


## City Council

Item # 7                      RTC 21-1246

**Action on the Adoption and Certification of an Environmental Impact Report; Adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and Architectural Approval of a Data Center project located at 1200-1310 Memorex Drive**

November 9, 2021

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**City of Santa Clara**  
The Center of What's Possible

## 1200 Memorex Drive

### Architectural Review

- 9.18-acre site
- Three existing buildings to be demolished
- Proposed:
  - 472,920 sq ft 4-story data center
  - 87,520 sq ft 6-story office space for data center tenants
  - New electric power substation
  - 60kV transmission extension



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## 1200 Memorex Drive

### General Plan & Zoning Conformance

- Conformance to GP Designation of Light Industrial
  - Max Light Industrial FAR is 0.6
  - proposed FAR is 1.40
  - FAR reflects intended employment intensities assumed in the GP
- Data Centers align with City's General Plan Goal 4.6 *Maintain the City's Fiscal Health and Quality Services*
- Conformance to (ML) Light Industrial Zoning District, meets all standards except minor modifications requested for parking standard and height

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## 1200 Memorex Drive

### Architectural Changes from 1<sup>st</sup> Submittal



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## **1200 Memorex Drive**

### **Noise**

- Project includes proactive noise reduction measures:
  - Air-cooling system designed to address the noise source of associated rooftop cooling equipment
  - Parapet rooftop wall along the southern edge of building to attenuate noise
- Project meets City's noise standards. The maximum project-generated noise at any residential property line would be 55 dBA during the day & 50 dBA at night
- Noise generated by project would be well below ambient (existing) noise levels and the amount of increase to the ambient noise level would not be perceptible

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## **1200 Memorex Drive**

### **CEQA**

- A draft EIR prepared and circulated for the project determined that all CEQA topics could be reduced to less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures, with the exception of cultural resources.
- Existing buildings located at 1200-1310 Memorex Drive are the former headquarters of the Memorex Corporation and are eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) for their association with the development of the modern electronics industry and in the broader context of Silicon Valley's development in the 1960s and 1970s.
- Demolition of the structures is a significant unavoidable impact.
- Proposed cultural resources mitigation

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### Historical and Landmarks Commission Action

- **July 1, 2021:** a motion to continue this item until after the public comment period for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was complete, so that the HLC could review the Final EIR prior to their discussion of the project
- **September 2, 2021:** A motion was made to recommend that the City Council certify the EIR and further recommended selection of one of the project alternatives as the project, the "Preservation Alternative - Retain Historical Resource, with Commissioner Vargas-Smith abstaining, the motion passed (5-1)

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## 1200 Memorex Drive

### Recommendation

1. Adopt a resolution approving and certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the demolition of the existing buildings located at 1200-1310 Memorex Drive and the construction of a new data center project, including CEQA Findings, a statement of overriding considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
2. Adopt a resolution to approve the architectural review for the 1200 Memorex Data Center located at 1200-1310 Memorex Drive

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The seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, is circular. It features a central illustration of a mission-style building with a red roof and a bell tower, set against a blue sky with clouds and green grass. The year "1852" is written in green below the building. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "CITY OF SANTA CLARA CALIFORNIA" at the top and "THE MISSION CITY" at the bottom, separated by small dots.

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