

March 5, 2024

City of Santa Clara
Planning Commission
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

**RE: Item 24-1380 Walsh/Bowers Data Center and Bowers Backup Generator Facility
(22-SPPE-01)**

Dear Santa Clara Planning Commission,

The District recently met with Tim Guarnieri from Mission Critical Realty to discuss the Walsh/Bowers Data Center and Bowers Backup Generator project located at 2805 Bowers Avenue, Santa Clara. Mr. Guarnieri provided a detailed overview of the project, addressed the Planning Commission's concerns, and allowed the District to pose questions about the project. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the District.

The project is located approximately one quarter-mile from Bracher Elementary School and is positioned farther away than an existing data center. The CEQA Environmental Impact Report (EIR) did not identify any hazardous effects to Bracher Elementary or the immediate surrounding area during or after construction.

The construction of the Walsh/Bowers Data Center is anticipated to increase both secured and unsecured property taxes, resulting in long-term benefits for both the City of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Unified School District.

Sincerely,



Michal Healy
Director, Facility Development and Planning