease the success of this natural area. The southeast corner of the Specific Plan Area has the potential of shading the pond so that it becomes a mere mud puddle. The rich habitat is dependent on full sun. We are surprised that this tower placement has gone forward with seemingly no regard to the thousands of volunteers hours in the development of this natural area. There are extraordinarily few natural areas in the "flat-lands" and the area serves as a rare biological resources,

Towers can be moved. Smaller buildings can be placed proximate to Ulistac and the Guadalupe River. While we support a minimum 100 foot setback, we believe there could be shorter structures that could be placed near the river and Ulistac that would lessen impacts.

Please do not approve the current plan and modify it with these impacts in mind.

Sincerely,

s/ Jean

Jean Dresden

Coordinator

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: DEVELOPMENT AT ULISTAC NONONONONONO

From: cynthia berg [<mailto:birdergirl@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: DEVELOPMENT AT ULISTAC NONONONONONO

Also, I just heard from several sources that there's a development project (Tasman East Specific Plan) that looks to put a 20 story building within yards of the Guadalupe River flyway. Feel free to express angst by sending letters to the Mayor and Council at MayorAndCouncil@santaclaraca.gov. Buildings this tall should be set back at least 300 feet from the river, according to some migratory bird experts

cynthia berg
1092 pomeroy ave
Santa clara, ca 95051

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Natural Area

From: Elaine Bellerive [<mailto:lazydazy10@icloud.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor & Council Members,

Please do not approve any high rise buildings near the Ulistac Natural Area or the Guadalupe River. We need that area kept open for birds. Heard that Tasman East Specific Plan Area was planning to build high rise buildings.

Elaine & Jerome Bellerive
2146 Del Monte Ave
Santa Clara, 95051

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please save Mother Earth

From: Rajani Empranthiri [<mailto:rajaniuke@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please save Mother Earth

Dear Mayor and City Council Members I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Pat Marriott [<mailto:patmarriott@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and Council of Santa Clara,

I'm really shocked to hear about this plan. Buildings 20 stories and taller so close to the Guadalupe River will be a disaster for the environment. Your own Environmental Impact Report shows that **if towers are built within 300 feet of the river, the impact on migratory birds will be "significant and unavoidable."**

Yes, I know we need housing. But just how much are you willing to sacrifice? How much are you asking nature-lovers to sacrifice? Once lost, the Ulistac Natural Area and the birds who migrate and live along the river can never be replaced.

As one who loves and respects the environment, I ask you to PLEASE revise this document. If you must build towers (forever changing the nature of your city), at least follow your own EIR and build them back at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. That would still allow you to develop transit while providing a river park with trees and other benefits for the neighborhood. And you would be benefitting birds and wildlife as well.

The Ulistac Natural Area is one I love to visit. Adding to it with additional park space would be something you could be proud to leave as a legacy to future generations.

Thank you for listening,

Pat Marriott, Los Altos

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Matthew Dodder [<mailto:mdodder@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

My name is Matthew Dodder. I am a Mountain View resident, and a long-time member of the Audubon Society as well as a birding instructor at the Palo Alto Adult School. As such, I have vast experience with the status of birds in our county parks, and my class visits these parks and wildlife areas in search of greater understanding of our local avian population.

We frequently visit the Ulistac Natural Area near the proposed Tasman East development along the Guadalupe River. The bird population of Ulistac is rich due to city and volunteer efforts to preserve this bit of local woodland.

I urge you to consider the success Ulistac Natural Area represents in the efforts to protect our precious local bird population. We need trees in the area slated for development if the delicate success of bird conservation is preserved.

I know you will make the right adjustments to the plan to ensure the protection of birds by setting tall buildings **at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River.**

The City can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm.

Matthew Dodder
Mountain View

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Comment on Tasman East Specific Plan- Sierra Club SCVAS & CGF
Attachments: SC SCVAS CGF Tasman East to Council 11-9-18.pdf

From: Gita Dev [<mailto:gd@devarchitects.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: A-shani; Alice Kaufman; mike ferreira; 'Sierra Club Chair Trans Gladwyn d'Souza'; James Eggers
Subject: Comment on Tasman East Specific Plan- Sierra Club SCVAS & CGF

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Members of the City Council,

This letter represents the comments of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and the Committee for Green Foothills with regard to the Tasman East Focus Area Specific Plan. Our recommendations for revisions to the language of the Specific Plan are designed to ensure clarity so that if the City Council wishes to ensure that the vision for a riverfront park and connectivity to Ulistac is implemented, specific language requiring such a park is added to the Specific Plan at this stage.

We look forward to the Specific Plan being a model for a Transit Oriented District while also enhancing wildlife and ecology.

Respectfully,

*Gita Dev
Sierra Club Loma Prieta
Sustainable Land Use Committee
415-722-3355*



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November 9, 2018

To Mayor Gillmor and Members of the City Council
City of Santa Clara
Via email <mayorandcouncil@santaclaraca.gov>

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Members of the City Council,

This letter represents the comments of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and the Committee for Green Foothills with regard to the Tasman East Focus Area Specific Plan.

We request the following changes to the Specific Plan:

- A. **Riverfront Park:** Ensure that the River District Open Space Guidelines make clear that the 2.5 acres of dedicated parkland shall be a natural linear park that will “embrace the Guadalupe River as the central focus,” providing a connection to nature for residents and providing connectivity and contiguous habitat with trees and shrubs for birds and pollinators.
- B. **100’ riparian setback:** In line with paragraph A above, to create the riparian edge and protect migratory birds on the Guadalupe flyway, set buildings and hardscape, like parking and driveways, 100’ back along the river.
- C. **55’ height limit within 300’ of river:** For bird safety, to prevent unavoidable bird strikes, to allow space for flocks of migratory birds taking off and landing, on the river and at Ulistac, limit buildings to 55’ height within 300’ of the river.

A. RIVERFRONT PARK

We are pleased to note that the Specific Plan includes explicit goals for a park along the riverfront and enhancing ecology due to proximity to Ulistac Natural Area:

05.2 Open Space Guidelines: River District:

- A. The park shall ... embrace the Guadalupe River as a central feature.
- D. The river district park should be designed to complement the adjacent Guadalupe River and Ulistac Natural Area.

08.1 Ecology:The plan proposes a waterfront park that would provide access to the river and increase tree cover, creating contiguous habitat for migratory birds, butterflies and other pollinators

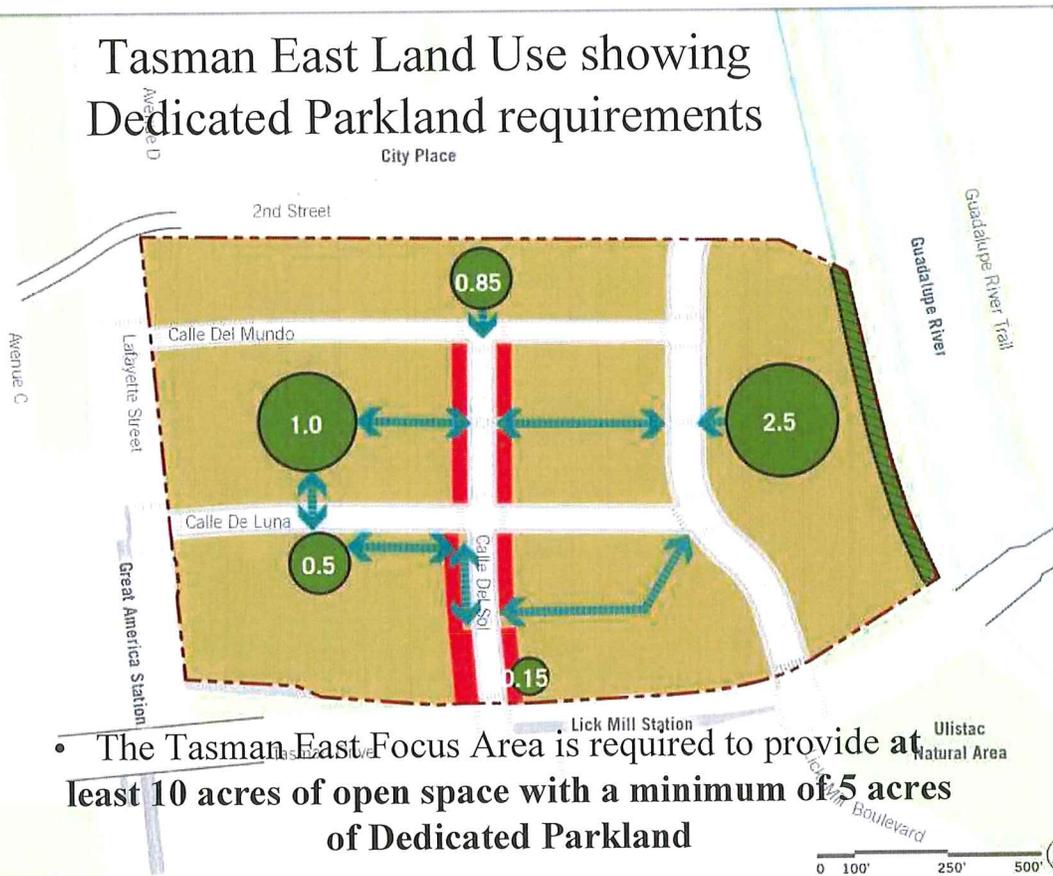
03.4 Sustainability Framework: Urban Forestry and Biodiversity. Redevelopment of this older industrial area presents an opportunity to improve the local ecosystem and enhance the biodiversity of the general area, particularly given the proximity of the riparian corridor and the natural open space of the Ulistac Preserve.

However, the Specific Plan is missing the guidelines that state how this goal is to be achieved. Therefore we request the following change to clarify intent:

Page 70, 05.2 River District (deletions in strikeout; additions underlined)

1. The park in the river District shall ~~maintain public access along the waterfront and be~~ designed to embrace the Guadalupe river as a central feature and provide a park along the riverfront for open space, increasing tree cover creating connectivity and contiguous habitat to Ulistac Natural Area for migratory birds, butterflies and pollinators
2. The park ~~may also provide a public outdoor amphitheater that can host concerts, movies, and other public events shall provide for passive recreation in recognition of the proximity of sensitive wildlife habitat.~~¹

Tasman East Land Use showing Dedicated Parkland requirements

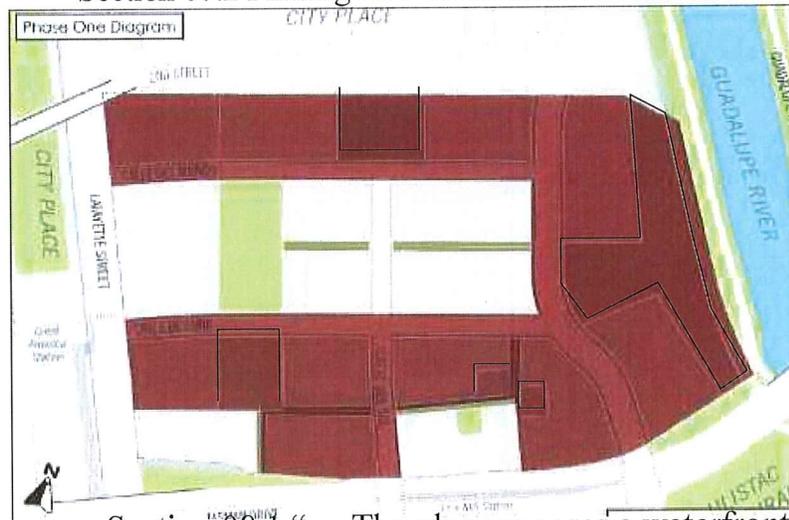


¹ The photograph of water slides on page 70 should be removed, as it is incompatible with the concept of a passive recreation area.

Tasman East Phase One

Conceptual Open Space shown in dark red

Section 07.2 Phasing and Thresholds & in the EIR



Section 08.1 “....The plan proposes a waterfront park that would provide access to the river and increase tree cover, creating contiguous habitat for migratory birds, butterflies, and other pollinators”

B. RIPARIAN BUFFER ALONG RIVER:

From the Draft EIR *Appendix C: Biological Resources*

“The City of Santa Clara does not have an established policy regarding the widths of buffers that should be maintained between development and streams. However, a number of other jurisdictions and entities have evaluated suitable buffers, and the results of those evaluations are applicable to the Tasman East Focus Area Plan. For example, the City of San Jose’s Riparian Corridor Policy Study recommends setbacks of 100 ft from the portion of the Guadalupe River within the City of San Jose... and **determined that 100-ft setbacks are appropriate from perennial streams such as the Guadalupe River** in the northern portion of the VHP area. Therefore, impacts of encroachment into the riparian buffer would be significant for the Tasman East Focus Area Plan only if development (e.g., new buildings, parking areas, or other hardscape) or non-native landscaping were to be located within 100 ft of the baseline, or in areas where such development is already present, any closer to the baseline than existing conditions (i.e., the buffer ranges from approximately 95 ft to 100 ft).”

We request that the following wording be included in the Specific Plan:

Page 83, 06.2 Bulk and Massing: Guidelines

M. All buildings and hardscape shall be set 100’ back from the top of bank along the Guadalupe River.

D. BUILDING HEIGHTS NEAR RIVER:

From Draft EIR, *Section 3.3 Biological Resources, 3.3.2.3 Migratory Birds*

“ Depending on the design and location of the buildings in the Plan Area, some of **the birds using habitats on the site or flying through the site along the Guadalupe River and to native habitats at Ulistac Natural Area are expected to strike the buildings, resulting in injury or death. Considering the close proximity of the Guadalupe River and Ulistac Natural Area, relatively large numbers of birds, compared to other areas of Santa Clara and most of the remainder of the urban Santa Clara Valley floor,** are expected to fly past the site over the long term. Enough individuals of these common species can potentially strike the buildings over the long term to result in a significant impact.

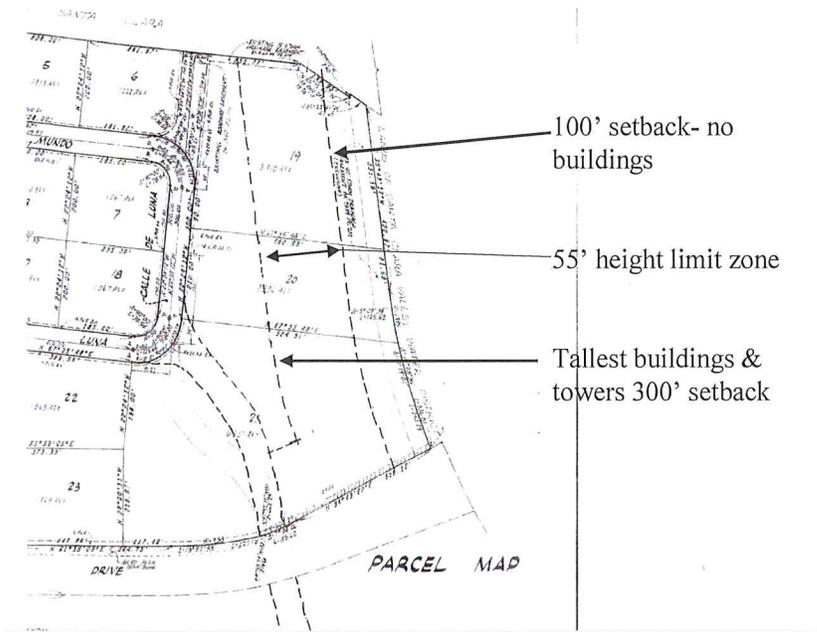
.....The biological consulting firm H.T. Harvey and Associates has recommended (in Appendix C) that **no buildings taller than 55 be constructed within 300 feet of the top of bank along the Guadalupe River or the Ulistac Natural Area habitat** on the southeast side of Tasman Drive. This distance is sufficiently broad to continue to allow adequate aerial movement space for birds that are entering, exiting, or flying in between Ulistac Natural Area and the Guadalupe River following implementation of the Specific Plan. H.T. Harvey and Associates further recommends bird-safe building treatments for all buildings within the Plan Area.

Taking the precautionary approach will prevent many avoidable bird deaths near the richest bird resource of Santa Clara and the lower Guadalupe River.

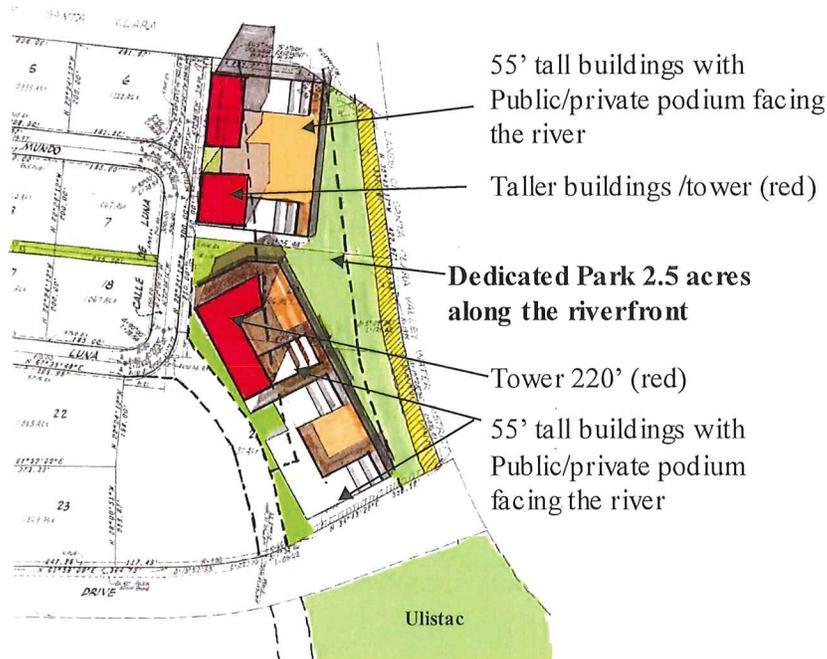
We request that the following wording for a height restriction zone, along the river and Ulistac, be included to protect bird life along the migratory flyway and Ulistac:

Page 80, 06.2 Bulk and Massing: Guidelines

N. No buildings taller than 55' shall be constructed within 300 feet of the top of bank along the Guadalupe River or the Ulistac Natural Area habitat. Beyond this, taller buildings shall be allowed with bird-friendly design.



SITE DIAGRAM OF RIVER DISTRICT SHOWING SETBACKS



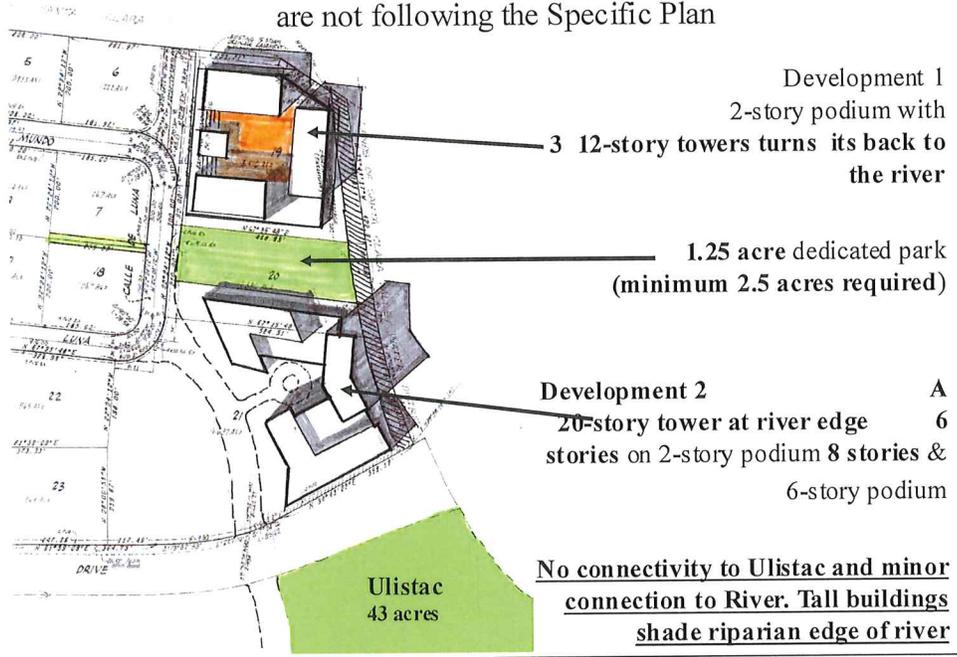
A DIAGRAM OF RIVER DISTRICT – SHOWING RIVERFRONT PARK WITH 55' TALL BUILDINGS AND POTENTIAL TOWER LOCATIONS

Early Development Proposals submitted for Design Review to Planning Department do not follow the Specific Plan:

Although the City Council is considering only the Specific Plan at this time, not the individual development proposals that have been submitted, the designs of these early proposals are a clear indicator of the kinds of proposals that may get approved, unless the current wording in the Specific Plan is modified.

River District – Early Proposed Developments

are not following the Specific Plan



Tasman East - Development One



• 3 12-story towers complex turns back to river

Tasman East – Development Two



20-story tower on river– 6-story on podium – 8-story tower block

As can clearly be seen, these proposals are a far cry from the vision of the Specific Plan, which calls for a “waterfront park” along the river.

- The projects are not “*embracing the Guadalupe as its central focus.*” They turn their backs to the river.

- 1.25 acres of dedicated parkland instead of the required minimum of 2.5 acres and little river focus.
- Little or no visibility of public/private open space that is to be publicly accessible. The podiums are 2-stories off the ground and not easily accessible by the public.
- Towers next to the river shade the river and riparian edge, degrading existing riparian habitat and discouraging birds and wildlife
- Glass windows and bright lights of buildings right next to the river will result in extremely high bird strikes and degrading of wildlife and Ulistac.

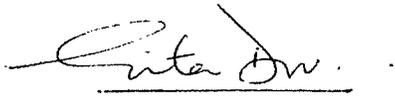
Our recommendations for revisions to the language of the Specific Plan are designed to ensure clarity so that development proposals such as these will not be brought forward for approval.

Once the Specific Plan is approved, development proposals under the Specific Plan may not come before the City Council or the Planning Commission.

This makes it vital that, if the City Council wishes to ensure that the vision for a Riverfront Park and connectivity to Ulistac is implemented, specific language requiring such a park is added to the Specific Plan at this stage.

We look forward to the Specific Plan being a model for a Transit Oriented District while also enhancing wildlife and ecology.

Respectfully,



Gita Dev, Sustainable Land Use Committee
Sierra Club Loma Prieta



Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society



Alice Kaufman, Legislative Advocacy Director
Committee for Green Foothills

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman Specific Plan to complement Ulistac National Area

From: Devon Jackson [<mailto:devon@grassrootsecology.org>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman Specific Plan to complement Ulistac National Area

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Santa Clara City Council Members,

My name is Devon Jackson and I am a resident of Santa Clara county. I work for a local non-profit organization called Grassroots Ecology, which restores habitat for wildlife throughout the South Bay and Peninsula area. My colleagues and I care deeply about the sensitive habitat along the San Francisco Bay, particularly the Ulistac Natural Area. Please do not draw up a "statement of overriding considerations" regarding the significant impacts to migratory bird habitat as a result of this project. Transit oriented development and preservation of our wildlife are not mutually exclusive, which is why tall buildings should be set back at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River to ensure that local wildlife are not disturbed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Devon Jackson, Restoration Specialist II	
	3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303-4303 Phone: (805) 708-8939 grassrootsecology.org
Facebook Instagram	

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please protect birds and precious urban wilderness.

-----Original Message-----

From: Judy Wong [<mailto:jwotr@att.net>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please protect birds and precious urban wilderness.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

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Lynn Garcia

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please save the Ulistac Natural Area birds

From: Meg Dastrup [<mailto:meg@wordpowerplus.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 8:35 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please save the Ulistac Natural Area birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members, Have you ever watched in horror as a bird commits kamikaze crashing into a plate-glass window? I have.

And I have just learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac features high-rise residential towers. Imagine how deadly all those windows could be for the birds that fly along the Guadalupe River!

Please make sure that any tall buildings are set back far enough from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara, as is the Guadalupe River Corridor. If destroyed, natural habitats such as these would be difficult if not impossible to resurrect.

Yes, our city needs more housing. However, all development, commercial as well as residential, should be designed with the local ecology in mind. Our prospective new neighbors deserve to know their homes are not degrading the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you,

Meg

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Jeff LaTourrette [<mailto:jefflat@ix.netcom.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 11:06 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

Mayor Gillmor and City Council members :

My name is Jeff LaTourrette and I live in San Jose and work in Santa Clara, just a few minutes from Ulistac. Ulistac is a wild and wide-open gem of open space allowing runners, hiker and bikers to take in beautiful open space and wildlife, especially birds just minutes from high tech firms. This is a major wildlife corridor and migration path.

I often take lunchtime hikes there and sometimes on a Saturday morning.

I understand development plans for high density housing could be placed dangerously close to the Guadalupe River. Please consider providing significant buffering between the development and the River. The River and its freshwater marshes and habitat don't need to be in the shadow of giant 20-story high-rises. Please consider sensible, environmentally friendly development in this area, otherwise you stand to damage and marginalize the great park that Ulistac is, which is a great credit to the City of Santa Clara.

Please consider transit-oriented development more than 300 feet from the River. Please consider a river park area much like is found in areas of San Jose along the Guadalupe. Please follow San Jose's examples to make sure that all new development is bird-friendly and designed to prevent rather than enhance bird-strikes. Please don't make this into the armpit of the Guadalupe River Trail.

You all have a chance to do it right.

Thanks for your attention and consideration,

Jeff LaTourrette
West San Jose

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: DON'T MESS WITH ULISTAC

From: cynthia berg [<mailto:birdergirl@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 9:50 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: DON'T MESS WITH ULISTAC

I'm a birdwatcher and a santa clara resident and Ulistac is an incredible resource. PLEASE DON'T MESS WITH ANY MORE DEVELOPMENT AROUND THAT AREA. Santa clara is already going crazy with development – it's a nightmare. The stadium was bad enough – let's not make it any worse.

cynthia berg
1092 pomeroy ave
Santa clara, ca 95051

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please make sure Ulistac Natural Area is not compromised in the Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Fransien and Jeroen [mailto:vandenberg_fonderie@ieee.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 8:18 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please make sure Ulistac Natural Area is not compromised in the Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I'm hoping this is a hoax (high rise residential towers planned on the liquefying soil of the baylands? Not very likely...), but if not, here goes, I have learned from Gita Dev of the Peninsula Regional Group of the Sierra Club (through a post on the Nextdoor site) that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac, is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for your consideration,

Fransien van den Berg,

3449 Fowler Avenue, Santa Clara

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Save the Ulistac Natural Area birds.

From: Bernadette Christmas [<mailto:loopywafflelips1@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 7:32 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Save the Ulistac Natural Area birds.

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Lynn Garcia

Subject: FW: Tasman East Project

From: Larry Spivak [<mailto:larry8141@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 1:54 PM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Tasman East Project

Greetings

I recently received news that the City Council is about to approve a project at Tasman East that will have a very high negative impact on both Ulistac Natural Area and upon all birds migrating along Guadeloupe River. I have been active in the birding community in Santa Clara Valley for over 20 years and enjoy the birds that have come to Ulistac, including many rarely seen species. I teach birding classes in Palo Alto and Sunnyvale and always enjoy bringing my students to Ulistac and never fail to let them know that it is in Santa Clara. Losing this opportunity would be a great loss.

Building on Tasman East does not have to be a "to hell with the birds" situation as many of the previous efforts at Ulistac have been. The tall towers need to be away from the river by 300 feet or they will cause the deaths of many migrating birds who usually fly by night and cannot see the buildings. A park by the river with many trees will assist the birds migration and will also enhance Ulistac instead of degrading it.

But you know all of this. It is in the Environmental Impact Report. Why are you choosing to ignore the report when there are good alternatives? Again!

Larry Spivak, Board Member
Environmental Volunteers
San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Plans for Ulistac

From: Heather [<mailto:hhyde@igc.org>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Heather Hyde
Subject: Plans for Ulistac

Please reconsider the plan for permitting buildings at Ulistac!
Ulistac is a precious natural resource and should be protected from development. We are in danger of losing places which can remind us of the original natural beauty of this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heather Hyde
Homestead Rd., 95050

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Sent from my Android device with K-9 Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

Lynn Garcia

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Natural Area

From: Craig Russell [<mailto:cwrrussell@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 8:02 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac Natural Area

City governors of Santa Clara,

Please reconsider the development plans near the Ulistac Natural Area. High rise building here would be a danger to wildlife and negatively impact quality of life for existing residents. Do not develop this are any higher than it already is.

Craig Russell
30 plus year Santa Clara resident.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: RE: Ullistac Natural Area and proposed housing

From: colleencabot@earthlink.net [<mailto:colleencabot@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:15 AM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Re: RE: Ullistac Natural Area and proposed housing

I apologize for this automatic reply to your email.

To control spam, I now allow incoming messages only from senders I have approved beforehand.

If you would like to be added to my list of approved senders, please fill out the short request form (see link below). Once I approve you, I will receive your original message in my inbox. You do not need to resend your message. I apologize for this one-time inconvenience.

Click the link below to fill out the request:

<https://webmail.pas.earthlink.net/wam/addme?a=colleencabot@earthlink.net&id=11e8-e756-e668475a-b170-00212810e2dc>

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Ruchi Wadhawan [<mailto:rwadh@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:00 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

My name is Ruchi Wadhawan. I love birds and I spend a lot of time watching them and photographing them. Spending time watching them makes you realize how beautiful birds are and how precious places like Ulistac, on the Guadalupe river, are for birds.

I plan to attend the City Council meeting today. This will be the first time ever that I will have taken the time to speak before a City Council. I will attend because I love birds and I don't want to see them harmed or chased away by new development. I know that Ulistac is an important rest stop for many migratory birds as well as home for about 150 different beautiful birds, some resident here and some migrating through here.

Any new development should help to make the Ulistac area more inviting more birds. I understand that we can have a park along the river -with trees - that will make the river edge even better than it is now. I think everyone would love thisa place to spend time outside and enjoy the river.

I know we need housing but it would not be good to locate buildings close to the river. We need to keep the buildings back from the river and keep tall buildings further away as birds always fly into building windows and die. We need to make the new plan so that it helps Ulistac ...so it does not hurt the birds that flock here.

Let us not make this housing versus birds. I hope we can modify the plan so that birds will not be harmed.

Thanks
Ruchi

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: 2018 Nov 13 Agenda Item: 1530/1540 Pomeroy Avenue Residential Project

From: John Lesnick [mailto:jdlesnick@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 6:01 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: 2018 Nov 13 Agenda Item: 1530/1540 Pomeroy Avenue Residential Project

Honorable Mayor and members of City Council:

Please find below the transcript of a public comment regarding the 1530/1540 Pomeroy Avenue Residential Project given at the Santa Clara City Council meeting on November 13, 2018. Thank you.

John Lesnick

Santa Clara Resident

The request to rezone the 1530/1540 Pomeroy Avenue Project PLN2016-12053 (Rezone) cannot be passed in good conscience or based on fair and objective analysis. Approval of this rezoning is not in the best interest of the City of Santa Clara and in fact is detrimental to the City and Neighborhood.

The designation of the southern section (1530 Pomeroy) of the site is Very Low Density Residential. The proposal to rezone to PD allows the owner to increase the number of units allowable on this plot from 2 to 4. Approval of this proposal only serves the financial aims of the 1530 owner.

The General Plan land use designation of the northern section of the site (1540 Pomeroy) is Community Mixed Use (CMU) and is located within the El Camino Real Focus Area. The current zoning is Agricultural, and the request is to rezone to PD. If the property is developed and rezoned to CMU, as deemed appropriate by City Planners and City Council, the property could support 9 housing units AND commercial property. Instead, the proposed plan provides only 4 housing units on the property and NO commercial property. Approving this proposal is financially irresponsible to the City of Santa Clara and propagates the abuse of PD zoning.

The El Camino Real is the City's most visible and identifiable commercial corridor. The City's General Plan vision for El Camino Real is to transform the Focus Area from a series of automobile-oriented strip malls to a tree-lined, pedestrian and transit-oriented corridor with a mix of residential and retail uses. Approval of this project steals from the El Camino Real Specific Plan.

As a neighbor, contrary to the false statements in the Letter of Justification, I prefer a buffer zone to the El Camino Development as it is identified in the General Plan. I prefer the old growth trees for sound and wind breaks from El Camino that would be chopped down for the owner of 1530. I prefer nice commercial establishments to walk to and spend money locally to support the city. Not walk along an established neighborhood to cross onto a misfit stretch of sidewalk along an ill-fitting in-fill project.

The request to approve THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE 1530 – 1540 POMEROY AVENUE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT CEQ2017-01036 cannot be passed in good conscience or based on objective analysis. To start, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is not an available document to review on-line as of Nov 13, 2018. Considering the facts and evidence the City has been made aware of, as a result of the report and public comment, and recognized to have significant impact on the environment, as well as property and potentially life; the MND does not in fact reduce impact to a less than significant level in all cases.

The Resolution under consideration has very strong language of compliance to CEQA and conviction in the mitigation measures. Each Council Member and Mayor are encouraged to understand what they are accepting as True, Complete and "that approval of this project as mitigated will have no significant negative impacts on the area's environmental resources, cumulative or otherwise".

The MND is incomplete, it extends mitigation measures to 'conditions of approval' outside the CEQA guidelines. The language implies the City will represent my interests in legally binding documents e.g. Deed restrictions. If there is to be legal language protecting my property and family then my attorney needs to be consulted. It is incomplete as it does not address waste water / drainage impact considering BR-3 for example. Clearly, public response generated changes to Mitigated Measures e.g. some were edited in the response document. These changes have not been acknowledged publicly and vetted as the language speaks from a position of specific knowledge and it is not clear these are informed changes that would reduce the environmental impact to less than significant e.g. D-11, 12 and 13. The petitioner professes use of PD to obtain zoning exemptions and then encumber the mitigation measures is irresponsible and negligent e.g. the side setback for unit 5 is 10' while the TPZ extends to 15' and nearly the entire width of the TPZ is cut off by unit 5. 33% of the Tree Protection Zone is not protected. DDE, DDT, Arsenic and Mercury were in the TPZ area (not to discount the other toxic contamination of the property) and not reasonably addressed, in reality or in spirit, of the CEQA guidelines. Some mitigation measures are based on hope and chance which again do not represent the spirit of the CEQA guidelines e.g. PII ESA with extremely high probability will positively identify contaminants based on significant findings of PI ESA. Triggering HM3 and MH4 impacting BR-3

etcetera. These are serious matters with consequence and we hereby reserve the right to bring suits, claims, and actions for any and all causes of action arising from this decision where comments, issues and concerns have been made on the matter here or in the past.

The Planning Commission did not approve this project. Public response and suggestion for appropriate mitigation measures are contained in the report. The members of the Planning Commission also suggested the same mitigation measures to support consideration of the project. The universal mitigation measure suggested for this project was to reduce the number of units on the property of 1530 Pomeroy. The Council and Mayor should support this reasonable and widely accepted mitigation measure.

For the reasons described above, reduced housing units and eliminating commercial opportunity for the city and significant environmental impact, the tentative subdivision map should not be approved by the Mayor and City Council representing Santa Clarans.

Thank you for your time, service and consideration.

John Lesnick

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

From: Nancy Fetterman [<mailto:nafetter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 5:47 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan should protect our birds

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

Please don't affect the migratory bird habitat, the Ulistac Natural Area, by authorizing the construction of high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levy. I have learned from the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac Natural Area, is planning high rise residential towers 40-ft from the levee. Towers so close to the river will be deadly for migratory birds that fly here along the Guadalupe, and as planned, will cause a significant and unavoidable harm to birds at the site and beyond.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

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Nancy and Terry Fetterman

29115 Loma Prieta Way

Los Gatos, CA 95033

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan at Ulistac opposition/suggestions
Attachments: SCC Wildlife at Ulistac, Housing Plan letter to SC City Council 11-13-18.docx

From: Kathryn Mathewson [<mailto:kmathewson@secretgardens.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 3:52 AM
To: Mayor and Council; Teresa O'Neill
Cc: 'Teresa O'Neill'
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan at Ulistac opposition/suggestions

November 13, 2018

TO: Santa Clara Mayor and City Council Members

RE: Tasman East Specific Plan and Ulistac Nature Area

As a biologist, urban ecologist, and landscape architect with a local business for nearly 40 years, a K-12 graduate of the San Jose Unified School District, and a person who has lived all my life near the 40 acre Ulistac Nature Area, I am writing to oppose the current Tasman East Specific Plan. Why? It does not relate to and consider its neighbor across the street, Ulistac and the Guadalupe River and the birds. Since Ulistac is the only nature preserve in the City of Santa Clara and since it is the last undeveloped land along the River, this site is a terrific opportunity for the City to create a nature based building project and site plan.

The current 20 ft. rectangular housing project 40 ft. from the Guadalupe River is not acceptable. New development along the Guadalupe River corridor should be inspired by its neighbors: the birds, beneficial insects, pollinators, native plants, and historical river. The developers should go back to their drawing boards and find nature inspired architects, landscape architects, designers, and biologists/ecologists to create buildings and a site plan which include the inspiration from its neighbor, Ulistac and the Guadalupe River.

Following are some nature ideas for the Tasman East Specific Plan:

1. Ensure that the building (or buildings) are not so tall that they create year-round shade on the Ulistac site.
2. The building should be set back from the street far enough to have tall trees to soften the building's roof line as well have foundation plants. Then the building will look like it belongs to the Ulistac site.
3. Use native meadow grasses rather than lawns.
4. Consider building shapes which are not boxy forms. Include balconies which are large enough for plants and sitting areas on the balconies for those living in the complex.
5. The building's color should have an earthy tone (tans and deeper greens) with no bright colors.
6. The site plan should be inspired by the Ulistac vegetation and its birds, beneficial insects, and pollinators. Remember: this is the last major flyway for birds in the City of Santa Clara. Give the birds room to fly!
7. Consider designing the site so it will become a "Certified Wildlife Habitat".
8. The site should have many peaceful places for its residents to sit and enjoy watching nature around them.

Three years ago the Santa Clara County Medical Foundation held a conference titled "Electronics and Health". Professors and researchers with PhDs and doctors came from all over the U.S. to speak. Silicon Valley doctors are becoming increasingly concerned about the damage technology is having on the health of their patients. Since 2000 there is 65% more autism in our Santa Clara County. Doctors spoke about the healing power of nature and the need to balance nature

with technology. California Alliance for Safe Technology: <http://www.ca4safertech.com>, Physicians for Safe Technology: www.MDSafetech.org

My thanks to the Loma Prieta Sierra Club for bringing this important issue to my attention. The Santa Clara City Council has in its power to make a huge difference in the city and county of Santa Clara and in our world. Please consider the urban nature ideas I have suggested in this letter.

Kathryn Mathewson
Secret Gardens
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San Jose, CA 95128
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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: cuauhtemoc galvan [<mailto:cuauhtemoc012@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:31 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

To all whom it may apply,

Good evening, my name is Cuauhtemoc Galvan and I am a neighboring resident of San Jose, student at San Jose State University, and more importantly an aspiring environmentalist. I writing you fine people in my most sincerest and respectful protest to protect the beautiful wild life that we are blessed to share our living spaces with. Specifically, I am referring to my protest to the development proposed from the Tasman East Specific Plan that will indefinitely remove and kill natural Ulistac area along the Guadalupe River that is home to many species of migratory birds throughout the year. I hold a deep appreciation for all animals and their habitats, especially when they are entrenched in our city developments in this day and age. I find it absolutely unethical to allow the killing of birds and their habitats for capital gain. I ask that you not make the case a housing versus bird issue by offering a determination of overriding considerations about the possible damages to the birds habitat. The City of Santa Clara, under your supervision, can and should require the plan to prohibit tall buildings from 300 feet away from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. I demand on behalf of all environmentalists and animal/ plant species affected that a park be designed next to the river to compliment the beauty of the natural area. I honestly believe you fine community leaders can create a perfectly designed, mixed-use and transit-oriented development at Tasman East that both serves the community and contributes to the Ulistac natural area and protection of all birds, thank you.

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Preserving bird habitat at Ulistac

From: Pat Blair [<mailto:pbp24@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 5:53 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Pat Blair; Teresa O'Neill
Subject: Preserving bird habitat at Ulistac

Dear Mayor and City Council Members I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.



Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

From: Patricia Tind [<mailto:patind@pacbell.net>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 5:43 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

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Regards,
Patricia Tind
471 Magnolia Lane
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac development / Tasman East Specific Plan

From: diane@dianesdreamdestinations.biz [<mailto:diane@dianesdreamdestinations.biz>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 5:12 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac development / Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have learned, from nextdoor, that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. They will also shade the park which may negatively impact existing plants.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back far enough from Ulistac and the Guadeloupe River edge so that birds and sun-loving plants will continue to thrive there.

Ulistac and the Guadalupe River Corridor are precious resources for Santa Clarans, and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for trees, birds, beneficial insects, and other pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard this natural habitat.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Harrison
3283 Benton St.
Santa Clara, CA 95051
408-554-5854 or 408-246-8149
diane@dianesdreamdestinations.biz

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac!

From: Jeannette Weedermann [<mailto:jeannette.weedermann@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac!

Dear Mayor and City Council Members I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you for taking that seriously,
Jeannette Weedermann
(Santa Clara)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Christine [<mailto:christineslocomb@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

hello Mayor and City Council of Santa Clara,

I am work in downtown Santa Clara and I work in environmental education. [Ulistac Natural Area](#), is an essential park of our community and I love for visit g it for the birds, nature festivals, and restoration volunteer activities. I love the birds along the Guadalupe River and at Ulistac and wish that the Council would protect birds and keep them from harm. I would like you to consider providing a park along the Guadalupe River that is specifically designed to complement the river and [Ulistac Natural Area](#). We need more urban spaces areas for trees, birds, and butterflies as well as ourselves to live happy healthy lives.

Please don't make it a housing versus birds issue by making a "determination of overriding considerations" regarding hazards to birds. The City can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. The City can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements [Ulistac Natural Area](#) and protects our birds from harm.

Thank you for your support and helping protect open spaces for birds and other wildlife.

Sincerely,
Christine Zack
Biologist MSc and Environmental Educator

Sent from my iPhone

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

From: Cindy Alderson [<mailto:calderso@jps.net>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 3:56 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. Development of housing is critically needed, but unfortunately, 20+ story high Towers are planned just 40' from the Guadalupe River. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. This plan is not what residents envisioned or what was discussed.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back far enough from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara, as is as the Guadalupe River Corridor, and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Alderson
1104 Pomeroy Ave.
Santa Clara

 Virus-free. www.avast.com

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Proposed Ordinance

From: Ron Patrick [<mailto:ron.patrick@ecm-co.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 3:53 PM
To: John Davidson
Cc: Lisa Gillmor; Debi Davis; Patricia Mahan; Kathy Watanabe; Teresa O'Neill; 'Mindy A'
Subject: Tasman East Proposed Ordinance

John,

I request that the proposed ordinance not merely honor the existing conditions for property owners, but recognize that the existing conditions should be allowed to continue at the election of the property owners. Section 08.1 of the 10/19/2018 Tasman East Plan draft report recognizes that “The policy for this transition takes into consideration the likelihood that existing owners of light industrial land may want to remain light industrial for the foreseeable future, and even transfer their land to future light industrial users.” (Draft, p. 108). However, the proposed statute does not go far enough in offering those protections, nor in allowing existing users to even take a sabbatical without risk of forfeiture of their valuable property rights.

Consequently, please amend proposed section 18.25.050 to read as follows:

18.25.050 Existing Buildings and Uses

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Chapter, the use of existing buildings for light industrial purposes may continue and none of the other sections of this Chapter 18.25 shall apply, as though the prior zoning of the parcel remained. If the property is transferred (i.e. sold or rented), this use for light industrial purposes may continue until the owner decides to develop parcel for transit neighborhood purposes.
- (b) Allowed Uses. Parcels may be used for permitted light industrial purposes until parcel owner decides to develop parcel for transit neighborhood purposes. None of the other sections of this Chapter 18.25 shall apply.
- (c) Conditional Uses. Parcels may be used for conditional light industrial purposes until parcel owner decides to develop parcel for transit neighborhood purposes. None of the other sections of this Chapter 18.25 shall apply.
- (d) Development Standards. Parcels shall have development standards of light industrial zoning remain until parcel owner decides to develop parcel for transit neighborhood purposes. None of the other sections of this Chapter 18.25 shall apply.

Lastly, and with respect to your comment today that “it may be too late”: In the last three years, I have gone to every meeting on the Tasman East plan, often with other owners, and at every meeting I and/or others have stood up and asked for the same thing (the above). Furthermore, we have been assured at these meetings that our property rights would be preserved and these assurances have been recorded. However, the proposed ordinance is ambiguous with words such as: “legal use”, “existing use”, and “has been discontinued”. Does this mean that if one of our fire extinguishers is out of date that we are no longer practicing “legal use” and lose our property rights?

The time is now for the city to honor its promises to Tasman East property owners with a straight-forward, unambiguous ordinance.

Thank you,

Ron Patrick

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: SV@Home Letter RE: Tasman East Precise Plan
Attachments: SVH Letter RE Tasman East Precise Plan.pdf; Attachment 1 - 2018 State Income Limits 4.26.2018.xls

From: David Meyer [<mailto:david@siliconvalleyathome.org>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Debi Davis; Lisa Gillmor; Patrick Kolstad; Patricia Mahan; Teresa O'Neill; Kathy Watanabe; Clerk
Cc: Huascar Castro; Jonathan Veach; Andrew Crabtree
Subject: SV@Home Letter RE: Tasman East Precise Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor, Vice Mayor Watanabe, and Councilmembers Davis, Kolstad, Mahan, and O'Neill:

On behalf of SV@Home and our members, we write today to provide comments on the Tasman East Precise Plan. The Plan represents an exciting opportunity for Santa Clara, with the potential for up to 4,500 new homes as part of a transit-oriented, vibrant neighborhood. We urge the City Council to consider opportunities that would incentivize high density housing while maintaining a commitment to producing the affordable housing that the community needs.

While we appreciate the efforts of city staff to consider creative ways to incentivize housing development, please find in our attached letter two concerns and one recommendation for making this vision a reality.

Sincerely,

David

David Meyer
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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

November 7, 2018

Mayor Gillmor and Members of the City Council
 City of Santa Clara
 1500 Warburton Avenue
 Santa Clara, CA 9505

Dear Mayor Gillmor, Vice Mayor Watanabe, and Councilmembers Davis, Kolstad, Mahan, and O'Neill:

Re: Tasman East Precise Plan

On behalf of SV@Home and our members, we write today to provide comments on the Tasman East Precise Plan. The Plan represents an exciting opportunity for Santa Clara, with the potential for up to 4,500 new homes as part of a transit-oriented, vibrant neighborhood. We urge the City Council to consider opportunities that would incentivize high density housing while maintaining a commitment to producing the affordable housing that the community needs.

As an organization that supports housing for all, SV@Home advocates for maximizing the amount of affordable housing built across a range of income levels. Our goal is that homes are actually built, not just planned.

While we appreciate the efforts of city staff to consider creative ways to incentivize housing development, we have two concerns and one recommendation:

- SV@Home recommends as a best practice that cities adopt an overall affordability goal of at least 20% in large planning areas. Specific plan processes offer opportunities to achieve both higher density and affordability at a range of income levels, with affordable homes being included in market-rate developments alongside standalone affordable development. The cities of Mountain View and Cupertino adopted a 20% goal for the North Bayshore and Vallco planning areas, respectively. San Jose has a goal of 25% affordability for its Urban Villages.

We are concerned that the proposed density incentive structure in the Tasman East Plan, which allows developers to reduce the overall percentage of affordable housing units required in a project if they build to a higher density, would result in an overall affordability level under 10% for the first phase of construction and under 15% for the second phase.

Ron Gonzales, Chair
*Hispanic Foundation
 of Silicon Valley*

Janice Jensen, Vice Chair
*Habitat for Humanity
 East Bay/Silicon Valley*

Kevin Zwick, Treasurer
Housing Trust Silicon Valley

Kathy Thibodeaux, Secretary
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Working Partnerships USA

Gina Dalma
*Silicon Valley Community
 Foundation*

Katie Ferrick
LinkedIn

Amie Fishman
*Non-Profit Housing Association of
 Northern California*

Javier Gonzalez
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Sacred Heart Community Service

Nathan Ho
Silicon Valley Leadership Group

Janikke Klem
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Jan Lindenthal
MidPen Housing

Jennifer Loving
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Staff

Leslye Corsiglia
Executive Director

Honorable Mayor Gillmor and Members of the City Council
November 8, 2018
Re: Tasman East Precise Plan
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- As currently envisioned, the deed-restricted homes built in Tasman East will follow Santa Clara's Inclusionary Zoning policy which sets affordability targets at 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This means that currently a family of three in a two-bedroom, deed-restricted apartment would pay slightly more than \$2,800 a month. We are concerned that these rents are not truly affordable. Again, other jurisdictions have rental housing affordability targets for very low- and low-income households (see attached table).
- As a large planning area, Tasman East offers the opportunity to site a Measure A development that provides Permanent Supportive Housing for the homeless. The City of Santa Clara had 272 homeless residents as of the 2017 Point in Time survey, with 199 of the 272 unsheltered. We recommend that the City include a Measure A development as a component of the Plan Area.

In summary, given the ongoing affordability crisis that affects families across Santa Clara County, SV@Home urges the Council to set an affordability goal of at least 20% in the Tasman East Specific Plan and set the required affordability at levels affordable to lower income households. To reach these targets in the current market environment, this may require the city to consider how to incentivize the construction of 100% affordable developments in the precise plan area. For example, we recommend the Council consider leveraging Measure A funds to facilitate a Permanent Supportive Housing development.

Tasman East has great potential to be a vibrant neighborhood, accessible to transit options and nearby employment opportunities. Building housing options for families of different income levels is key to making real the vision of a diverse, inclusive, and prosperous community.

We thank you for your consideration and for your work to increase affordable housing opportunities in Santa Clara.

Sincerely,



David Meyer
Director of Strategic Initiatives

California Code of Regulations-Title 25 § 6932
 2018 Santa Clara County Median Income:
\$125,200

effective 4/26/2018

2018 AMI for Santa Clara County												
HH	ELI	VLI				LI			Med	Mod	Mod	
		35%	40%	45%	50%	60%	80%	100%				110%
	30%											
1	27,950	30,700	35,050	39,450	46,550	52,600	66,150	87,650	96,400	105,200		
2	31,950	35,050	40,050	45,050	53,200	60,100	75,600	100,150	110,150	120,200		
3	35,950	39,450	45,100	50,700	59,850	67,600	85,050	112,700	123,950	135,250		
4	39,900	43,800	50,100	56,350	66,500	75,100	94,450	125,200	137,700	150,250		
5	43,100	47,300	54,100	60,850	71,850	81,100	102,050	135,200	148,700	162,250		
6	46,300	50,850	58,100	65,350	77,150	87,150	109,600	145,250	159,800	174,300		
7	49,500	54,350	62,100	69,850	82,500	93,150	117,150	155,250	170,800	186,300		
8	52,700	57,850	66,100	74,350	87,800	99,150	124,700	165,250	181,800	198,350		

Maximum Rent Limits 2018 (Gross Rent)*												
Studios	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	60%	80%	100%	110%	120%	Person	
											1bd	2bd
1 Bd	698	767	876	986	1,163	1,315	1,653	2,191	2,410	2,630	3bd	4 person
2 Bd	798	876	1,001	1,126	1,330	1,502	1,890	2,503	2,753	3,005	4bd	5 person
3 Bd	898	986	1,127	1,267	1,496	1,690	2,126	2,817	3,098	3,381		
4 Bd	997	1,095	1,252	1,408	1,662	1,877	2,361	3,130	3,442	3,756		
	1,077	1,182	1,352	1,521	1,796	2,027	2,551	3,380	3,717	4,056		

*Tenant paid rent plus a utility allowance cannot exceed Maximum Rent limits. Utility allowance must be is the amount deducted from the household's rent portion when tenant is responsible for utilities.

Current Utility Allowance Schedule
https://www.scchousingauthority.org/assets/1/6/2018_UA_Schedule_.pdf

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: Anson Wong [<mailto:ashdragon@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Ms. Gillmor and Santa Clara City Council,

As a resident of Santa Clara and a nature lover, I was alarmed to hear that the Tasman East Specific Plan will allow for the development of high rise towers right across the street from the Ulistac Natural Area. Such buildings near Ulistac can be detrimental to birds who fly along the river.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds and other wildlife.

Sincerely,

Anson Wong
Santa Clara Resident

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

-----Original Message-----

From: John Miller [<mailto:miller@johnmillerpr.com>]

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 3:33 PM

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

City of Santa Clara

Dear Officials,

I am writing regarding the Tasman East Plan and the need to include in it adequate protections for birds and other wildlife especially adjacent to the river and to the existing Ulistac Natural Area. I can personally testify to the all too frequent incidents of birds inadvertently striking my home whose exterior consists of a considerable amount of glass. Had I the opportunity to design my home again, I would certainly employ the selection of anti-reflective glazing whose transparency helps reduce bird impacts. Such glazing would be a good choice in this project.

In addition, the city should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. Also, special care should be exercised in the selection and operation of both exterior and interior lighting in buildings adjacent to the river. Taking these steps will go a long way toward establishing a sustainable, environmentally friendly mixed use neighborhood that will be a credit to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Miller
928 Oak Ridge Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Project

From: Larry Spivak [<mailto:larry8141@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 1:54 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Project

Greetings

I recently received news that the City Council is about to approve a project at Tasman East that will have a very high negative impact on both Ulistac Natural Area and upon all birds migrating along Guadeloupe River. I have been active in the birding community in Santa Clara Valley for over 20 years and enjoy the birds that have come to Ulistac, including many rarely seen species. I teach birding classes in Palo Alto and Sunnyvale and always enjoy bringing my students to Ulistac and never fail to let them know that it is in Santa Clara. Losing this opportunity would be a great loss.

Building on Tasman East does not have to be a "to hell with the birds" situation as many of the previous efforts at Ulistac have been. The tall towers need to be away from the river by 300 feet or they will cause the deaths of many migrating birds who usually fly by night and cannot see the buildings. A park by the river with many trees will assist the birds migration and will also enhance Ulistac instead of degrading it.

But you know all of this. It is in the Environmental Impact Report. Why are you choosing to ignore the report when there are good alternatives? Again!

Larry Spivak, Board Member
Environmental Volunteers
San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East must Protect Ulistac Natural Area

From: Sybil J. Cramer [<mailto:sybilcramer@mac.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East must Protect Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and All Council Members,

Please, make sure that birds and wildlife are protected and a public park area along the Guadalupe River provided for the rest of our citizens to enjoy!

Don't let the developers and greed overshadow the Public Good. You are our hope for protecting us the residents and voters against unwise plans.

Please, cooperate with the local Audubon representatives and others to protect open spaces for birds, wildlife— and the voting public!

Thank you,

Sybil Cramer

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: M Mahar [<mailto:nature.lover@runbox.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 10:23 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Council Members,

I am a resident of San Jose, and someone who deeply appreciates the precious green spaces we have for both humans and animals. It's all of our duty to create human habitat that factors in the preservation of bird and animal habitat, for the health of all.

As such, I'm very concerned about the proposed Tasman East Specific Plan because of the hazards it poses for bird populations in the Ulistac Natural Area, especially given that it is along the critical Pacific Flyway. The City should require that this project set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. In that gap, please provide a park along the River, with trees - again for the benefit of both people and wildlife!

We have talented city planners that can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East, while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area.

I have confidence that you will balance the economic and ecological interests of this project, and make the right choice.

Thank you so much for your dedication and service to our community!

Melissa Mahar
San Jose, CA

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

From: Kurt Rubin and Lori Telson [<mailto:nalkfamily@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: PlanningCommission; Lynn Garcia; City Attorney; nalkfamily@yahoo.com
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you.

Also, you do not have my permission to share this email or the contents of this email, my name, my email address or anything related to this email with anyone else. If this email is to be copied or used by staff with other staff or in any public manner or forum, please redact my email address and my last name.

Lori Telson

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Pan

From: Mackenzie Mossing [<mailto:mackenziemossing@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 10:45 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Pan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and members of the Santa Clara City Council,

As someone who frequents the Ulistac Natural Area and the Guadalupe River to enjoy birds, wildlife, and nature, I am extremely disheartened by the renderings of the proposed Tasman East Specific Plan and the lack of policy to integrate and protect nature. This is not what Santa Clara residents envisioned.

The plan shows towering buildings within 40-ft of the Guadalupe River, with little to no consideration of the surrounding ecosystems. This type of design is deadly to migrating birds and other critters that congregate along riparian corridors- habitat that is already critically threatened nationwide.

I urge you to join other Cities in Santa Clara County and demonstrate environmental leadership by directing policies within the plan that will protect Ulistac and the Guadalupe for wildlife and residents to enjoy. We can and *should* develop housing in a way that is sensitive to these natural gems.

Specifically, please:

1. **Do not make a determination of overriding consideration regarding hazards to birds.** It is now widely recognized that bird collisions with man-made structures, especially glass buildings, are significant contributors to bird mortality and the decline of bird populations worldwide.
2. **Require a 300-ft building setback from the Guadalupe levee in order to provide room for a park that is specifically designed to compliment the native ecosystem with native trees and vegetation.** We want to be able to continue to enjoy this beautiful natural area!

Santa Clara can address the housing crises without sacrificing our environment. With your guidance, the City can build a dense, transit-oriented development that compliments the Ulistac Natural Area and protects wildlife from unnecessary hazards.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie Mossing
(408) 394-0330

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Carolyn Straub [<mailto:carolyn.rosyfinch.straub@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 11:33 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and City Council:

The beautiful point:

"The City of Santa Clara can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at the 40+ acre area of Tasman East, while at the same time providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. The way to do this is to provide a tree-rich river park, and to set tall buildings at least 300 feet away from the river." - Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, Nov. 8, 2018

We are residents of Santa Clara County since 1997 as well as members of Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society since 1998.

It is of utmost important to us that we comment on your proposal, sent to us by SCVAS this morning.

First, do you understand the impact of buildings and foundations of such size? Do you believe in aesthetically planned architecture? Do you believe that carefully executed architecture for the benefit of sheer beauty around the Guadalupe River is important?

Then, we do think you can do a better, more spectacular job.

It may be of little consequence to **some** Santa Clara residents who think not of the birds around them or don't know them - or could be interested in what a Turkey Vulture looks like, but we can guarantee that they will miss out if this planting of large-size buildings near the banks of the river is too close - and to mention - flooding potential.

"The City can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River." -- SCVAS, Nov. 8, 2018

Not to immerse too much in "overriding concerns" for housing: People will want to buy and live at your project, if it is carefully designed away from the river with lots of shade, trees, birds, a park, seating, and nature. Potential buyers will be paying high prices for what you propose and they want it all!

Please consider and thank you for your interest!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Straub
Steve McHenry

439 Chateau La Salle Dr.
San Jose, CA 9511

Santa Clara County

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

From: Ruth Van Sciver [<mailto:ruthvansciver@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Officials,

My name is Ruth Van Sciver and I am a resident of Santa Clara County. I am deeply grateful for all the parks in Santa Clara County and the efforts that are being put forth to help maintain the native animal and bird species that are slowly being displaced by the growing population of Silicon Valley and the resultant habitat destruction. The birds along the Guadalupe River at Ulistac are a small percentage of what once was here. Can you please try to do what we can to protect them? **They need trees and open space.** Specifically a park along the Guadalupe River that would complement the river and provide trees and natural habitat would be a fantastic start. It seems like a small thing to do, considering all the land we have already developed and made unusable for the native animal and bird species.

Buildings that are too close to the river will cause many hazards for birds. Window reflections cause birds to try to fly through what they think is an opening in the canopy. If they aren't killed when they hit the glass, they are stunned and often fall to their death. This constant drain on populations of birds takes a large toll when compounded over time. Reducing a population by even a few percentage points a year will have a big impact over many years during the life of a building.

The buildings under consideration are too close to the river. Please do not make it a housing vs, birds issue by making a "determination of overriding considerations" regarding hazards to birds. Instead the city can and should require that the Tasman East Specific Plan set tall buildings at least 300 feet from the top of the levee of the Guadalupe River. The city can and should create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at Tasman East while also providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area, and protects birds from harm.

Many thanks for your consideration on this important matter.

Regards,

Ruth Van Sciver
18510 Skyline Blvd,
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan will harm birds; please amend

From: Lauren M [<mailto:sundustmoth@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 12:34 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan will harm birds; please amend

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Santa Clara City Council,

It has been brought to my attention that the Tasman East Specific Plan is heading for approval, and as a lifelong lover of wildlife - particularly birds - this is very concerning to me. I've been a resident of San Jose my whole life, but have gone to surrounding cities to hike and birdwatch.

The documents indicate a "waterfront park", but the plans do not include space for one. They in fact have 20+-story towers being built as close as 40 ft from the Guadalupe river. The environmental impact report states that if towers are built within 300 ft from the water, that it will have unavoidable and significant impact on migratory birds.

I heard that the council is expected to make a "statement of overriding considerations". Are you really okay with contributing to the loss of songbirds? Songbirds are in a decline worldwide, and migratory birds are especially at risk, because they rely on multiple places to live, and cannot survive unless each stopping point is safe for them. Window strikes kill as many as 976 million birds every year. Rivers are essential corridors for many species of birds. Please do not build these towers so close to the river's edge.

Please amend the current plans. The city can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood while also providing a river park that complements the Ulistac Natural Area and protects the birds from harm. Please keep tall buildings at least 300 feet from the river. It doesn't have to be us versus birds.

Every development decision matters. As the city council, you have the power to make a change. Show us that you care. You have a responsibility, and if the people in charge of these decisions don't start working with nature instead of against it, then one day we won't have the option of protecting migratory songbirds anymore. They'll be gone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

~Lauren

[The Messenger bird documentary trailer](#)

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

-----Original Message-----

From: Catherine Trejo [<mailto:ctrejo49@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear Mayor Gillmor and Honorable City Council Members,

While I currently reside in Mountain View, I am a former resident of Santa Clara and a graduate of Buchser High School, class of 1967. I have lived in this valley since 1959, and have come to appreciate and love our remaining wild lands and suburban parks.

Birdwatching is one of my interests, and a few years ago I was delighted to discover Ulistac Natural Area just a short drive from Mtn View. The bird life there is varied and precious, with rare birds showing up often during migration. I was alarmed to learn that 20+story towers are being planned for construction very close to the Guadalupe River! These sorts of buildings can affect bird migration, not only by causing bird strikes, but by changing sun patterns on the river by day and artificial light distractions by night. This would likely bring drastic harm to birds and other wildlife along the river and at Ulistac.

I hope your City Council will reconsider the current proposal, and re-design the plan to provide a river park that protects this rare natural area and the river bird life. Just setting the tall buildings back at least 300 ft from the Guadalupe River would be an excellent start!

Thank you for this consideration,
Catherine Trejo
Mountain View

Sent from my iPad

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Tasman East Specific Plan

From: E Nigenda [<mailto:enigenda1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Re: Tasman East Specific Plan

Dear City Council,

I don't live in your City. And yet, I had to write when I read the following sentence:

"Santa Clara City Council is close to approving the Tasman East Specific Plan that should allow the development of thousands of residential units . . . 20+ story towers are being planned as close as 40 feet from the Guadalupe River levee. "

40 feet from the Guadalupe River levee?!!!

I encourage you to watch or read this 60 Minutes interview: [How Dutch stormwater management could have mitigated damage from Hurricane Florence](#)

For me the bottom line is that the Dutch say that to prevent flooding you need to leave "room for the river." Please consider building the residential units but modifying the plans to leave "room for the river". With climate change scientists are predicting more severe rain storms in the near future. A park along the river bank would protect the new homeowners from flooding as well as beautify their surroundings.

Thank you for considering my remarks,
Esther Nigenda

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area
Attachments: gail.vcf

-----Original Message-----

From: Gail Cheeseman [<mailto:gail@cheesemans.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Doug Cheeseman; shani@scvas.org
Subject: Please change the Tasman East Specific Plan to complement Ulistac Natural Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members of Santa Clara,

I am a member of Santa Clara Valley Audubon and volunteered hours working to plant natives vegetation back when Ulistac was restored as a natural area. It is now a huge success story for attracting wildlife and people. I cannot believe that you are proposing to build a tower right beside the Guadalupe River! That is outrageous. It needs to be at least 300 feet away from the river.

The City of Santa Clara can create a well-designed, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhood at the 40+ acre area of Tasman East, while at the same time providing a river park that complements Ulistac Natural Area and protects our birds from harm. The way to do this is to provide a tree-rich river park, and to set tall buildings at least 300 feet away from the river.

Sincerely, Gail Cheeseman

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Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Comment regarding Tasman East Specific Plan Area

From: Jean L [<mailto:jeanisys@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 9:41 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Comment regarding Tasman East Specific Plan Area

Dear Mayor and City Council Members I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river. Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators. Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds.

Thank you,

Jeanine Lee
Santa Clara Resident

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: Ulistac Park

From: Barbara Gasdick [<mailto:bgmoxie@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 6:49 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Ulistac Park

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I have learned that the Tasman East Specific Plan Area, which is next to Ulistac is planning high rise residential towers. These can be deadly for birds who fly here along the river.

Please make sure that the tall buildings are set back, far enough, from Ulistac and the River edge so that birds will continue to thrive here. If possible please restrict the height of these buildings to half of the planned 20 story designation.

Ulistac is a precious resource for Santa Clara as well as the Guadalupe River Corridor and we can never get a natural habitat like this again. New development should take the opportunity to improve, not degrade, the Guadalupe corridor for birds, beneficial insects and pollinators.

Please make sure that the Tasman East Plan includes clear guidelines to safeguard the birds. And please consider preserving parks, greenspace, and natural preserves as a place for respite for city residents. Thank you.

Barbara Gasdick
Sunnyvale, CA.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Lynn Garcia

From: Mayor and Council
Subject: FW: CONCERNS REG TASMAN EAST EIR

From: Lee Broughman [<mailto:leonne3@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 6:40 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Lisaqillmor@gmail.com; Kathy Carolan Watanabe
Subject: CONCERNS REG TASMAN EAST EIR

Dear Mayor and City Council:

My understanding is that this item is on the agenda for November 13, 2018 and that it is a PLAN that is probably 5 years to 10 years in the making.

The EIR was reviewed by the Board of Library Trustee at our November meeting and I would like to point out my concerns:

Assumptions: The proposed 4500 dwellings would equate to approx. 12,285 residents

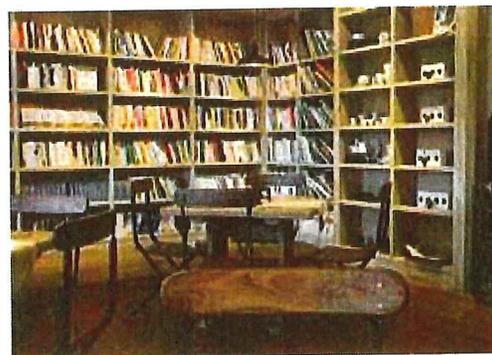
1. Under Project Benefits; It states that one of the Benefits is Community Rooms and LIBRARY SERVICES available for public use.

2. Proximity to space for bookmobile.

3. It goes on to add under specific LIBRARY SPACES a picture of the Bookmobile and some shelves with books on them listing FREE BOOK SHARE INCORPORATED INTO COMMERCIAL SPACE AND A BOOKMOBILE LANDING SPACE IN PUBLIC PLAZA. How sad since our bookmobile is in continuous use already and hold approx 4000 items. This sad little picture came from the EIR package

Community Amenities – Library Spaces

- Free book share incorporated into commercial space
- Bookmobile landing space in public plaza



4. The EIR summarizes a 'slight reduction in service.' "This would not require the construction of a new library facilities."

It in itself might not necessitate a new library facility but add this to all of the other ADDITIONAL DWELLINGS approved and proposed which I calculated to be over 15000 over the next 5 years using the 2.75 factor and we are proposing to add approx 40K new residents which equates to at least an increase of another 10000 to 15000 square feet to our Library system. I didn't have time to research the under construction numbers but it would only increase my concerns.

Submitted with good intentions,

Lee Broughman
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Santa Clara, CA 95051