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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Recognition of Santa Clara University Students' Downtown Plan Scroll Concept

BACKGROUND

The Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) was approved by the City Council at its December 4, 2018 meeting. The DCTF is an advisory, non-voting body which meets over the course of the Downtown Precise Plan planning process to provide input on the vision, land use, circulation, and urban design aspects of the Plan, as well as key policy issues. The DCTF includes representatives from a diverse range of backgrounds and perspectives including the Old Quad Residents Association, Reclaiming Our Downtown, Santa Clara University, and the Historical and Cultural Commissions.

DISCUSSION

Santa Clara University (SCU) Associated Student Government (ASG) members attend the triannual Neighborhood University Relations Committee (NURC) meetings held in Santa Clara.

In this capacity, the SCU ASG member students gained insight on the workings of their neighborhood community. During this process, the SCU ASG member students identified the need for the general student population to be equipped with the knowledge to provide suggestions for the development process of the Downtown Precise Plan (Plan). In order to raise awareness of the Plan among the SCU general student body, students Vidya Pingali and Eleanore Lammers-Lewis developed "The Scroll," a hand-crafted paper for participants to sign and give suggestions for the new downtown. The Scroll was presented to the DCTF during public comment at its October 30, 2019 meeting, and the students' work will be recognized at the December 3, 2019 City Council meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City other than staff time.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>> or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

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