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Subject: Passage at San Mateo Project

We understand that comments on the Draft EIR for the Passage at San Mateo Project are due on May 26, 2020.

This is a follow up to our April 9, 2020 email. We would like to emphasize some comments that we made in our April 9, 2020 email on that project. I have also attached that prior email and Guidelines for your convenience.

The project scores very well in our Guidelines. However, I would like to highlight some of the main points below that pertain to the Draft EIR and possible mitigation.

1. **Require Unbundled parking** for all the residential parking spaces **and a Residential Parking Permit Program to protect nearby neighborhoods from overflow parking**: This is important to implement, as it will financially incentivize residents to not use cars. This will reduce environmental impacts, including local traffic congestion. The Residential Parking Permit program will assure that residents don't park in adjacent neighborhoods.

2. All of the positive aspects of the development listed (1–24) in our earlier email would need to be **included in the Development Agreement or as Conditions of Approval**. We urge the Commission to require that all the developer's commitments be codified in the Development Agreement and ensure that these are in fact executed.

3. Require the owner/developer to provide subsidized **transit passes for all residents for five years** to encourage more transit use.

We ask that you consider the information in the Guidelines and our scoring as you consider this project.

Respectfully submitted:

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Attachments   Letter dated April 9, 2020
                  Guidelines with scoring for the project