

12 November 2018

Mayor and City Council  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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

Existing Conditions	Sq Ft	Items
Central Library	80000	
Northside Library	15000	40000
Mission Library	7700	
Square feet / resident	0.85	
Items / resident	3.69	
Current Population	125000	

Projection (Planned Housing)	
Required square feet	45347
Required items	196860
Total Additional Housing L	19542
Total Additional People	53350
% Increase in People	43%
Projected Total Populator	178350
Projected sq ft / resident (	0.60

All currently planned projects

Using existing QoS from Tasman East EIR

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From Planning Page

x2.73 (from Tasman East EIR)

!! Used EIR numbers rather than existing sq ft, need to double check)

Project Name	Occupancy	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.7	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73	2.73
		Townhou	Condom	SF	Apartment	RU	DU	1BR	2BR	3BR	Senior	Apt		
Santa Clara Square	2200 Under Constr	2020			2200									
Santana Terrace	92 Under Constr	2019										92		
Lawrence Station	988 Under Constr	2020						988						
Toll Brothers	45 Under Constr	2020					45							
Helen Ave.	4 Completed	2018	4											
1525 Alviso St.	40 Under Constr	2019	40											
1890 El Camino	58 Under Constr	2019		58										
3023 Homestead	4 Under Constr	2019		4										
575 Benton	355 Approved ?				355									
917 Warburton	6 Under Constr	2019		6										
967 Warbuton	4 Under Constr	2019		4										
Agrihood?	361 Pending Re ?		36		160							165		
Camino Main	12 Under Constr	2019			12									
Catalina?	54 Under Constr	2019	54											
City Place?	1680 Approved ?				1680									
Downtown Gateway	44 Under Constr	2019		44										
Gateway Crossings	1600 Pending Re ?				1600									
Gateway Village	476 Under Constr	2019			476									
Kylli (Housing Units)	6000 Pending Re ?						6000							
Laguna Clara?	585 Pending Re ?				585									
Madison Place?	28 Occupied	2018						2	8	18				
Mission Park (Hotel)														
Mariani's	282 Pending Re ?		20		262									
Moonlite?	58 Approved 2019-2020?				58									
3402 El Camino?	66 Approved ?				66									
Tasman East	4500 Specific Pla ?						4500							
			154	102	14	3854	3645	11488	2	8	18	257	19542	
			420	278	38	10521	9951	31362	5	22	49	702	53350	