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Subject: High Density Housing Rezoning in San Jose
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:57:46 PM

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Dear Planning Commission:

The San Jose City Council is trying to rezone the single family lots in San Jose to allow multiple housing units to be built on one lot. That means that a 5000 square single family lot in an area such as the historic Shasta-Hanchett neighborhood could have the historic home from the 1800s be torn down and multiple housing units built on the 5000 square foot lot.

This attempt to rezone citizens' land is an attempt to sell the land out from under the property owners. No one from the public is being made aware of this rezoning. The San Jose City Council does not want the public to know about the attempts to rezone suburban neighborhoods in San Jose. They do not want the public to know they are going to rezone the single family lots. This means that all of Willow Glen could be rezoned to high density housing.

The Scott Wiener and Toni Atkins high density housing bills SB 9 and SB 10 are a further corruption of this attempt to take property away from home owners. These two bills attempt to over ride CEQA and get rid of the Coastal Commission. They want to put up to eight housing units on a single family lot. And they say they are doing this "by right". By whose right? The people and corporations who are paying money to get these housing bills written for hire by California elected politicians? So who came up with the wording "by right"? Some hired think tank that schemes to take homeowners land away? Some hired think tank that works to try to deceive the public? To coerce the public into thinking that they have no right to live in their neighborhoods or to own or rent their homes. That the current residents are not good enough to live in their homes?

What kind of farce is this being perpetrated on the California public? Why are politicians trying to deceive the public? Why are the writing bills that try to take control of land outside of their elected jurisdictions? Who are they to say something is "by right"? They just put that into the wording of the bills. Like some sort of conqueror telling the poor defeated homeowners that they are too stupid to own their homes or live on their land. They are worth nothing.. Their live son their land is worth nothing. Someone else is going to come and take over their land "by right". Wow. What kind of democracy is that? Someone else's elected politicians have a plan to take over your land?

So where is the money coming from to do this? Who is writing the checks to demand that they get California suburban neighborhoods? Why are they using California politicians?

Yes, one should talk about an illegal land grab. It is going on now with San Jose trying to rezone the land for high density housing right under the feet of their unsuspecting citizens in SanJose Suburbia and also in the text of the SB 9 and SB 10 High Density Housing Bills that two elected California politicians are peddling.

The public should stop believing these people/entities have a "by right" right to repurpose

homeowners's land and build high density high rise housing on it. These entities have no right and the farce is that they keep trying to take over the land and want the people who live on the land to be stupid and not ask questions and willingly surrender their land without a fight. If you ask questions, you are called stupid and told you are not good enough to live on your land.

Time to stop the farce all together and let the public see these big money backers for who they are. Why kind of democracy are they playing at anyway? No, I would not call it democracy. I call it a land grab by those who do not care about the public of California at all. Money and power is all they want and need. And the Suburban Lots.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Griffin

From: [Jenny Griffin](#)
To: [City of Cupertino Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Comments on item 2
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:05:52 PM

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Dear Planning Commission:

I would like to make comments on item 2, but I could not get my hand signal on the Zoom screen to come on.

I would like these comments to go into the record for number 2.

I am very happy with heart of the city. It is far superior to anything San Jose has come up With. I am not a big fan of the San Jose urban villages because they are too tall and There is no transition next to suburban housing.

Thank you,

Jennifer



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January 22, 2021

Cupertino Planning Commission
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, California 95014

RE: Modification to an existing Use Permit (U-2004-01)

Dear Commissioners,

With this letter the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its support for the modification of conditions for the property concerned.

While the intent of creating a mixed-use environment in Cupertino is heartily supported, the application of that requirement to this property has proven to be economically infeasible.

The long-term changes in how people do business has battered retail generally and hurt small retail most significantly. Stand-alone small retail survives principally in the form of fast-food franchises.

The granting of the request does not set precedent as the property is unique. Incorporated into a residential development, this building has distinctive limitations to commercial use of the property. Parking is inadequate for commercial use and, in good faith, the owner has offered the property for commercial use for years without success.

The impracticality of the use of that space for retail is clear to potential customers, potential tenants, and to the property owner. By approving the requested modifications, the planning commission can make this space economically viable.

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Draft Resolution recommending that the City Council approve the Use Permit Modification.

Thank you for your most serious consideration of this issue.

Respectfully yours,

Shyam Panchal
President, Board of Directors
Cupertino Chamber of Commerce

To: Cupertino Planning Commission Members
Ray Wang, Vice-Chair; Vikram Saxena; Sanjiv Kapil; Alan Takahashi;
David Fung

From: Ann L. Stevenson

Subject: APN 369-56-001 Zoning Change Request

Date: January 22, 2021

I am writing in support of my friend Catherine Chen, State Farm Insurance Company Agent, who owns the building at 20130 Stevens Creek Boulevard APN: 369-56-001 in Cupertino. I am requesting that you please grant her application to change the designation of the long-time vacant office in her building from retail to commercial.

As a retired Marriage & Family Therapist who practiced in Cupertino for over 30 years, I am aware of the scarcity of available small office space in Cupertino. Although there may not be a need currently during Covid, I would expect that situation to change post-vaccine. Whereas I recognize the necessity of sales tax revenue for the city, it would appear that it might be preferable to realize business license tax rather than having the space sit empty for such a long period.

Catherine is a long-time member of the Cupertino business community. I had the pleasure of serving with her on the Asian-American Business Council of the Cupertino Chamber and appreciated her many contributions on the council as well as on the Chamber Board. She is consistently one of the first to volunteer her time and financial support to numerous organizations and causes in Cupertino and the Santa Clara Valley.

Thanks for your consideration.