

Letter: Station Park Green
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Dear Editor Sam Mateo Daily Journal,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter wishes to express its support of the San Mateo City Council's approval of Station Park Green at the Hayward Park train station ("Station Park Green approved" in the Feb. 4 edition of the Daily Journal). We particularly applaud the city because this transit-oriented housing development addresses the Peninsula's existing jobs-housing imbalance.

Station Park Green can help provide the density at Hayward Park station required for transportation improvements. If enough new residents use the train it may warrant more frequent train service to Hayward Park in south San Mateo.

The main drawback of the project is that there is still too much parking, which encourages auto ownership and discourages transit ridership.

As the project moves forward, we hope that council will review the possible need for a residential parking permit program in the surrounding neighborhoods to protect neighboring homes from overflow parking and garner long-term neighborhood support. This program could be funded from fees paid by the development.

We also hope that Station Park Green will be encouraged to join the fledgling downtown Transportation Management Association to add needed membership and to help fund shuttles to downtown services to reduce auto trips.

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