

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard June 13, 2018

PROPOSALS DUE: August 6, 2018 4:00 PM

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A. INVITATION

The City of Santa Clara is seeking proposals from qualified housing developers to create a transformative project ("Project") that facilitates the construction of a minimum of 15 affordable housing units on a vacant parcel of City-owned land. The site for this Project, known as the former fire station at De La Cruz Boulevard ("Site"), is owned by the City and is located at 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard across from Montague Park in Santa Clara. The City of Santa Clara's Housing and Community Services Division is inviting all qualified developers ("Respondents") to submit complete responses ("Submissions") to this RFP for the development of the Project.

The development proposal should assume a long-term ground lease of the entire site of approximately .69 acres. Respondents may submit an alternative funding proposal with a fee title transfer if a homeownership project is proposed. Respondents should make clear what advantages a fee title transfer brings to the project and what value is returned to the City under such a structure. The Project must produce high-quality affordable housing, while providing adequate open space and parking at a density appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood.

B. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Site Summary

Location: 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard

APN: 101-15-049

Property: Approximately 0.69 acres or 30,013 square feet

Existing Use: Vacant

Current Zoning: Public /Quasi-Public (B)

Site Description

The site is a City-owned parcel, adjoined to the north by three single family homes and a single family residential neighborhood beyond. The site is adjoined to the east by an 80' PG&E easement containing high-voltage transmission lines supported on top of 100' tall PG&E lattice towers, and the site is adjoined to the south by light industrial buildings and a light industrial zone district.

Governmental Approvals Needed

Redevelopment of the site for new housing will require City Council and/or Planning Commission approvals of a General Plan Amendment, Rezoning, CEQA and potentially NEPA review, and Architectural Review.

Land Use / Zoning

The currently vacant site is zoned Public /Quasi-Public (B), and has a Very Low Density Residential General Plan Designation supporting a residential density of up to 10 dwelling units per gross acre. The City's General Plan includes a policy to implement the State's density bonus law for projects that exceed the City's standard 15% inclusionary requirement and a policy that allows development at any residential density for projects with more than 50% affordable units. The project was previously developed with a City Fire Station, which was demolished in 2010.

After redevelopment agencies (RDA) dissolved on February 1, 2012, the City, as Housing Successor to the dissolved RDA, was designated to assume all housing assets (including land) of the former redevelopment agency and these assets were placed into a Housing Successor Fund. The Housing Successor must initiate development activities on any land that it obtained from the former redevelopment agency within five years after the Department of Finance confirmed the property as a housing asset and consistent with the intent to provide housing that is 100%affordable to persons and families of low and moderate income. This site was confirmed as a housing asset by the Department of Finance on July 13, 2013, and the City's evaluation and selection of a developer properly initiates development activities within the appropriate time period.

C. SITE MAP OF 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard



D. ATTACHMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

The attachments below are included with this Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The items identified with an asterisk (*) must be completed, signed by the appropriate representative of the company, and returned with the submittal.

Attachment A – Respondent's Information Form* Attachment B – Certification of Non-Discrimination* Exhibit 1 – Parcel Map Exhibit 2 – Community Visioning Report

Other relevant documents available upon request: Grant Deed

E. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The Respondent shall submit four (4) copies, with a USB flash drive of its proposal in a sealed envelope addressed as noted below, bearing the Respondent's name and address clearly marked, "RFP for De La Cruz Boulevard."

Jonathan Veach, Division Manager Housing and Community Services Division 1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050

To be considered, proposals must be received at the address in the above paragraph by 4 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018. Late proposals will not be considered.

F. INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

1. Question and Answer Period

There will be a Question and Answer period open until June 25, 2018. Any questions by the Respondent regarding this RFP or the project must be submitted in writing and received by the City no later than June 25, 2018 at 5 p.m.

Correspondence shall be addressed to:
Jonathan Veach, Division Manager – Housing and Community Services
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050
jveach@santaclaraca.gov

The City shall not be responsible for nor be bound by any oral instructions, interpretations or explanations issued by the City or its representatives.

Responses from the City to questions by any Respondent will be published on the City's website on Thursday July 5, 2018 and shall be deemed as addenda to this RFP. Questions received after the date and time stated above will not be accepted.

2. Examination of Proposal Documents

The proposal submission shall be deemed a representation and certification that the Respondent:

- Has carefully read and fully understand the information that was provided by the City to serve as the basis for submission of this proposal;
- Has the capability to successfully undertake and complete the responsibilities and obligations of the proposal being submitted;
- Represents all information contained in the proposal is true and correct;
- Did not, in any way, collude, conspire to agree, directly or indirectly, with any person, firm, corporation or other in regard to any terms or conditions of this proposal; and
- Acknowledges that the City has the right to make any inquiry it deems appropriate to substantiate or supplement information supplied by Respondent, and Respondent hereby grants the City permission to make these inquiries, and to provide any and all related documentation in a timely manner.

No request for modification of the proposal shall be considered after its submission on grounds that Respondent was not fully informed of any fact or condition.

3. Addenda

Any addenda issued by City shall be in writing, shall become a part of this RFP, and shall be acknowledged and responded to by Respondent.

4. Withdrawal of Proposals

A Respondent may withdraw its proposal at any time before the expiration of the time for submission of proposals as provided in the RFP by delivering a written request for withdrawal signed by, or on behalf of, the Respondent.

G. BACKGROUND

Section 8.12-7.1 of the Housing Element in the General Plan identifies the City's goals for neighborhood conservation, housing production, and housing opportunities. These goals include the following:

- Create and maintain high-quality, livable, and unique residential neighborhoods and preserve established single-family neighborhoods.
- Manage growth in the City by designating suitable vacant or underutilized sites for new residential development and ensuring compatibility with community goals and existing neighborhoods.
- Provide housing within the community for persons of all economic levels, regardless of religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, or mental or physical disability.
- Provide an adequate variety of individual choices of housing tenure, type and location, including higher density where possible, especially for low and moderate income and special needs households.

In 2006, the City transferred ownership of the site to the Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of developing and increasing the City's affordable housing supply.

H. COMMUNITY VISION

On January 29th, 2018, the City's Housing and Community Services Division held a Community Engagement Meeting at the Northside Library to discuss plans for the future development of the Site. Approximately 25 community members heard a presentation from City staff and participated in guided workshops covering the following topics:

- Affordability
- Site Layout and Density
- Housing Preferences
- Amenities
- General Feedback

Presentation materials can be found on the City's <u>website</u>. Using past development initiatives of the Site as a guidepost, this approach recognizes the importance of community engagement and transparency, while allowing the City to obtain the innovative development proposals that will meet both City and community goals, while leveraging a very valuable City asset.

The outreach process consisted of community visioning and planning workshops that facilitated meaningful community engagement, identified community priorities, and gathered ideas from those who live and work in the projects areas. These individuals have an intimate understanding of neighborhood conditions and needs, which will inform responsive and sensitive development proposals. Exhibit 2 – Community Visioning Report summarizes the results of the workshops and shares additional feedback received through email, questionnaires, and other meetings. Respondents will be evaluated on how well their project responds to community priorities and concerns as outlined in Exhibit 2.

I. RIGHTS OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA

This RFP does not commit the City to enter into a contract, nor does it obligate the City to pay for any costs incurred in preparation and submission of proposals or in anticipation of a contract. The City reserves the right to:

- Make the selection based on its sole discretion;
- Reject any and all proposals;
- Issue subsequent Requests for Proposals;
- Postpone opening proposals for its own convenience;
- Remedy errors in the Request for Proposals process;
- Approve or disapprove the use of particular sub-consultants;
- Negotiate with any, all or none of the Respondents;
- Accept other than the highest offer;
- Waive informalities and irregularities in the Proposals; and/or
- Enter into an agreement with another Respondent in the event the originally selected Respondent defaults or fails to execute an agreement with the City.

An agreement shall not be binding or valid with the City unless and until it is approved by the City Council, if so required, and executed by authorized representatives of the City and of the Respondent.

J. TIMELINE

Upon the proposal deadline on August 6, 2018, proposals will be evaluated and interviews set for the most qualified developers. The time from the close of RFP selection of the most qualified team to preparation of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) for City Council consideration is anticipated to last four (4) to six (6) weeks. Upon Council approval of a contract, the development team and staff will begin strategy sessions immediately within 3-6 weeks. The anticipated deadline to commence development of the project is to begin no later than January 6, 2020. Below dates are subject to change at the City's discretion.

RFP Available
Question and Answer Period
Proposals due
Evaluation
Selection of Developer
Target Start of Construction
June 13, 2018
June 25, 2018
August 6, 2018
August, 2018
September, 2018
January 6, 2020

K. PROPOSAL CONTENT

The proposal shall include the following information:

- 1. Executive summary including written description of project objectives, proposed uses, densities and building configurations;
- 2. Respondent's complete name, business address, and telephone number and the name, mailing address, and telephone number of person the City should contact regarding the proposal;
- 3. A description of the Respondent's organization, including names of principals, number of employees, examples of comparable developments including development value, affordable housing client base (if any), and any other pertinent information in such a manner that proposal evaluators may reasonably formulate an opinion about the stability and financial strength of the developer;
- 4. An organizational chart along with names, qualifications, and experience of the Respondent and its development team;
- 5. Financing strategy, including detailed financial plan to fund at least 15 unit affordable housing units, gap funding/subsidy requirement, and/or financial offer if feasible; Respondents should provide an excel based pro-forma that includes sources and uses, development budget, rents and income, operating budget, and cash flow analysis that demonstrates project feasibility for a term of 30 years.
- 6. Community engagement strategy and narrative;
- 7. Land Use Plan for entire site;
- 8. Architectural and design narrative, including at least 1 rendering;
- 9. A development schedule of significant milestones for completion of the project from project award to project completion;
- 10. Three references from which Respondent has performed developments of similar scope within the past three years; preferably within the Bay Area or in a locale that shares similar characteristics to City of Santa Clara. Include the organization name and address, the name and telephone number of a contact person, and a brief description of the development performed by the developer, and type(s) of funding sources used;
- 11. The signature(s) of the company officer(s) empowered to bind the firm, with the title of each (e.g. president, general partner);
- 12. A complete disclosure of any prior or ongoing incidents as to which it is alleged that Respondent has defaulted or failed to perform which has led the other party to terminate the contract. Identify the parties involved and the circumstances of the default or termination. Also describe any civil or criminal litigation or investigation pending which involves Respondent or in which Respondent has been judged guilty or liable;
- 13. Most recent independent audit, if available.

L. PROJECT GOALS

Respondent shall develop a proposal that incorporates a minimum of 15 affordable housing units with open space and parking, and utilizes financing strategies, including a project pro-forma that maximizes potential economic benefit to the City. Development scenarios and building heights for any development on the site shall be compatible and considerate of existing nearby development in the vicinity. Please refer to Exhibit 2 – Community Visioning Report for guidance on sight layout and density considerations. Project shall be compliant with all City codes and development standards.

Development Team Experience and Capacity

- Procure a Development Team that brings the resources, understanding, and experience to implement the proposed Project, which includes high-quality affordable housing across a range of incomes to transform a currently vacant site, while providing adequate open space and parking at a density that is appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood.
- Procure a Development Team that has experience successfully executing similar projects and is capable of fulfilling the vision set forth in its development proposal in a timely manner.

Financing and Affordability

- Ensure that the Project is 100% affordable to households at or below 120% AMI (Moderate Income). Preference will be given to proposals that provide residential units across a range of affordable incomes.
- Respondents should provide a cash flow analysis that demonstrates project feasibility for a term of 30 years and the project will be expected to remain affordable for a minimum of 55 years.
- Respondents may submit an alternative financing proposal with all units at 120% AMI provided that a competitive ground lease payment or acquisition payment can be offered to the City.
- All proposals should establish a sound financial capital and operating budget that addresses the various elements of the development program.

Development Program and Community Development

- Implement a development program that clearly addresses the Site and neighborhood context, as well as the priorities and needs outlined in Exhibit 2 Community Visioning Report.
- The Respondent should incorporate strong community outreach efforts to ensure impacted residents are heard. The Project should ensure privacy barriers are implemented to minimize adverse impact on adjacent property owners and surrounding neighborhood.
- The Project should also provide a thoughtful and adequate parking strategy that prevents overflow parking to the surrounding community and identify any potential traffic issues, while optimizing the site's access points.

Design and Performance

- Design and develop a high-quality affordable building that is financially feasible and consistent
 with the surrounding built environment and addresses community needs and priorities as
 outlined in Exhibit 2 Community Visioning Report.
- Incorporate an active publicly-accessible open space that interacts with the variety of uses on the Site; articulate buildings to relate and transition to surrounding context.
- The Project should adhere to the City's design guidelines and seek to implement environmentally conscious design principals where appropriate.

M. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Competitive Criteria Weight

•	Development Team Experience and Capacity	20%
•	Financing and Affordability	30%
•	Development Program and Community Development	30%
•	Design and Performance	20%

Threshold Criteria

- Completeness and adherence to the requirements of this Request for Proposals;
- Respondent's experience, including the experience of staff to be assigned to the project, with engagements of similar scope and complexity;
- Depth of developer's experience and its relevance to the project described in this Request for Proposals;
- Respondent's ability to provide equity, access to project financing, and Project feasibility
- · Respondent's financial stability and length of time in business;
- Responsiveness to Exhibit 2 Community Visioning Report;
- Respondent's ability to perform the work within the time specified;
- Respondent's record of performance with City of Santa Clara or other public agencies;
- Respondent's compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies (including city council
 policies), guidelines and orders governing prior or existing contracts performed by the
 contractor.

The City will evaluate proposals on the basis of each Respondent's written submittal. The toprated Respondents will be invited to the City for panel interviews.

N. SELECTION PROCESS

The City's Housing and Community Services Division under the direction of the City Manager will recommend to the Santa Clara City Council an award of contract based on the proposal that provides the best value to the City. The City's selection and evaluation timeline is as follows:

Proposals due August 6, 2018
Interviews August, 2018
Selection of Developer September, 2018

O. NEGOTIATION PROCESS

The purpose of this RFP is to describe the affordable housing development opportunity and to solicit proposals from developers that are qualified and capable of developing a high-quality affordable housing product. The City intends to compile a shortlist of developers, conduct a series of interviews, and ultimately select a preferred developer(s). The selected developer and proposal will be brought before City Council as a staff recommendation for approval. The Respondent will enter into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with the City while negotiating the terms of a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA). The Respondent will also be required to conduct at least two community engagement meetings as part of the design process to solicit feedback and community input.

P. PUBLIC NATURE OF PROPOSAL MATERIAL

Responses to this RFP become the exclusive property of the City of Santa Clara. At such time as the City awards a contract, all proposals received in response to this RFP become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records, with the exception of those elements in each proposal which are defined by the Respondent as business or trade secrets and plainly marked as "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary." The City shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such proposal or portions thereof, if they are not plainly marked as "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary," or if disclosure, in the City's sole discretion, is required under the California Public Records Act as addressed below. Any proposal which contains language purporting to render all or significant portions of the proposal "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary" shall be regarded as non-responsive.

Although the California Public Records Act recognizes that certain confidential trade secret information may be protected from disclosure, the City of Santa Clara may determine, in its sole discretion that the information that a Respondent submits is not a trade secret. If a request is made for information marked "Confidential," "Trade Secret," or "Proprietary," the City shall provide the Respondent who submitted the information reasonable notice to allow the Respondent to seek protection from disclosure by a court of competent jurisdiction, at the Respondent's sole expense.

Q. COLLUSION

By submitting a proposal, each Respondent represents and warrants that its proposal is genuine and made in the interest of or on behalf of any person not named therein; that the Respondent has not directly induced or solicited any other person to submit a sham proposal or any other person to refrain from submitting a proposal; and that the Respondent has not in any manner sought collusion to secure any improper advantage over any other person submitting a proposal.

R. DISQUALIFICATION

Factors, such as, but not limited to, any of the following, may disqualify a proposal without further consideration:

- Evidence of collusion, directly or indirectly, among Respondents in regard to the amount, terms or conditions of this proposal;
- Any attempt to improperly influence any member of the evaluation team;
- Existence of any lawsuit, unresolved contractual claim or dispute between Respondent and the City;
- Evidence of incorrect information submitted as part of the proposal;
- Evidence of Respondent's inability to successfully complete the responsibilities and obligations of the proposal; and
- Respondent's default under any previous agreement with the City.

S. NON-CONFORMING PROPOSAL

A proposal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions of these RFP instructions and specifications. Any alteration, omission, addition, variance, or limitation of, from or to a proposal may be sufficient grounds for non-acceptance of the proposal, at the sole discretion of the City.

ATTACHMENT A Respondent's Information Form

RESPONDENT (please print):
Name:
Address:
Telephone:
FAX:
Contact person, title, telephone number, email address and fax number:
Respondent, if selected, intends to carry on the business as (check one) □ Individual
□ Joint Venture
□ Partnership
□ Corporation
When incorporated?
In what state?
When authorized to do business in California?
□ Other (explain):
ADDENDA To assure that all Respondents have received each addendum, check the appropriate box(obelow. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum/addenda may be considered an irregularity the Proposal:
Addendum number(s) received: □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6
Or, □ No Addendum/Addenda Were Received (check and initial).

RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE

No proposal shall be accepted which has not been signed in ink in the appropriate space below:

By signing below, the submission of a proposal shall be deemed a representation and certification by the Respondent that they have investigated all aspects of the RFP, that they are aware of the applicable facts pertaining to the RFP process, its procedures and requirements, and they have read and understand the RFP. No request for modification of the proposal shall be considered after its submission on the grounds that the Respondent was not fully informed as to any fact or condition.

1.	If Respondent is <i>INDIVIDUAL</i> , sign here:	
		Date:
		Respondent's Signature
		Respondent's Name and Title (type or print)
2.	If Respondent is <i>PARTNERSHIP</i> or <i>JOINT VENTURE</i> , at least two (2) Partners or each of the Joint Venturers shall sign here:	
	•	Partnership or Joint Venture Name (type or print)
		Date:
		Member of the Partnership or Joint Venture Signature
		Respondent's Name (type or print)
		Date:
		Member of the Partnership or Joint Venture Signature
		Respondent's Name (type or print)

3.	If Resp	ondent	is	а
	CORPORA	TION,	the	duly
	authorized	officer(s	s) shall	sign
	as follows:			

The undersigned certify that they are respecti	vely:
(Title) a	nd
(Title) of the corporation named below; that they are	
sign the Proposal Cost Form by resolut certified copy, with corporate seal, if applica as to its authenticity or Secretary's authorization) for and on behalf of the	ion (attach a able, notarized certificate of
CORPORATION, and that they are authorize same for and on behalf of said CORPORATION	
Corporation Name (type or print)	
By:	
Title:	
Dated:	
By:	
Title:	
Dated:	

ATTACHMENT B Certification of Nondiscrimination

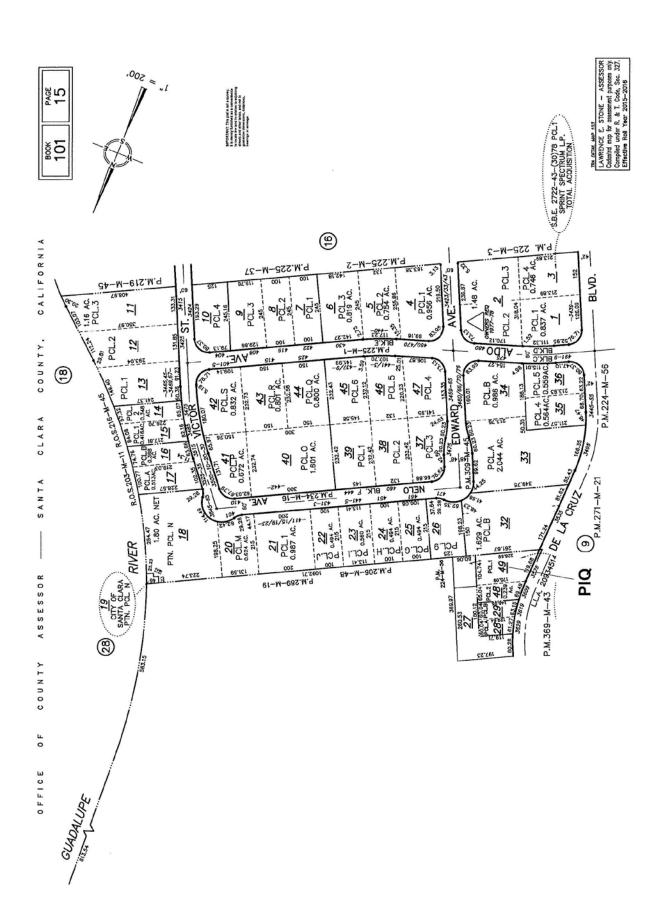
As suppliers of goods or services to the City of Santa Clara, the firm and individuals listed below certify that they do not discriminate in employment of any person because of race, color, gender, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, housing status, marital status, or familial status; and that they are in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws, directives and executive orders regarding nondiscrimination in employment.

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	as follows:				

The undersigned certify that they are respectively:
(Title) and
of the corporation named below; that they are designated to sign the Proposal Cost Form by resolution (attach a certified copy, with corporate seal, if applicable, notarized as to its authenticity or Secretary's certificate of authorization) for and on behalf of the below named CORPORATION, and that they are authorized to execute same for and on behalf of said CORPORATION.
Corporation Name (type or print)
By:
Title:
Dated:
Ву:
Title:
Dated:

Exhibit 1





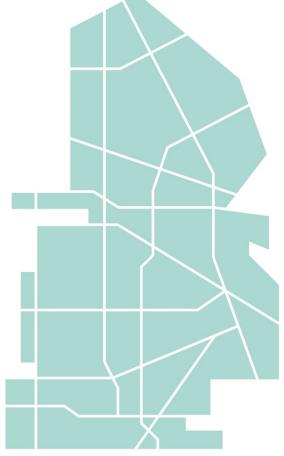


3575 De La Cruz Boulevard

Community Meeting and

Survey Report

June 13, 2018



INTRODUCTION

Development, Informed by the Community

On January 29th, 2018, the City's Housing and Community Services Division held a Community Engagement Meeting at the Northside Library to discuss plans for the future development of the Site at 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard.

The purpose of the meeting was to gather public input for the future development of new affordable housing and potential public amenities at the site, which is currently vacant. City staff provided a brief overview of affordable housing and then guided participants in a series of workshops that were meant to facilitate meaningful community engagement, identify community priorities, and gather ideas from those who live and work near the site and have a deep understanding of neighborhood conditions and needs.

This report summarizes the results of the workshop and shares additional feedback received through email, a questionnaire, and meetings. This report is also available on the City's website at www.santaclaraca.gov.

The final report is attached as an addendum to the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued for this site. RFP respondents are encouraged to consult this report in developing their proposals and will be evaluated on how well they respond to community priorities and concerns.



City of Santa Clara Northside Branch Library

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This notice has been mailed to property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject property.



Community Visioning Workshop and Survey

Housing and Community Services staff gathered a wide range of feedback through workshops and survey responses. The workshop was held at the Northside Library located at 695 Moreland Way, Santa Clara on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

The outreach for the event was conducted with the help of the Planning Department of the City of Santa Clara. Notices of the Community Meeting were sent out to the property owners within 1000 ft. of the subject property. The event was also advertised on the City web-site, the City Manager's weekly blog, and through various social media outlets such as NextDoor and Facebook.

Each discussion table had visuals, information, and a facilitator on the following topics:

- Affordability
- Site Layout & Density
- Housing Preferences
- Amenities
- General Feedback / Q&A

In all, more than 23 community members participated, including families, seniors, neighborhood representatives, local groups, and elected officials. In addition to the workshop, the Housing Division published all meeting materials online and issued an online survey to collect feedback.

- ~200 Flyers distributed to nearby residents
- ~25 Community participants attended
- ~50 Survey Responses collected
- +50 Additional written comments submitted through workshop activities and survey write-in responses



Timeline

Jan 29:	Community Engagement Meeting
Feb 12:	Community Survey
March:	Community Feedback Report Complete
June 13:	RFP Issued
August 6:	Development Proposals Due
August:	Developer Interviews
> September:	Recommendations to Council

Summary of Findings

This report summarizes findings from the survey, workshop activities, and write-in responses. The full results are also provided as an addendum to this report.

Through outreach conducted to date, respondents articulated their vision for the future development of the site.
Residents had a broad range of viewpoints. Priorities were largely focused on controlling density at the site, targeting



workforce housing, and ensuring that affordable housing is targeted towards Santa Clara residents. Some community members also recommended that the site not be redeveloped for affordable housing and instead be used for parking or left vacant.

A few residents and local business owners raised concerns about the survey structure. Staff does not have a prescribed vision for the development of the site; however, the property is a former RDA site that was placed into the City's Housing Successor Fund. As such, the Housing Successor must initiate development activities on any land that it obtained from the former redevelopment agency within five years after the Department of Finance confirmed the property as a housing asset and consistent with the intent to provide housing that is 100% affordable to persons and families of low and moderate income.

Community feedback suggests that proposals should target a range of incomes with a focus on the workforce housing range of 80% - 120% AMI. The ideal density for the site would be between 15-20 units and 2 stories in height. The community does not have an appetite for retail at this site but stressed that proposals accommodate a minimum of 2 parking spaces per unit.



Of all the respondents believe this site is suitable for housing

Finally, many participants asked for a building that maintains the existing architectural and character of the neighborhood. A high majority of survey respondents do believe the site is appropriate for housing development if done correctly.

Following is a summary of feedback and written responses that outline preferences for the Site.

Responses from the online survey	All responses: 49
What income range do you feel is most appropriate at this site?	
100% extremely low-income (\$0 - \$35,800 for a family of 4)	6.1%
100% very low-income (\$35,801 - \$59,700 for a family of 4)	6.1%
100% low-income (\$59,700 - \$84,900 for a family of 4)	22.4%
100% moderate income (\$84,901 - \$135,950 for a family of 4)	32.7%
A range of incomes across all affordability levels.	32.7%
What do you feel is an appropriate density for this .69 acre site?	
30 units per acre or roughly 20 total units	6.1%
25 units per acre or roughly 18 total units	10.2%
35 units per acre or roughly 25 total units	14.3%
20 units per acre or roughly 15 total units	69.4%
What is the maximum building height that should be allowed at the site?	
4 stories	14.3%
3 stories	30.6%
2 stories	55.1%
Choose any of the proposed privacy barriers that you feel are appropriate	
for current homeowners?	
Other	4.1%
Physical setback of at least 25 feet	49.0%
Physical wall or fence	63.3%
Tree canopies	69.4%
What are the specific populations that you feel have housing needs in the community?	
People living with disabilities	30.6%
Veterans	30.6%
Families	38.8%
Senior	40.8%
Workforce Housing (Teacher, nurses, police, etc)	81.6%
What do you think is the best housing type for the site?	
Rental	20.4%
Mix of housing types	28.6%
Homeownership	51.0%
Which of the fellowing would you profer.	
Which of the following would you prefer: More units that are smaller in size	10.2%
Less units that are larger in size	32.7%
A mix or unit types and sizes	57.1%
What amonition are most needed in the naighborhand?	
What amenities are most needed in the neighborhood? Retail	8.2%
Playgrounds	12.2% 26.5%
Landscaping Street Trees	53.1%
If retail, what uses might fit best at the site? Food or grocery type retail	16.3%
Cafes or coffee shops	40.8%
Small, local business	40.8%
Do you believe this site is suitable for housing?	20.00
No	28.6%

AFFORDABILITY

What income range do you feel is most appropriate at this site?

%	Responses:						
8%	Extremely Low Income and Low Income						
25%	Very Low Income and Low Income						
17%	Extremely Low Income, Very Low Income and Low Income						
8%	Median and Moderate Income						
33%	No Affordable Housing (Market only)						
8%	Below Market Purchase units						
	Other comments:						
	Preference for a below market purchase unit						
	No affordable housing						
	No more housing						

Feedback from the Affordability Workstation

2018 AMI for Santa Clara County

	ELI		V	LI			LI	Med	Mod	Mod
HH	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	60%	80%	100%	110%	120%
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)*									
				aximum Re	ent Limits	2018 (Gros	ss Rent)"			
	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	60%	80%	100%	110%	120%
Studios	698	767	876	986	1,163	1,315	1,653	2,191	2,410	2,630
1 Bd	798	876	1,001	1,126	1,330	1,502	1,890	2,503	2,753	3,005
2 Bd	898	986	1,127	1,267	1,496	1,690	2,126	2,817	3,098	3,381
3 Bd	997	1,095	1,252	1,408	1,662	1,877	2,361	3,130	3,442	3,756
4 Bd	1,077	1,182	1,352	1,521	1,796	2,027	2,551	3,380	3,717	4,056

SITE LAYOUT & DENSITY

Votes	Comments
4	Lack of park space/open space
3	Maintenance of an affordable housing is an issue
3	Density 20 du/acre
4	Concerns about increased traffic
2	Higher parking ratio (at least 2 per unit)
<u>6</u>	2 story townhome is the most appropriate
1	Housing further from the single-family home side
2	Privacy with landscaping or fence
	No more than 2 story in height, no more than 10 units

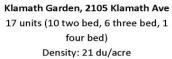
Comments from Site Layout and Density Workstation





Visualizing Density









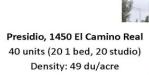


Bracher Apartments, 2665 South Drive 72 Units (1 bed for age 55+) Density: 30 du/acre











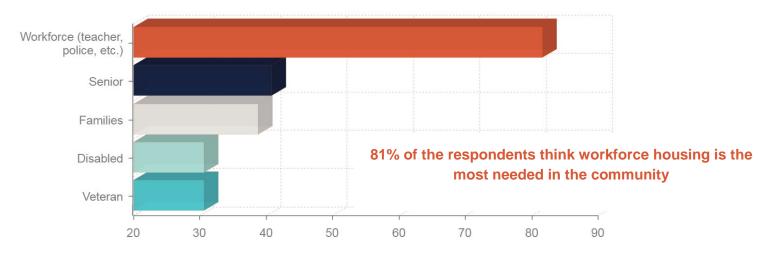


HOUSING PREFERENCES

- I am against the following: In 1968 when Doug and Elliot couldn't build the houses underneath the electrical high voltage lines due to EMF on inductive reactions, they left that section open, to prevent cancer. Why not build the affordable housing by Monroe and San Tomas corners. 2 larger lots use for new cars parking lots and the other use for Christmas and Pumpkin field sales. We should use that space for parking lots for the baptist church and tennis, basketball, cricket games, etc.
- 2 City enforcing codes would give confidence to community
- 3 Is this housing going to be specifically for Santa Clara residents or open to everyone?
- 4 Affordable Housing: 33K housing income, good innovative court, green space, trees, high separation of S.T. & Housing, parking limited to underground or under Housing unit
- 5 Make a parking lot for the sport and church, basketball, tennis
- Do not want housing in that area, high density housing will not look good in row single family homes, land should be used for other purposes in the community (rec center, senior center, etc.)
- 7 Homeless teenagers, mothers
- 8 No Housing
- 9 | Electrical Field previous issue
- 10 Make it a Parking lot
- 11 Other community needs, not housing
- 12 | Wall for neighbors, not a fence
- 13 Privacy important, lots of trees
- 14 Plaza for community gatherings
- 15 Traffic Concerns need to be addressed

Comments from the Housing Preferences Workstation

Housing Needs



AMENITIES

Votes	Requests
9	Street Trees with less shedding to cut the noise and wind
4	Street Trees-Architecturally integrated
<u>14</u>	NOT interested in retail
4	Gymnasium / Rec Ctr Area
12	Protected sidewalks
8	Enter property from Trimble side
7	Driveway exit "right turn only"
5	After school center
1	Dog Park
	Parking for sport and church
10	Underground parking
7	Hawk lights for safety
	Pedestrian Crosswalk

Comments from the Amenities Workstation

"It would be nice if teachers could use this place! I am a retired teacher living on Eastwood since 1968.

Teachers are the backbone of America because the children are the heart of America. Santa Clara needs the best teachers and this would be a great place for them to live."

"Privacy for the next door neighbors with high masonry wall & tree canopy. Absolutely No retail at all needed at site. No more than 15 mixed size units for moderate workforce families to own."

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GENERAL FEEDBACK



More than half of the respondents believe that maximum building height at the site should be 2 stories

"No more than 2 stories, to fit with existing neighborhood."

Are there specific populations that have housing needs in the community?

Families

Singles / Young Couples

Seniors

Workforce Housing (Teachers, Nurses, etc.)

Veterans

Homeless

Victims of Domestic Violence

Living with Disabilities

Students

Please List Other...

All January Couples

All January

A visual from the Housing Preferences workstation

COMMENTS FROM THE ONLINE SURVEY

In a few words, briefly describe your vision for a new affordable housing development at 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard.

1.	Let Habitat for Humanity develop this site into owned homes. They have a wonderful reputation for building good properties and vetting people who become great homeowners. This relieves the City of much expense and involvement while converting a piece of City-owned property into affordable housing that is badly needed - perhaps for teachers.
2.	I had to answer all the questions to just be able to express my desire for the city to NOT build affordable housing at this site. I currently live next to an affordable housing project about a mile away from this site and there has been numerous arrests ongoing at these places. This is NOT what we want in this neighborhood.
3.	I am really concerned that the city is going to develop that lot with three or four stories. Where will people park? De La Cruz has gotten to be a very busy street. People will be parking in our neighborhoods. When the community meeting was held we thought we had some input on what was going to be placed in that lot. It was already decided that the property would be affordable housing
4.	Privacy for the next door neighbors with high masonry wall & tree canopy. Absolutely No retail at all needed at site. No more than 15 mixed size units for moderate workforce families to own.
5.	It is appalling that those who work here can't afford to live here.
6.	Am a widow senior citizen and badly in need of low Income housing
	I thought this property was going to be developed by Habitat for Humanity, which I am in favor of.
7.	I don't think retail is appropriate for this site.
	No more than 2 stories, to fit with existing neighborhood.
8.	It's about time something is done with this City Owned eyesore! Unused for 20 years.
9.	IN a few words, you already have allowed the over building of Santa Clara, now you have begun raping it. Your questionnaire is rediculious because it only gives the minimum things you want to use. (2, 3, or 4 stories?) how about 1? That was not an option. Very disappointed in the direction of this city and this is just another example of why.
10.	Leave it vacant.
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11.	We should build nice walking park with lot of greenaries
	"Comments from the online survey" cont'd Leave it vacant.

- 12. It would be nice if teachers could use this place! I am a retired teacher living on Eastwood since 1968. Teachers are the backbone of America because the children are the heart of America. Santa Clara needs the best teachers and this would be a great place for them to live.
- 13. I don't believe the space is enough to accomplish an affordable housing project. Multiple stories will be obtrusive to the surroundings. I feel a better use would be an infant park or flower park walk for relaxation.
- 14. Over flow parking lot for North Valley Baptist Church and Montague Park so they can stop parking in front of our houses.
- 15. It should have modern, attractive design with easy to maintain low water landscaping.
- 16. Any mix of residential above business space. A clearly temporary rental subsidy for residents who are choosing between finding a new job here, versus moving somewhere more affordable, like https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/iowa
- This location does not have enough space for all the options listed. It should be either business or residential, not both. No park landscaping is required as a park is across the street. The street cannot accommodate retail traffic.

Answered: 17 Skipped: 32