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LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER

SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES

June 22, 2020

To: Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga, Vice Mayor Ellen Kamei, and Council Members
City of Mountain View
(Via email)

Re: Item 7.2 on the June 23 Agenda: Google Landings Office Development Project

Dear Mayor Abe-Koga, Vice Mayor Kamei, and Council Members

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter has been following the Google Landings and Huff garage project and has stayed in communication with Google representatives during the evolution of the project.

The most impressive element in the complex is converting Permanente Creek from a concrete channel to a natural riparian environment along Permanente Creek trail. This is an important step forward in addressing the General Plan vision for the North Bayshore area which includes enhancement of the area's unique wildlife and habitat. This could serve as a model for other corporate campuses on the value of regeneration of urban habitat and ecology. Lessons learned from this new paradigm can be used elsewhere and incorporated into the general plans and Specific Plans of other cities as well.

The Huff garage now has several interesting features, top-most being the design that allows it to be converted to much desired housing and, now, with the interesting addition of the delicate nature-based facades, it fits much better along the "green loop" with its native trees and ample vegetation. Many of our suggestions have been included in the project plans and benefits. Even our suggestion that the buildings themselves should highlight nature in North Bayshore has found expression in the artwork for Huff Garage.

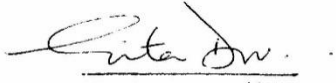
We are also pleased to note that the "extra" trees, generated by Landings' tree removal, will be used to create more beautiful native tree-lined streets elsewhere in North Bayshore.

We understand that Google is required to do a further trip reduction to include Landings in North Bayshore. After discussion with them, this seems doable to us. We suggest that, in future planning, there may also be value in continuing discussion about bicycle capacity and safety at the reconfigured Rengstorff intersection design or a separate bicycle bridge at Landings, near

Rengstorff, to encourage increased safe use of bikes, scooters and other personal mobility devices in order to further reduce auto trips .

Google's Landings project is unique in that it combines many features that embody the vision of the North Bayshore Precise Plan for innovation and sustainability, for habitat protection, for ecological connectivity and also for adaptability and resilience.

Respectfully,

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Gita Dev, Co-Chair
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Cc: James Eggers, Executive Director
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