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Honorable Joe Simitian
Santa Clara Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street
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San Jose, CA 95110

SUBJECT: STANFORD GENERAL USE PERMIT (GUP) – COMMUNITY PLAN

Dear Supervisor Simitian:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stanford GUP process. The Town was very involved in the public process for the 2019 GUP and while Stanford may have withdrawn its application for a new GUP, the Town remains very concerned about the impact of some of their development, both today and in the future.

The Town believes that it is vital that the Stanford Community Plan be rigorously updated, particularly after being essentially dormant for more than 20 years. The Town generally supports the staff recommendations and believes that they are consistent with the 2019 discussions. We too have specific concerns with some of Stanford's recommendations for changes to the Community Plan. These concerns relate to a dilution of policies that already exist in the Community Plan.

- We do not support removing the trip-based standards from the Circulation Chapter, including for peak period and reverse commute trips;
- We do not support allowing for use of an in-lieu fee for affordable housing units as such funds never go far enough to address the real need; and
- We do not support allowing for housing built under the current GUP to be credited to a future GUP.

Thank you for hearing our concerns and please support the staff recommendations.

Sincerely,

Rick DeGolia, Mayor

cc: City Council