

Public Scoping Meeting (dated February 4, 2019)

Individuals representing themselves and/or local organizations spoke at the Joint Community and Scoping meeting. A summary of the comments is provided below. Comments related to existing issues or opinions on the project itself are not specifically responded to as they are not relevant to the scope of the SEIR. Comments relevant to the scope of the environmental analysis are consistent with comment letters received and have been responded to above. Refer to all previous responses D-P.

1. With all the development occurring in the area, what are we doing about non-auto related transportation?
2. The building may block the mural on the De Anza Hotel.
3. Two valet parking spaces is insufficient.
4. Housing is preferred to a hotel.
5. Axis is a vertical neighborhood with only two driveways.
6. What happens when Almaden Boulevard becomes a two-way street?
7. The project site is too large for the site.
8. Axis broke promises to residents, the proposed building is taller than promised.
9. Would prefer a park.
10. The design is ugly.
11. Want to keep the De Anza Hotel as a historic structure without obstruction.
12. Could impact Axis parking.
13. Design does not comply with downtown design guidelines.
14. Does not compliment De Anza Hotel.
15. Scale too big, will cast shadows and cause impacts during and after construction.
16. Is not compatible with surrounding development.
17. Cannot dwarf the De Anza Hotel.
18. De Anza Hotel lacks meeting rooms. If the new hotel included meeting rooms, it would complement the De Anza.
19. Keep the historic elements of San José through architectural design.
20. Keep the historic names that would play on San José's identity.
21. Support infill and density projects but have issue with relationship of the building to the De Anza Hotel.
22. Too much glass, building needs more visual interest.
23. How will building operations affect the way of life in this area.
24. This is a gateway site, so it should have a better design.
25. Sunlight will be blocked.
26. Congestion will be unsafe for children.
27. Do not destroy historic context of the area.
28. Will there be noise issues, especially from the rooftop and mechanical equipment?
29. Traffic will be bad.
30. Are there public view rights?
31. With residences facing south, how can they prevent invasion of privacy issues.
32. Odor from exhaust vents.
33. Will cranes hit the Axis during construction?
34. De Anza Hotel sign will be blocked.
35. Why are all the balconies facing east and west?
36. Logistics of construction is a concern.
37. Where will the workers park during construction?

38. How will the foundation be built?
39. Do we know how many hotel rooms are needed or wanted downtown?
40. What percentage of hotel occupancy is met by any project?
41. Need robust parking discussion.
42. Need to discuss bird safe design.
43. NOP does not identify De Anza as historic structure on National Register. Should consider recirculation of NOP.
44. Is there an operation plan that talks about how the valet will work?
45. Need something brilliant on this site. This is not it.
46. Looms over the De Anza.
47. Sale of property vs. street vacation.