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Almaden Ranch plan to return even better

The San Jose Planning Commission deserves to be congratulated for sending the environmental impact report for the Almaden Ranch back to the drawing board. While the plan the developers presented was an improvement on their original proposal of a strip mall surrounded by parking, it still was not a walkable, vibrant commercial area that created a sense of place.

The Planning Commission was right to send the EIR back for improvement to ensure that the Almaden Ranch project fits in with the letter and the spirit of the new 2040 Development Plan. I look forward to the developers going back to the community for further input and coming back with a plan for a truly walkable and lively shopping area that helps make San Jose even better.

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