

CC 1-21-2026

Oral  
Communications

Written Comments

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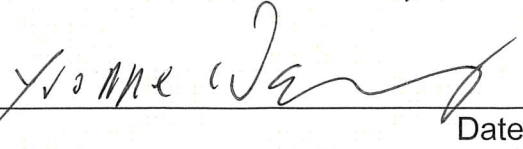
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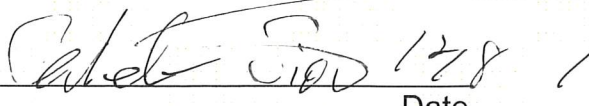
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As our representative of the Cupertino City Council, we ask that you do the proper thing by us.  
Protect Our Safety and Quality of Life! **VOTE NO on this location.** It isn't the right place!

Sincerely,

*12/8/2025*  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Date

*Yvonne Wang 12/8/2025*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

*Caleb Siow*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name



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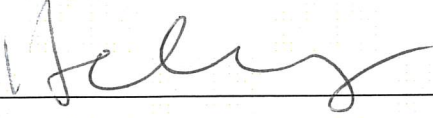
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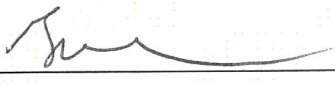
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Sincerely,

  
Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/7/25

Helen Cheung  
Print Name

  
Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/7/25

James Cheung  
Print Name

**From:** [Santosh Rao](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Tina Kapoor](#); [City Clerk](#); [Kirsten Squarcia](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [Benjamin Fu](#); [Rachelle Sander](#); [Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Cancel all discretionary spend on giveaways and commence review and halt of all discretionary spend on consultant projects.  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 11:15:01 AM

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[Writing on behalf of myself only as a Cupertino resident]

Dear Mayor Moore, Council Members, and CM Kapoor,

I urge you to cancel the items referenced below at the earliest opportunity. The City can no longer afford discretionary giveaways.

At a time when tax increases on residents are being contemplated, it is difficult to justify the continuation of such spending. This erodes public trust and undermines the credibility of both staff and Council.

Please immediately agendize a comprehensive review of discretionary expenditures. This should include constant projects, special projects, consultant engagements, and roles that could be eliminated or consolidated. Priority should be given to areas where staff capacity can replace consultants and where non-essential headcount can be reduced.

The City should not be paying healthcare and pension benefits for any staff whose primary role is supervising consultants and not doing the actual needed work in-house. If staff cannot perform the underlying work, those roles should be reconsidered. There is a substantial pool of qualified federal and other public agency professionals available due to federal layoffs. Please review available candidates for contract work without long-term healthcare and pension benefit obligations. Please close all open reqs immediately. Engagements should be contingent on delivery of actual work, not primarily consultant oversight.

It is time for a rigorous performance review across staff. Expectations must be clear. Staff should execute work, not just supervise consultants. Any project needing consultants needs to be cancelled until we replace staff with those who can do the work in-house.

All discretionary giveaways should be cancelled without delay.

This is how households manage their budgets. They cannot raise their own paychecks at will. Employers are laying people off. Revenues are slowing. Expecting residents to absorb higher taxes in this environment is disconnected from reality.

Many newer residents face severe financial strain. Property taxes are high. Mortgages are resetting from lower rates set five years ago. Utility, grocery, and education costs continue to rise. Paychecks are not keeping pace.

Now is the moment to review all staff spending, with urgency and a bias toward action. This



will also clearly show residents who amongst council are in touch with the realities of residents affordability challenges and who amongst council are totally disconnected from resident realities. Let's have agenda items and please vote so that council member track records are on record with actual votes on where they stand on issues. It's time to replace tax and spend policies with frugality and judicious use of taxpayer dollars to serve residents not lobbyist special interest groups.

Thank you for your urgent and immediate attention to fiscal discipline.

Thanks,  
San Rao (writing on behalf of myself only as a Cupertino resident)

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The City of Cupertino is proud to support local non-profits that strengthen our community with grants of up to \$20,000. Applications are now open for the 2026–27 Community Funding Grant Program, which provides funding to organizations in social services, fine arts, and other public programs that benefit the Cupertino community.

**The City is accepting applications now through Sunday, February 1.**

### **Apply**

Questions can be emailed to [communityfunding@cupertino.gov](mailto:communityfunding@cupertino.gov).



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**From:** [Lj](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Robertson](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: tonight's oral--on written communication  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 6, 2026 4:22:03 PM

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Dear clerk,

As a reminder, please include the ones you said you would post to the next meeting if it is earlier than 1/21/26. Thanks. Huang family

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----- Original message -----

**From:** Melissa Robertson <[MelissaR@cupertino.gov](mailto:MelissaR@cupertino.gov)>  
**Date:** 12/17/25 4:05 PM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** [jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@cupertino.gov](mailto:CityClerk@cupertino.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: tonight's oral--on written communication

Good afternoon,

The below email you sent was included in the December 2, 2025 written communications. If you would like your written communication to be included in the next meeting on January 21, 2026 please send us an email after the agenda is posted for this meeting. We will include your email in the written communications if it is received by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. If you send your email after that time, but before the end of the meeting, it will be added as a late communication.

Have a great day!

**Melissa Robertson**  
Administrative Assistant  
City Manager's Office  
[MelissaR@cupertino.gov](mailto:MelissaR@cupertino.gov)  
[\(408\)777-3148](tel:(408)777-3148)





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**From:** J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025 6:25 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: tonight's oral--on written communication

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I saw you put on Dec 2 revision on Dec 3 file, which didn't get see before the Dec 2 meeting. I thought the missed publication before the Dec 2 meeting will be on Dec 16 's meeting. Please publish it onto the next public meeting. Id tou have any question, please feel free to reach me. Thank you.

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From: J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>  
Date: 12/16/25 5:52 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>  
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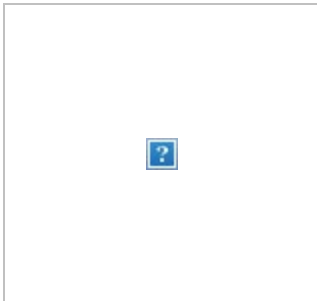
Thanks. It's on today's, right?

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From: Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>  
Date: 12/2/25 7:33 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>  
Subject: RE: tonight's oral--on written communication

Yes, they will be posted. Thank you



**Kirsten Squarcia**

Interim Deputy City Manager/City Clerk  
City Manager's Office  
[KirstenS@cupertino.gov](mailto:KirstenS@cupertino.gov)  
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**From:** J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025 7:04 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>  
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Just sent again from yahoo jzwxx@yahoo email. two email titled 'Request to Prioritize Rebuilding Direct Communication Between City Leadership and Residents' and time sensitive! Request for Support, Restoration of Communication, and lift the 'political prisoner/hostage'/Fair Treatment from the City' --both from Huang family

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**From:** J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025 9:49 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: tonight's oral

Dear city clerk Kirsten,

I don't see the email I sent before, which asked to be included in the written communication. Please advise. 'Jenny' - Huang family

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**From:** J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 25, 2025 12:15 AM  
**To:** Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>



**Subject:** FW: tonight's oral

Subject: RE: tonight's oral

Please publish the email from Huang family. Thank you!

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From: J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>

Date: 11/19/25 10:09 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>

Subject: RE: tonight's oral

Dear Kirsten,

At several point of times, the calls got disconnected without my notice. I didn't know my raised hands were dropped as well.

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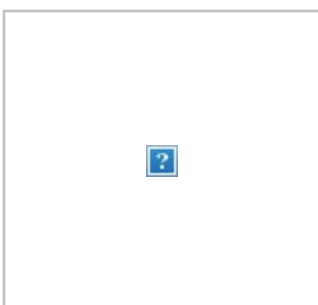
Date: 11/18/25 8:42 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: J j <[jzw96@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw96@hotmail.com)>

Subject: RE: tonight's oral

Good evening, unfortunately you raised your hand well after the cutoff.

These people had their hands raised



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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:17 PM

**To:** Kirsten Squarcia <[kirstens@cupertino.org](mailto:kirstens@cupertino.org)>

**Subject:** tonight's oral

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Dear Kirsten,

I submitted this request within nine minutes of the start of the 6:45 p.m. oral session 648p. There was an emergency presentation at that time, and I tried to raise my hand immediately afterward and along the time since 648p. Could you please clarify what happened? Thank you.  
Huang family

**From:** [Randy Kim](#)  
**To:** [Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment - The CuperDoodle Program - 12-18-2025  
**Date:** Thursday, December 18, 2025 2:30:30 PM

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My child is scheduled to attend the CuperDoodle program at the start of the new year so any potential changes would be deeply felt.

I was just there today with my family to take a tour. My son was terribly excited to see the classrooms and his future classmates. News of potential consideration for closure is shocking.

I want to say that I'm no stranger to tough times but I and my childhood friends have already felt the effects of closures in the school system before. I went to Regnart Elementary and knowing it's gone, hurts.

-Randy



 **YES**

# MARY AVENUE VILLAS





# SLIPPERY SLOPE FOR ALL OF Cupertino

1. California Constitution Article #34
2. Against General Plan for housing at all income levels. Planning Dept would not approve exclusionary housing such that no residents could attend K-12 schools within a half mile (they say 5 units would be reserved for families – but there are 67 students there now). If the complex is sold and turned into a new housing project, there would be BMR units and anyone could live there and attend our local public schools within 0.5 Miles.
3. How do evictions comply with AB 1482, the 2019 tenant protection act? Are they really taking the complex off the market by renting to people they prefer? The District has said that the property is turn-key and ready for immediate occupancy august/sept 2025. Last night they told residents that students would not move in until all residents are out in June 2026. The off-market for remodeling does not hold water because after the due-diligence period they said that it was turn-key - - - unless of course the tail is wagging the dog, not okay. Seems to also defy the Ellis Act.
4. The voters have been misled in the bond about dislocating our residents. Also, last night we learned that they would be paying out for 5 years in rental assistance (is this bribery and/or Ellis Act?). No one has been advised as to the cost of dislocation. We are looking at easily over \$5M in public bond funds!!!
5. Note that District has said some units would be used for staff on a temporary basis. Some units have been greatly enhanced and I can't see any good reason to remodel those. All units would need to be greatly remodeled in order to comply with the Ellis act and even then, they would need to offer the apartments back to the former tenants.

## **Community Advocacy for Mary Avenue Villas**

- 1. Abilitypath**
- 2. Aging Well Task Force**
- 3. College of Adaptive Arts**
- 4. Community Advocates**
- 5. County Board of Supervisor's**
- 6. Cupertino Community Cyclists**
- 7. Former Cupertino Mayors**
- 8. Fremont Union High School District (FUMSD)**
- 9. Life Services Alternatives (LSA)**
- 10. Parent Advocates**
- 11. Parents Helping Parents**
- 12. San Andreas Regional Center**
- 13. Self Advocates**
- 14. Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home)**
- 15. Silicon Valley Independent Living Center**
- 16. Silicon Valley United for the Common Good**
- 17. State Council on Developmental Disabilities**
- 18. West Valley Community Services**
- 19. Yimby Advocates**
- 20. Zopt Cooperative for All**

Names of People who said they will attend 1/21/26 to support Mary Avenue

Name	Role	Attended 1/21/26?	Speaker?
Janet	Parent Advocate		
John Robinson	Self Advocate, SARC		
Stephan Quan	Parent Advocate		
Cynthia Naylor	Parent Advocate		
Natalie Aguilar	Parent Advocate		
Hadiyah	LSA		
Per	Self Advocate		
Jennifer Lufcas	State Council		
Sohelia and Nadar Vahdat	Parent Advocate		
Momo Yanagihara	Parent Advocate		
Jim	Momo's Friend		
Jason Dorado	Works with students with disabilities		
Akash Dey	Self Advocate		
Shira Leeder	Self Advocate		
Harold Van Zoeren	Parent Advocate		
Soheila Mozayan	Ability Path		
Cassy Curran	Ability Path		
Mattie Forte-Goldman	Ability Path		
Fabiola Arjona-Romos	Ability Path		
Smantha Arjona-Romos	Ability Path		
Barbara Goldman	Ability Path		
Michael Goldman	Ability Path		
Scott Kottmer	Ability Path		
Ian Pudney	Ability Path		
Jennifer Castillo	Ability Path		
Cindy Van Zoeren	Self Advocate		
Christina Ma	Ability Path		
Philip Ma	Self Advocate		
DeAnna Pursai	College of Adaptive Arts		
Connie Cunningham	Chair, Cupertino Housing Commission		
Jennifer Shearin	Advocate, Cupertino Community Cyclists		
Helena Davis	Advocate, Cupertino Community Cyclists		
Herve Marcy	Advocate, Cupertino Community Cyclists		
Marcia Elmer	Parent Advocate		
Larry Mattheakis	Husband of Marcia Elmer		
Daniel Stickney	Self Advocate		
Lisa Zuegel	Parent Advocate		
Viviana Barnwell	Advocate		
Eriks Ramans	Self Advocate		
Eileen	Self Advocate		
Doug	Self Advocate		
Sepideh Vahdat	Self Advocate		
Cindy Van Zoeren	Self Advocate		
Dolly Sandivol	Past Mayor		
Annita Liao	Parent Advocate		

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#15 & 16

Dividend Homes I & II

Written Communications



**From:** [Whitney McNair](#)  
**To:** [Kitty Moore](#); [Sheila Mohan](#); [J.R. Fruen](#); [Liang Chao](#); [R "Ray" Wang](#); [Public Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Todd McNair](#)  
**Subject:** Items 15 & 16: Application #: DP-2025-002, ASA-2025-004, TM-2025-002, TR-2025-005, & U-2025-007  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 9:46:35 AM  
**Attachments:** [Cupertino Development.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Chao, and members of the City Council:

Location: 20045 & 20065 Stevens Creek Blvd. (APN: 316-23-095, -096)

We are long-standing homeowners, having resided at 20074 Wheaton Drive for nearly 25 years. We represent a number of longtime homeowners who reside along Wheaton Drive, Myer Place, and Carol Lee Drive, many of whom attended the December 9th Planning Commission hearing.

We urge you to consider changes to the proposed 32-unit project, which is located directly behind our home. Although this letter focuses on the 32-unit project, the comments can be applied to the project at 20085 & 20111 Stevens Creek Blvd also being considered by the Council. I've attached a summary document showing the requested changes.

On December 9, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed projects and for comparison purposes, they referenced the success of the recently approved SummerHill Homes project at 20770, 20830, and 20840 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Although they are similar housing projects, SummerHill Homes, upon hearing neighbors' concerns, modified the design to increase the setback to the property line where the project abuts single-family homes from 10 feet to 33 feet, and added a dense row of screen trees along the property line (see attached). The project before you tonight proposes a 13-foot setback to the property line.

The applicant, Dividend Homes, has developed a project in Palo Alto on Acacia Avenue with the same unit design and neighborhood context as proposed for this project in Cupertino: <https://www.dividendhomes.com/communities/acacia/>. Here, the developer has a 20 foot setback and a row of screen trees planted every 15 feet along the shared property line with existing single-family homes (see attached).

***We are asking for the same consideration.***

After the Planning Commission hearing, several neighbors met with the developer to request a rear setback of at least 20 feet. A 20 foot setback would provide a setback similar to that between other residential properties and mirrors the project's setback in Palo Alto. This request is less than the changes SummerHill Homes made for similar conditions. The setback can be increased with minimal impacts to the project design and site layout. The developer has declined to make this change, choosing to keep the setback at 13 feet. The Heart of the City Specific Plan requires that the rear setback be more than 60 feet. We are asking for a standard setback that any residential project would need to meet.

- **We are asking the Council to increase the rear setback to 20 feet.**

With a two-story home 13 feet from the property line, privacy will be an issue.

- **We are requesting that windows along the rear elevation be minimized or placed high on the wall to avoid a direct view into the existing homes. Alternatively, windows should be treated or opaque to minimize direct views.**

At the Planning Commission hearing, the developer committed to reducing the height of the units facing the rear of the site from three stories to two, mirroring the design they have in Palo Alto (see attached photo). This was an appreciated project change and should be reflected in the project approval. However, the project is still only 13 feet from the rear property line.

The project, as proposed, doesn't include any trees in the rear yard area of the homes facing the rear property line. Therefore, no screening is proposed where a building is only 13 feet from the property line. The developer's project in Palo Alto successfully includes trees planted every 15 feet in the rear yard of the homes (see attached photos). SummerHill Homes planted a dense row of screen trees along the property line to screen their project. The developer has agreed to plant one tree in the yard. The Planning Commission suggested hedges.

- **We are asking that the Council require not just one tree, but trees to be planted every 15 feet along the rear property line.**

Lastly, neighbors have asked that the wall along the rear property line be increased to 8 feet. The developer has agreed, and the homeowners support, adding a 2-foot trellis along the wall.

- **We are asking that the Council require the developer to add a 2-foot trellis to the existing wall.**

It is vital to provide housing throughout the region to a wide range of prospective owners and renters. The residents will be part of an existing community, one that we've been proud to be part of for nearly 25 years.

The developer has accepted and incorporated these same components in their project in Palo Alto. The Cupertino Council should take pride in the design of projects within its city, and hold the same, if not greater, regard for its citizens, and require the modest changes proposed in this letter. These changes would also better align with the recently approved SummerHill Homes project that has a similar condition of backing up to existing single family homes.

We thank you for considering these modest changes to the proposed project, which aim to ensure that all Cupertino residents enjoy well-intentioned, thoughtfully designed housing.

Whitney & Todd McNair  
20074 Wheaton Drive  
Sandy & Tom Siron  
20064 Wheaton Drive  
Jerry Yu  
20094 Wheaton Drive  
Ed Hsiao

20054 Wheaton Drive  
William R. Lee, Jr. & Lisa Lee  
20104 Wheaton Drive  
Diana & Rich Lordan  
10128 Meyer Place  
Mary, Stephania & Susan Higdon & Julie Coy  
10138 Meyer Place

# Proposed Projects

- 13 foot setback to rear property line shared with existing single family homes

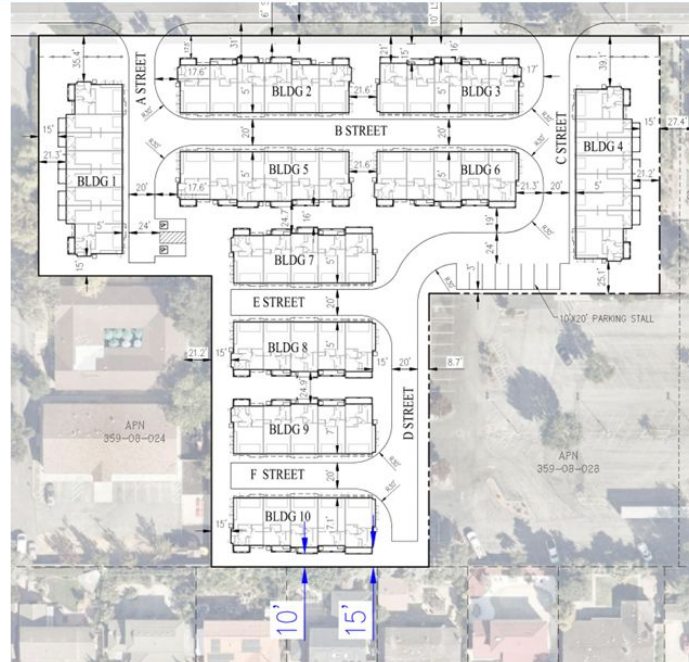




# Council approved project at 20770, 20830, 20840 SCB

- Comparison project references as successful by the Planning Commission
- SummerHill Homes
- Original design had a 10 foot setback to the rear property line

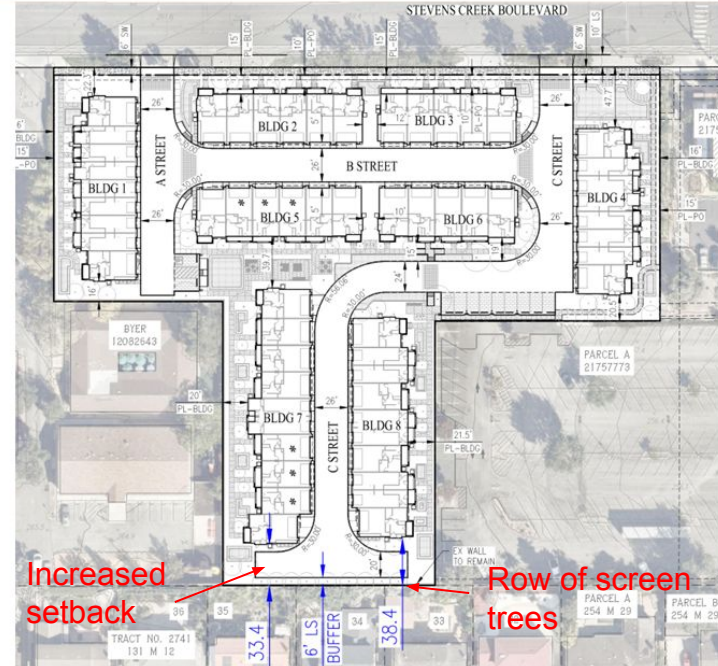
## ORIGINAL SITE LAYOUT



# SummerHill revised their plans

- Developer revised the project and increased the setback from 10 feet to 33 feet
- Added row of screen trees

## UPDATED SITE LAYOUT



# Dividend Homes project in Palo Alto

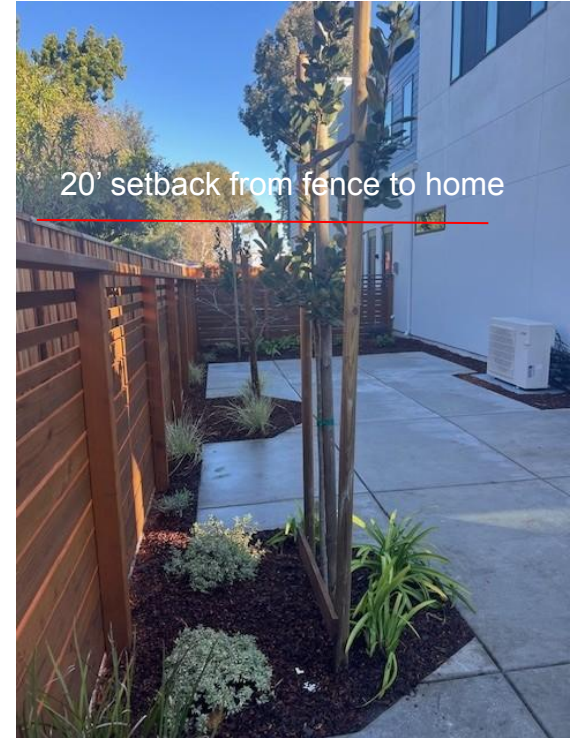
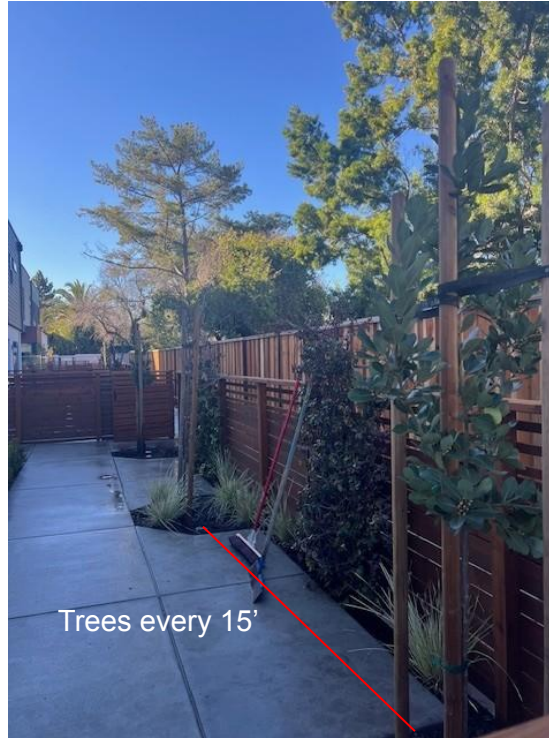
This is the same development in Palo Alto

- 20-foot setback to existing single family homes
- 2-story unit
- Stepping up to 3-story unit

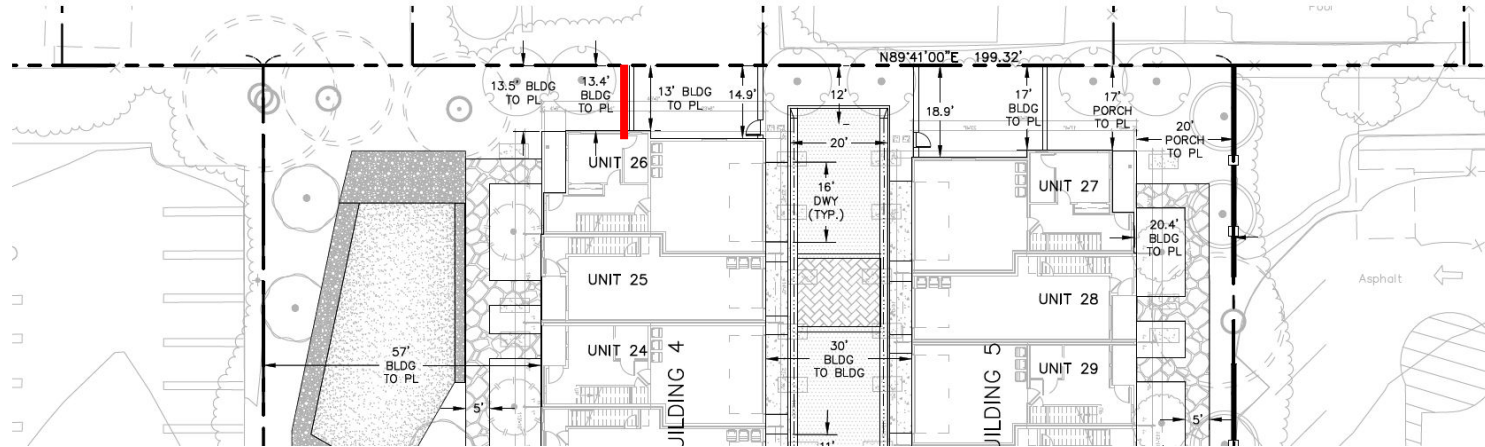


# Dividend Homes project in Palo Alto

- Screen trees planted every 15 feet



Increase to 20'



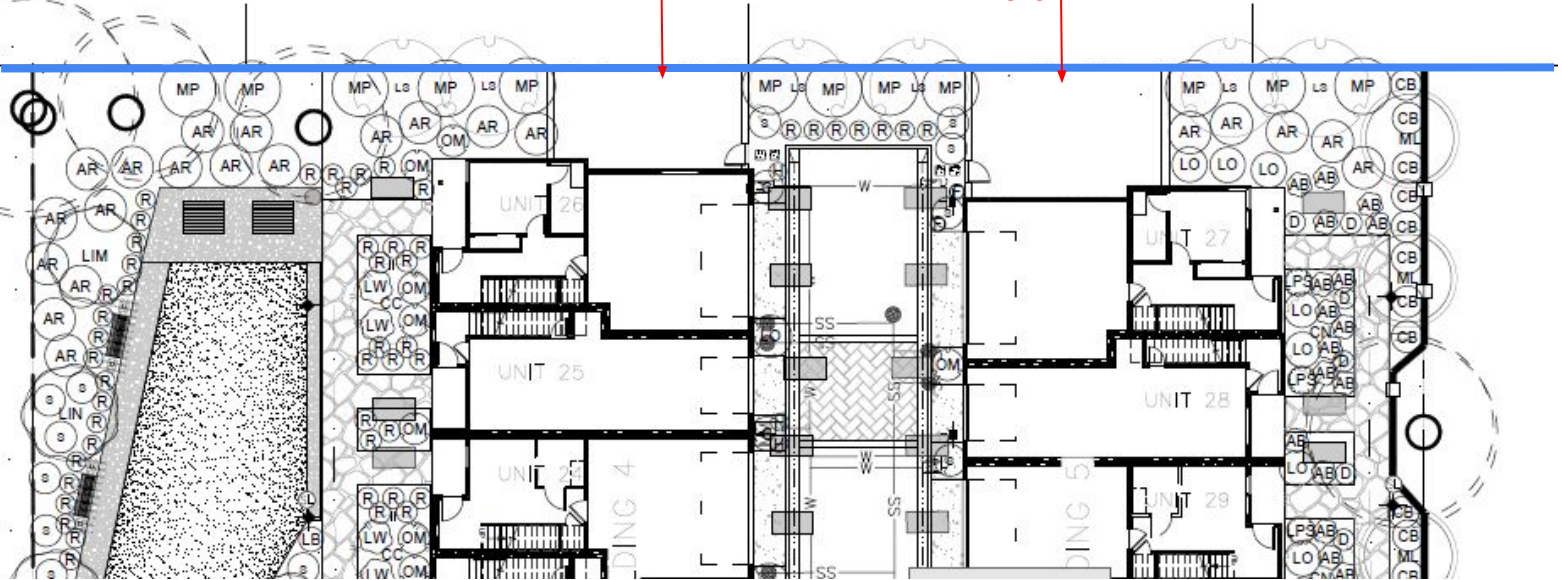


# Add trees in the yards to screen the building

Rear  
property  
line  
adjacent  
to  
existing  
single  
family  
homes

Add  
trees  
here

Add  
trees  
here





**From:** [James Lloyd](#)  
**To:** [Kitty Moore](#); [Liang Chao](#); [Sheila Mohan](#); [J.R. Fruen](#); [R "Ray" Wang](#)  
**Cc:** [Piu Ghosh \(she/her\)](#); [City Attorney's Office](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#); [City of Cupertino Planning Dept.](#)  
**Subject:** Re: public comments re agenda items 15 and 16 for tonight's Council meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2026 11:32:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [Cupertino - 20045-20065 Stevens Creek Blvd Townhouses - HAA Letter - CC.pdf](#)  
[Cupertino - 20085-20111 Stevens Creek Blvd Townhouses - HAA Letter - CC.pdf](#)

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**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

There was an error with the date in one of the letters with our previous submission. Please refer to the attached public comments instead.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

James M. Lloyd  
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California Housing Defense Fund  
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On Wed, Jan 21, 2026 at 11:20 AM James Lloyd <[james@calhdf.org](mailto:james@calhdf.org)> wrote:

Dear Cupertino City Council,

Please see attached public comments from the California Housing Defense Fund regarding agenda items 15 and 16 for tonight's Council meeting.

- the proposed 57-unit housing development project at 20085-20111 Stevens Creek Blvd, which includes six median- and five moderate-income units; and
- the proposed 32-unit housing development project at 20045-20065 Stevens Creek Blvd, which includes three median-income units and three moderate-income units.

Sincerely,

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Jan 21, 2026

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**Re: Proposed Housing Development at 20045-20065 Stevens Creek Blvd.**

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Dear Cupertino City Council,

The California Housing Defense Fund (“CalHDF”) submits this letter to remind the City of its obligation to abide by all relevant state laws when evaluating the proposed 32-unit housing development project at 20045-20065 Stevens Creek Blvd, which includes three median-income units and three moderate-income units. These laws include the Housing Accountability Act (“HAA”), the Density Bonus Law (“DBL”), Housing Element Law, AB 130, and California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) guidelines.

The HAA provides the project legal protections. It requires approval of zoning and general plan compliant housing development projects unless findings can be made regarding specific, objective, written health and safety hazards. (Gov. Code, § 65589.5, subd. (j).) The HAA also bars cities from imposing conditions on the approval of such projects that would reduce the project’s density unless, again, such written findings are made. (*Ibid.*) As a development with at least two-thirds of its area devoted to residential uses, the project falls within the HAA’s ambit, and it complies with local zoning code and the City’s general plan. Increased density, concessions, and waivers that a project is entitled to under the DBL (Gov. Code, § 65915) do not render the project noncompliant with the zoning code or general plan, for purposes of the HAA (Gov. Code, § 65589.5, subd. (j)(3)). The HAA’s protections therefore apply, and the City may not reject the project except based on health and safety standards, as outlined above. Furthermore, if the City rejects the project or impairs its feasibility, it must conduct “a thorough analysis of the economic, social, and environmental effects of the action.” (*Id.* at subd. (b).)

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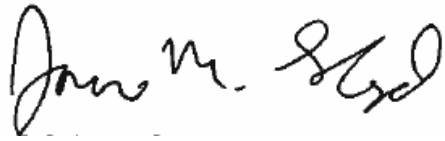
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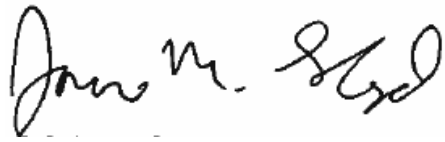


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**From:** [Kitty Moore](#)  
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**Cc:** [Kirsten Squarcia](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Written Communications Items 15 and 16  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2026 3:58:34 PM  
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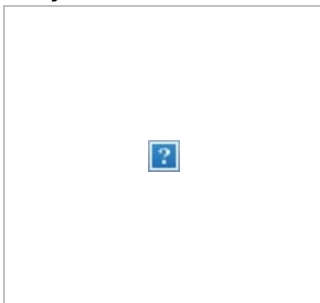
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Dear City Clerk,

Please provide the attached Draft PDF as written communications for the Dividend Homes projects tonight.

Thank you,

Kitty Moore



**Kitty Moore**






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Cupertino Public Art – DRAFT compilation.

October 16, 2025

	Picture of Art	Artist	Title/Description	Location
1			<a href="#">“Little Trees”, Menlo Equities</a>	NE Corner SCB/Wolfe Rd.
2		John Augsberger	<a href="#">Morion sculpture</a> , 1971	(City Hall) SE corner Torre and Rodrigues
3		Peter Max	<a href="#">Morion cover Page of Cupertino Courier, 9/03/2003 Courier Article</a>	This was part of a promotion. Guests were invited to bring a copy of the Courier to his book signing at Borders Books at Santana Row. Location of original painting unknown.





4		Georgia Gerber	<a href="#"><u>"The Dancers"</u></a>	Civic Center Plaza at City Hall
5		?	?	19800 Wolfe Rd.
6		?	? Sculpture of a child reading with a rabbit looking on	Cupertino Library courtyard
7		?	? Quail Family	South end of Don Burnett Bridge
8		Stanley Proctor	"The Guardians"	Memorial Park Veterans Memorial



9		Ulrich Pakker	<a href="#">“Glassflow”</a>	Oak Park Village, 10745 N. De Anza Blvd.
10			<a href="#">“Magnificent Tree” Whole Foods Market</a>	Whole Foods
11		James Moore	<a href="#">“Stargazer” Hyatt House</a>	Hyatt House N. Wolfe Rd.
12		Roger White Stoller	<a href="#">“Natura” is the working title</a>	The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
13		Futureforms (Jason Kelly Johnson & Nataly Gattegno)	<a href="#">“Bloom”</a>	Alan Row (SW Corner SCB and Foothill)



14			Katie Paterson and Zeller & Moyer	<a href="#">“Mirage” Mirage website</a>	Apple HQ Visitor’s Center
15			Sarabjit Singh	<a href="#">“Harmony” Submittal to Arts and Culture Commission</a>	Art in Unexpected Places Blackberry Farm Pool building
16			Roger Berry		Cali Mill Plaza, SE Corner SCB and DA Blvd.
17			<a href="#">Reed Madden Designs</a>	<a href="#">“Emergence”</a>	Westport, Mary Avenue
18-19				Pair of Stone Lanterns from Toyokawa Sister City	Memorial Park



				
20			<a href="#">This ornate gazebo has historic relevance, saved wood from the Parrish home formerly located at the current Senior Center site.</a>	
21		Martin Web	<a href="#">“Converge”</a>	Franco Park
22			“Biltmore Family”	20030 Stevens Creek Blvd.

	<p align="center"><b>The Following Collection is from the Main Street Cupertino Art Master Program - some pieces may have been installed but are not shown, see the Main Street Art Master Program linked</b></p>			
	 	<p>Murals:  <a href="#">Alexander Lebron</a>            Parking            Garage            sculptures:  <a href="#">Barbara Grygutis</a>            Apple core:            “Flight”            Sculpture”            Jason Paul            Bennett            Creek            Markers            Others show            up in the            Master            Program but            do not know if            they were            installed</p>	<p><a href="#">Main Street Art Master Program Approved Feb. 29, 2016.</a></p>	<p><b>Main Street Art Master Program</b></p>



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