



Loma Prieta Chapter serving San Mateo, Santa Clara & San Benito Counties

July 13, 2015

Millbrae City Manager and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Millbrae
Via e-mail: mraines@ci.millbrae.ca.us

Re: Millbrae Station Area Specific Plan – Request for extension of Draft EIR comment period to 60 days

Dear Ms Raines and Members of the Millbrae City Council,

Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter appreciates the importance of the Millbrae Station Area as the regional transportation hub for the entire peninsula and a gateway to the San Francisco Bay Area. Our Chapter is an active advocate for Smart Growth in Priority Development Areas and the Sustainable Communities Strategy to address the goals set out in **AB32 and SB 375** as well as provide for a good jobs/housing fit for our cities. Therefore we look forward to staying involved in the Millbrae Station Area Specific Plan and providing comments to the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR comment period is set to close on August 10th 2015. **We are hereby requesting that the comment period be extended to 60 days.** We believe this is a reasonable request because:

- This comment period is during summer when many people are on vacations with their families.
- The revised Millbrae Station Area Specific Plan was released at the same time as the Draft EIR (DEIR); therefore the changes to the plan need to be reviewed along with the EIR.
- The DEIR is unusually complex and very long. This is because it is highly unusual for a programmatic EIR to be done simultaneously with detailed development proposals that are to be included in the plan. In this case there is not one but two developer proposals included in the MSASP EIR.
- The two development proposals are large and complex. These deserve a thorough review as they provide detailed particulars that need to be evaluated in reference to the Station Area Plan Policy Guidelines.

We also believe that there is insufficient notification to the public for the public community workshops to solicit public input for the significantly revised MSASP and the DEIR.

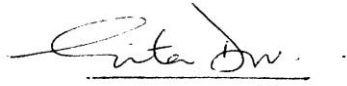
- **The workshops are not a regular council meeting and generally such public participation events are noticed weeks and months in advance, as well as in the press, to ensure that the public is adequately informed.**

The Station AREA precise Plan is going to bring big changes to the City of Millbrae and its residents, as well as to the region. We learned, at the City Council meeting on June 30th 2015, that there would be the first of two Community Workshops on July 16th 2015. As of this morning (13th July), we have yet to see any information about such a meeting on the City website or on the MSASP web pages.

We have looked at the City calendar and the MSASP web page for a calendar of events for the MSASP, for the first and second workshops and find no information about the public workshops. With 4 days left, a meeting on the 16th will not have received sufficient public notification to reach a wide audience.

We look forward to continued involvement in Millbrae Station Area Specific Plan and are requesting a written response to our request for Extension of time for the DEIR comment period. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gita Dev", is written over a horizontal line.

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