

Good evening Mayor and Council:


With regards to the draft EIR for the Agrihood, we have a few comments:

☒ The Notice of Preparation and Scoping Doc issued in April 2017 and the public meeting in Council Chambers in May 2017 indicated the city would prepare an EIR for a scope encompassing 584 DU, 25,000 SF of commercial and 1.5 acres of park. The released EIR study conveniently only studied the exact proposal by Core Companies and no alternatives meeting the higher scope outlined by the previous documents. At no point did the City notify anyone that the scope of the EIR was reduced in conflict to the public comments and the published notices.

☒ A lot of community members have expressed interest in the project, advocated for increased density, and repeatedly asked for the chance to discuss project details and opportunities, including greater density and alternative low traffic impact housing concepts such a workforce housing, co-housing and live-work residences. **We have never had this discussion. And unfortunately, without causing further delays and frustration, the restricted**

scope of the EIR now prevents even considering the broader community's thoughts.

In fact, the flawed use of Level Of Service (LOS) traffic analysis recommends reduced density to benefit cars. The studied intersections lie in San Jose's jurisdiction, whom along with the state government, Caltrans and VTA recommend Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) traffic analysis to help minimize sprawl, meet our sustainability targets, shift development patterns from car-focused to people-focused and walkable neighborhoods. In fact, using LOS as an analysis tool at all will be banned in less than 2 years.

 The housing crisis in our county is well known here, in Sacramento and in Washington DC. We cannot solve our crisis unless we study and discuss local solutions and start building denser developments that reflect the housing demand created by the commercial developments approved by this city council. If we cannot find local solutions, the state government will continue to pass housing laws that restrict local zoning and review authority.

Thank you for your time.