

From: Caryl Gorska
To: [Catarina Kidd](#)
Cc: [Savita Vaidhyanathan](#); [Darcy Paul](#); [Rod Sinks](#); [Barry Chang](#); [Steven Scharf](#); [Aarti Shrivastava](#); [David Brandt](#)
Subject: Re: Westport Cupertino (The Oaks) GPA proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:12:27 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.htm](#)
[San Joe's Urban Villages Plan Faces Transportation Obstacles.pdf](#)

Ms. Kidd,

Thank you for your prompt reply. I did find what KT Urban states as the features that break the General Plan on page 5 of the "Westport Alternatives Narrative" pdf document.

Please do send me *your* report when it is ready.

I have to say, proposing a project so dense in this location is asking for trouble. For one, even though the parking garage entrance is located in the back, off Mary Ave, funneling cars into the tight garage entrance is going to greatly increase the backup of the already overburdened turn onto Mary from Stevens Creek.

And regarding the value of the "Transit Center" (NOT included in the project!) across a pedestrian bridge over Hwy 85, I suggest reading the attached article about the less than successful Cottle Transit Village in San Jose. Here is one quote from the article:

"Whenever pedestrians or bicycles have to cross an onramp to get to the station, it's always a little bit of a hazard situation," Golem says. "We need to think about how to enhance people's feeling that it's safe."

Not only is the prospect of walking over Hwy 85 to reach transit in the middle of the highway less than appealing, the location of the proposed terminal for the transit center in the Westport development doesn't seem to be a comfortable walking distance for most uses. Would there be a study to estimate what actual ridership to San Jose might be?

And what IS the status of the light rail plan on Hwy 85?

I do hope the the City looks very critically and asks the hard questions about this project. Because on the face, it looks like starry-eyed wishful thinking *at best* by the developer.

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In the spirit of full disclosure, this project IS in my back yard; I live at the Commons community just across Memorial Park from The Oaks.

I'm also a supporter of Better Cupertino, and The Oaks is how I got involved. In early 2016, I received a postcard from KT Urban about their plan, which prompted me to attend my first ever City Council Meeting. As you know, The Oaks project was voted down by city council, and the developer wisely chose not to try to mount an initiative on the same ballot with Measure C and D (or they didn't have enough valid signatures, I can't remember).

Vallco is not in my back yard, and I didn't think would affect me all that much, but once I was involved and looked at the plans for The Hills at Vallco, I was shocked by its cynical

dishonesty. I was also horrified to learn the amount of support the developer was getting from city staff, and the ridiculous amount of money the developer was willing to spend to buy supporters and fool the public.

My story should be a cautionary tale for the Cupertino City government. If you go too far, the people rise up and revolt :>) Cupertino citizens are among the most highly educated people in our country, and it's insulting to think they can be fooled so easily. Big developers and their government supporters so far have counted on the fact that most citizens are too busy working and raising children to pay attention to local issues other than schools.

But two things have changed: the wretched excess of the Vallco project has mobilized a group that is not going away, and exists to educate their neighbors, one by one if necessary; and overdevelopment throughout the area is beginning to affect the daily lives of people to an extent that they are no longer ignorant.

I hope that our city government is smarter than it has acted in the past, and begins to really think as the public servants they are.

Regards,

Caryl Gorska

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On Jun 13, 2017, at 7:19 AM, Catarina Kidd <CatarinaK@cupertino.org> wrote:

Hi Caryl,

We are in the process of reviewing that proposal. The report outlining the project features that require an amendment to Cupertino's General Plan is pending.

I will forward you a copy when it's ready.

Catarina S. Kidd, AICP, Senior Planner

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From: Caryl Gorska [<mailto:gorska@gorska.com>]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:14 PM

To: Catarina Kidd <CatarinaK@cupertino.org>

Subject: Westport Cupertino (The Oaks) GPA proposal

From: [Aarti Shrivastava](#)
To: [Piu Ghosh](#); [Catarina Kidd](#)
Cc: [Benjamin Fu](#)
Subject: FW: Westport Cupertino plans are absurd
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:55:56 PM

Aarti

From: Lauren Sapudar
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Aarti Shrivastava <AartiS@cupertino.org>; David Brandt <Davidb@cupertino.org>
Subject: FW: Westport Cupertino plans are absurd

From: Caryl Gorska [<mailto:gorska@gorska.com>]
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Savita Vaidhyanathan; Steven Scharf; Rod Sinks; Darcy Paul; Barry Chang
Subject: Westport Cupertino plans are absurd

Dear Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Council Members Paul, Sinks, Scharf and Chang;
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Please send KT Urban a strong message that they need to adhere to the rules, and come back with a plan that falls within the parameters of our General Plan.
Thank you,
Caryl Gorska

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Subject: Fwd: KT Urban Peoposal
Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 7:42:08 AM

Aarti

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lauren Sapudar <LaurenS@cupertino.org>
Date: July 3, 2017 at 7:58:17 AM PDT
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<Davidb@cupertino.org>
Subject: FW: KT Urban Peoposal

From: jill@blueboxer.com [<mailto:jill@blueboxer.com>]
Sent: Saturday, July 01, 2017 11:58 AM
To: City Council
Subject: KT Urban Peoposal

To Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Cupertino City Council Members...

I am writing to request that the Cupertino City Council vote to approve the General Plan Amendment Authorization that will permit KT Urban to proceed with the development submittal process for Westport Cupertino. Please permit their project to " go through the gate " and into the regular planning process on Tuesday August 1st.

I have lived in Cupertino for 38 years and have always regretted that there has never been a downtown. The library/civic center area, as well as the tiny town of Monta Vista could have been turned into a downtown area, but that never happened. The Oaks site could have the potential to become such a location. As it stands now, the Oaks, once a great place to visit, doesn't have much to offer anymore. I'd love to have a fun destination to walk or bike to for a " town center " experience. Restaurants, retail shops, a state-of-the-art movie theater would all be revitalizing for " Cupe Town ".

I was very disappointed that plans for Valco's redevelopment fell through. I'm hoping that something wonderful can work out for the Oaks.

Respectively submitted, Jill Murray
21742 Columbus Avenue, Cupertino

From: [Aarti Shrivastava](#)
To: [Piu Ghosh](#); [Catarina Kidd](#)
Cc: [Benjamin Fu](#)
Subject: FW: Westport Cupertino (Oaks Shopping Center)
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:56:18 PM

Aarti

From: Lauren Sapudar
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Aarti Shrivastava <AartiS@cupertino.org>; David Brandt <Davidb@cupertino.org>
Subject: FW: Westport Cupertino (Oaks Shopping Center)

From: Linda Goldsworthy [<mailto:lindag212@comcast.net>]
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:39 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Westport Cupertino (Oaks Shopping Center)

July 7, 2017

Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan
Council Members
citycouncil@cupertino.org

Regarding: Westport Cupertino (The Oaks)

Dear Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Council Members,

I have been a resident in Cupertino for 46 years and living in my present home for 43 years. Cupertino has gone through a lot of changes the past few years. The Oaks has been a part of this community but it is not the same anymore. Most of the stores are empty now and it is time for something new. I have seen the plans for the Oaks and truly believe the new development will bring a great deal to our area. The design will be pleasing to the eye and great

place to wander through on a nice day or evening and stopping to have dinner or a nice drink.

I hope you will approve the plans and help improve this area.

Sincerely,
Linda Goldsworthy

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June 12, 2017

The Hon. Savita Vaidhyanathan, Mayor
Members of the Cupertino City Council
Cupertino City Hall
10300 Torre Ave
Cupertino, CA 95014

Email: citycouncil@cupertino.org

Cupertino City Council:

With over 35 years of commercial real estate experience in Silicon Valley with a focus in the West Valley office market, Cupertino has lost out on many corporate user opportunities (and tax dollars) due to a lack of new Class A office space in the City over the past 5-7 years. Other neighboring cities like Santa Clara, West San Jose, Sunnyvale and Mountain View have benefited and landed major tenants such as Amazon, Apple, LinkedIn, and Splunk, to name a few, as Cupertino was skipped over as these corporate tenants were not able to lease space (with expansion needs) in the City due to minimal inventory of Class A office space. As a result, this has created more “commute” traffic through Cupertino to these neighboring cities and lost tax dollars spent by employees who could both work and live in the city limits. The current Cupertino office vacancy as of Q1 2017 is 2.68% with 172,000sf available (72,000sf is sublease space) with a total base of 7.15 million square feet.

The Oaks site (to be called Westport Cupertino) is an optimum location for a corporate campus mixed-use setting, strategically located on Stevens Creek Blvd @ Hwy 85, at a highly visible site at the “gateway” into the City of Cupertino.

KT Urban is now proposing 2 alternative developments for either a Mixed-Use Residential project (Alternate 1) to meet the demand for more housing units in Cupertino OR Mixed-Use Gateway project (Alternate 2) to attract a corporate user in a “live, work, play” campus environment in Cupertino.

- **Alternative 2: Mixed Use Gateway:**
 - Class A Office Building (280 K sf.)
 - Flagship Hotel (170 rooms)
 - Residential: 270 units, including 70 Senior Units; 20% affordability rate
 - Retail – 69,500sf

In order to attract a corporate user to consider a location in Silicon Valley, the key criteria that tenants demand to recruit and retain employees (especially engineers to compete or align with Apple, Amazon & Google) are as follows:

- a) Easy 280/85 access with close proximity to SJC/SFO airports, especially for corporate CEO's and executives who are located in Los Altos, Palo Alto, Menlo Park or further up the Peninsula.
- b) Mixed use campus environment to include Class A high-rise Office space with 30,000-40,000 sf floor plates
- c) On-site parking (min. 3.5/1000 ratio)
- d) Transit Hub - access to public transportation (VTA/shuttle service to Caltrain)
- e) Freeway signage/visibility (Corporate identity/branding)
- f) On-site amenities to include fitness center, outdoor collaborative space, restaurants/food services, retail services (salon, coffee shop) business/financial services) in a "walkable" and bike friendly environment.
- g) On-site housing - this helps with recruitment and retention of employees; shorter commute (time savings; more production at work).
- h) Hotel rooms with conference center to accommodate clients and visitors

I believe that the City Council needs to give Westport Cupertino serious consideration for its redevelopment plans as a "Mixed-Use Gateway" project to create a higher and better use for this site, enable growth in the local economy, improve quality of life for its residents, and to stay competitive as a "business friendly" city in Silicon Valley.

Given its strategic location, architectural design and site layout to attract corporate tenants, new retail businesses, a landmark hotel with conference center, and residents who can "work, live, play" in a single campus setting, Westport Cupertino will leave a "greener" footprint that the Cupertino community can benefit from over the long term.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patty Steele".

Patty Steele

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From: Ravi Kumar [<mailto:ravi4biz@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:42 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Request to Deny KT Urban's applications

Dear Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Council Members Paul, Sinks, Scharf and Chang;

I respectfully request that the Cupertino City Council deny authorization to KT Urban's GPA application for The Oaks on August 1.

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Please send KT Urban a strong message that they need to adhere to the rules, and come back with a plan that falls within the parameters of our General Plan.

Regards,

Ravi

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Ravi Kumar

Mobile - 408-821-2481

From: Rich Altmaier [<mailto:richalt2@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:28 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Rich Altmaier
Subject: The Oaks Westport project - support

Dear City Council, I strongly support the Westport proposals. We are in critical need of revitalization of a too nearly dead mall in this part of Cupertino. The design approach of urban hybrid is clearly the way to go. I can see this proposal creating an exciting area, much as Mainstreet Cupertino and Santana Row in San Jose!

Although grumpy old people may complain about change, I am one old person who has seen the potential of the urban hybrid. I love the suburban feel of Arlington, VA in the Wilson Blvd/Fairfax Dr corridor, with 20 story apartments/condos leaving an entirely open and suburban feeling. Good design is entirely possible!

Also the plan hinting at a transit center over Highway 85 is a "wow" idea!

Thank you,
Rich Altmaier
Cupertino, CA

From: Christina Armstrong [<mailto:christina@nextwave.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: on August 1.:deny authorization to KT Urban's GPA application for The Oaks

Dear Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Council Members Paul, Sinks, Scharf and Chang;
I strongly request that the Cupertino City Council deny authorization to KT Urban's GPA application for The Oaks on August 1. Their concrete urban vision for the Oaks is not what I want built within walking distance from my house.
Both of their proposals would cause more traffic in and around neighborhood streets, Cars would take alternate routes to avoid the traffic congestion. Plans (1) Alternative 1, mixed-use residential and (2) Alternative 2, mixed-used office, completely ignores our General Plan. The voters have turned down similar proposals both in public meetings and at the voter box.
Voters have spoken and we did not multi-store building industrial park crammed into the Monta Vista area of Cupertino. Please convey to KT Urban that they need to adhere to the rules and regulations of the General Plan.
Regards,
Christina Armstrong

From: Ashwini Dwarakanath [<mailto:ashwini.dwarakanath@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 8:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: deny authorization to KT Urban's GPA application for The Oaks

Dear Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Council Members Paul, Sinks, Scharf and Chang;
I respectfully request that the Cupertino City Council deny authorization to KT Urban's GPA application for The Oaks on August 1.

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Please send KT Urban a strong message that they need to adhere to the rules, and come back with a plan that falls within the parameters of our General Plan.

Best Regards,

Ashwini (Cupertino resident and homeowner)

From: Karim Shariff [<mailto:k.shariff@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 3:35 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Please don't convert the Oaks Center into a hotel.

Dear Council Members:

My name and address is:

Karim Shariff
10160 Firwood Drive
Cupertino, CA 95014

De Anza Oaks Community

I writing to oppose changing the Oaks Shopping Center into a boutique hotel.

For me, the Oaks Shopping Center represents a nearby place for a respite where I can go, however I am dressed to get a reasonably priced bite to eat at Hobbee's, Chat House, or Jamba Juice and then sit on a bench or take a walk. The Oaks has a great ambience which is great for casual family relaxation and for students from the College to come and get a bite to eat, relax and socialize.

I don't believe that the hotel will be such a welcoming place and strongly oppose its building.

Sincerely,
Karim

From: Peter Murray [<mailto:psme.foothill@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:51 AM

To: City Council

Subject: Oaks Shopping Center revitalization

TO: Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan and Council

I am writing to request that the Cupertino City Council approve the general plan amendment authorization that will permit KT Urban to proceed with the development submittal process for the Westport Cupertino project. Please permit their project to go through the gate and into the regular planning process at your Tuesday, August 1, 2017 meeting. I will be on travel and can not attend in person.

My family has lived in Cupertino for 38 years and have always regretted that there has never been a downtown. Also, we enjoyed the close proximity of the Oaks Shopping Center. It is convenient to bike and walk to the Center. Over the years the complex has not attracted new businesses which are sustainable. It would be wonderful to have a new destination that is

vibrant with businesses and a nice promenade to be able to meet with friends and neighbors. This destination hopefully will have restaurants, relevant retail shops, movie theater and an outdoor socialization/meeting area.

The proximity of the proposed project to Highways 85 and 280 will support ease of access for ingress and egress. The Cupertino master plan speaks to having Stevens Creek Boulevard being a vibrant commercial area for the Cupertino residents. Just like in a major shopping center, to have large tenants at either end encourages and supports businesses between the two entities.

I believe the residence of Cupertino including my wife and I should have the opportunity to review and provide comment during the normal development submittal process. Not permitting the Westport Cupertino project to proceed in review is the denial of community input for the future of our town.

Respectfully,
Peter F. Murray
21742 Columbus Ave.
Cupertino, CA

From: Paulette Altmaier [<mailto:paulette@altmaier.us>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for WestPort alternatives

I will unfortunately be out of the country for the August City Council meeting, so will not be able to attend to voice my support. This email is to express my strong support for the 2 proposals. I support both, and would be satisfied with either, and leave it to the Council to choose between more residences vs a hotel and some office space.

We used to go to the Oaks regularly many years ago, but it is certainly totally out of date, unappealing, and a very poor use of land now. We can do so much more with this resource, located as it is right off of 85, and therefore ideally located to be revitalized with minimal traffic impact.

Paulette Altmaier

From: primadona1@comcast.net [mailto:primadona1@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 9:07 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk; City of Cupertino Planning Dept.
Subject: Westport Cupertino

Dear City Council,

Please include my e-mail as part of the public record.

I urge the city council to allow KT Urban to proceed with the West Port Cupertino project through the public process with a formal development application, so everyone can review the two alternatives by the public, the planning commission and the city council.

After a review the models and plans I noted that both featured much needed housing and shopping. I particularly liked the senior housing across from the senior center which is included in both their alternative plans. The Oaks Shopping center has been deteriorating for years and needs a makeover to revitalize the center. The hotel adds theaters and a gathering place. Both plans deserve to be looked at by the city.

Donna Austin, Cupertino Resident of 40 years

From: Kathy Smith [mailto:kathalyn_jean@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:08 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Councilmember Chappie Jones
Subject: Westport Cupertino, Formerly Known as The Oaks

Dear Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Councilmembers Paul, Sinks, Scharf, and Chang:

I have just reviewed the plans for the Oaks Shopping Center and to put it mildly, I am appalled. I am asking you to please deny KT Urban's applications until they can come up with a workable proposal that fits within the parameters of Cupertino's General Plan, and actually ties into consideration that humans, with real families will live in this project.

Both of KT's plans - #1 and #2 violate the General Plan and do not take into consideration the HUGE increase in traffic at this junction that is already plagued with traffic congestion beyond anything feasible in this lifetime, with
NO mass transit anywhere near this incredibly busy area.

If these proposals are allowed to go through, you will be sending a message to all our citizens (and not just Cupertino citizens - ALL CITIZENS of the South Bay) that the Cupertino City Council isn't considering what the TAXPAYERS/CONSTITUENTS want in our community, nor are they thinking about OUR quality of life.

Please send a strong message to KT that they not only need to adhere to the rules, but that they need to come back with a plan that falls within the parameters of the Cupertino General Plan. I suppose they plan on cutting down all the old growth trees on the property as well.

I will be at the City Council Meeting August 1 and will stay as long as I can (I have a semi-disabled husband). I am a 40 year resident of the South Bay and a 60+ year resident of California, so I actually know a thing or two about developers and their plans. Thank you.

Regards,
Kathy J Smith

From: Beth Ebben on behalf of City of Cupertino Planning Dept.
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:18 AM
To: Catarina Kidd
Subject:FW: Cupertino: Oak Plaza re-development - Westport

From the Planning Department's general mailbox:

From: Jay Kamdar [mailto:jay.kamdar@nexsales.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:53 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@cupertino.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@cupertino.org>; City of Cupertino Planning Dept. <planning@cupertino.org>
Subject: Cupertino: Oak Plaza re-development - Westport

Hello Cupertino Council Members, City Manager and the Planning Dept. Team:

I am a resident of Cupertino residing at 10080 Carmen Road since 1996. I was disappointed to see another business (Coffee Society) bite the dust at Oak Plaza. Time has come to redevelop Oak Plaza from grounds up. I received a flyer from the city that City Council will vote on August 1st to approve KT Urban's request to "Pass Through the Gate," and begin to work with the City Community Development Staff on a final proposal. I urge you to vote for the redevelopment of Oak Plaza.

I have reviewed KT urban's plans and two alternatives to redevelop Oak Plaza. Cupertino needs to grow with millennials and provide a great place to work, live and grow families. Currently Oak Plaza stands as an eyesore and what a waste of prime real estate that is not helping anyone. I like Westport development plans particularly Alternative 2 which brings a balance residential units, Office space and start-up incubation space and such. Please vote in favor and approve the plan leading to a good final proposal. Thank You.

Please include this message as part of the public record.

regards,

Jay Kamdar
(408) 831-3803 Direct
(408) 831-3800 Main
(408) 596-0338 Cell

From: gary virshup [mailto:gvirshup@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 9:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Oaks redevelopment

Dear Mayor Vaidhyanathan and Council Members Paul, Sinks, Scharf and Chang;
I respectfully request that the Cupertino City Council deny authorization to KT Urban's GPA application for The Oaks on August 1.

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Regards,

gary virshup
753 Stendhal Lane
Cupertino, CA 95014
650/799 5774 (cell)
408/255-9954 (home)

July 11, 2017

Cupertino City Hall
c/o Cupertino City Council
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014-3202

Re: Westport Cupertino

Dear City Council Members,

I have been a longtime resident of Cupertino, active in community affairs, including soccer coach, a Board of Director for the Cupertino Educational Endowment Fund (CEEF) and a De Anza graduate. I've watched our City grow and paid attention to the "Heart of the City" vision. The Westport Project (on the old Oaks site) seems to embody the "Heart of the City" goals. The location at Highway 85 off-ramp provides an ideal western edge across from De Anza College and the mixed use identified in Alternative 2, provides Office square footage that does not burden residential streets, the Hotel fulfills a needed hotel-room deficit and the Housing and Senior Residence cater to different age spectrums of our community.

We live in one of the most dynamic regions of the country (even the world). It is unrealistic to believe that Cupertino can put its head in the sand or put a "no-growth" flag at the edge of the City Limits. With one of the largest and fastest growing companies in the world based in Cupertino, it is wiser to have a balanced and well thought out plan to address how our City will grow. To that end, it makes a world of sense to make an informed decision. It is my understanding that the City's vote on August 1st is NOT to approve the proposed project, but rather to simply decide to study the plan. With all due respect to City process, how could any responsible municipal leadership elect not to better understand a project that literally anchors the western edge of the "Heart of the City" vision.

I am writing this letter to express the feelings of what is too often the silent majority. Also, I do not want a handful of loud, malcontent, no-growth extremists to show up at a City Council Meeting and shout that they represent the feelings of the greater community, because they don't. I respectfully request that the City do the intelligent thing and study the pros and cons of the Westport Proposal to better understand how it might benefit the entire City.

My children received an amazing education in the Cupertino School System; as much as they enjoyed school, there was no way to keep them stagnant as 9th graders for the rest of their lives, instead we raised them to be the best, well balanced grown-ups they could be. I sincerely believe that Cupertino has that same opportunity, to grow in the right way.

I thank you for the courtesy of considering my thoughts, like you, I love my City of Cupertino and want to see it be the best that it can be.

Sincerely,



Drew Arvay
Cupertino Resident

From: [Aarti Shrivastava](#)
To: [Piu Ghosh](#); [Catarina Kidd](#); [Beth Ebben](#)
Subject: Fwd: FW:
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:21:39 PM

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To: Aarti Shrivastava <AartiS@cupertino.org>, David Brandt
<Davidb@cupertino.org>
Subject: FW:

From: Natalie Wong [<mailto:nataliemaywong@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:57 PM
To: City Council
Subject:

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I respectfully request that the Cupertino City Council deny authorization to KT Urban's GPA application for The Oaks on August 1.

Both of their proposals, (1) Alternative 1, mixed-use residential, and (2) Alternative 2, mixed-used office, completely ignore our General Plan, and do not face the reality of the increased traffic congestion it would cause at a junction that is already plagued by traffic backups.

If these proposals are allowed to go forward, you will be sending a message to all our citizens that the City Council is not considering what taxpayers/constituents want in our community, or our quality of life.

Please send KT Urban a strong message that they need to adhere to the rules, and come back with a plan that falls within the parameters of our General Plan.

Regards,

Natalie Wong
