

City of Santa Clara

Historical & Landmarks Commission
July 1, 2021

1200 Memorex Drive

Public Hearing Item # 2 PLN2019-14055



Request

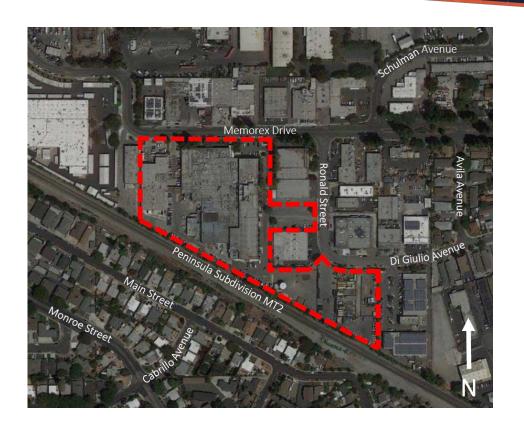
Consideration of an Environmental Impact Report for the demolition of historically significant properties and the new construction of a data center at 1200-1310 Memorex Drive with a recommendation to the City Council





Existing Site

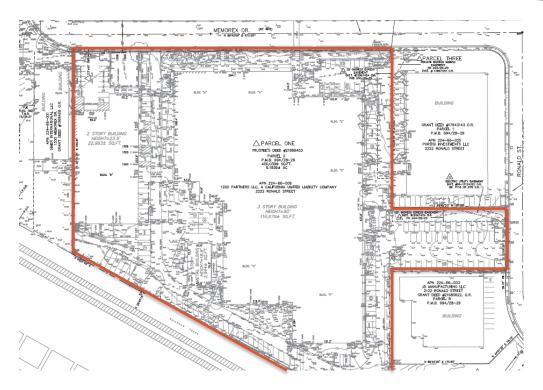
- 9.18-acre site
- Zoning: Light Industrial (ML)
- General Plan: Light Industrial





Existing Site Plan

- Existing three buildings:
 - three-story 350,037 sq. ft. building
 - two-story 45,986 sq. ft. building
 - one-story 2,944 sq. ft. building





Site History

- Developed in 1961
- Historic Resource Evaluation completed by the Architectural Resources Group (ARG)
 December 2019
- Eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR)
 - association with the development of the modern electronics industry and in the broader context of Silicon Valley's development in the 1960s and 1970s









Memorex Drive Street View



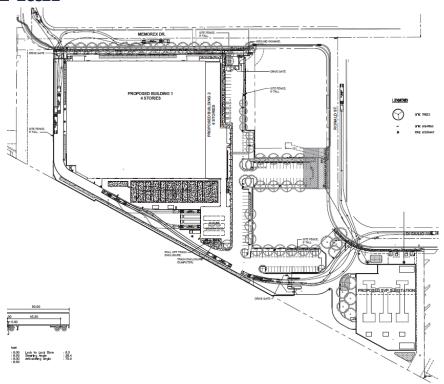
Proposed Project

Architectural review to demolish the existing improvements on the site to construct a four-story 472,920 square foot data center building with an attached sixstory 87,520 square foot ancillary use office and storage component, for a combined square footage of 560,440 square feet





Proposed Site Plan





Proposed Mitigation

- Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Recordation
- Video Documentation
- Interpretive Display
- Oral History Collection



Comments

- Lorie Garcia
 - History of the industrial campus in the development of Santa Clara
 - Support the Preservation Alternative Retain Historical Resource
 - Note: San Tomas and Central Expressway campus is not the same as the project site;
 Memorex moved their headquarters location in the early 1970's

Adams Broadwell

- Argues that the Commission's proposed action to support the Draft EIR is premature
- CAO Consultation: No requirement that the HLC or any other recommending body see
 the Final EIR before making a recommendation



Recommendation

• That the Historical and Landmarks Commission recommends the City Council to approve and certify the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed data center project at 1200-1310 Memorex Drive



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