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[VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL]

February 26, 2020

Refer to HUD_2020_0124_003

Ms. Rosalynn Hughey
Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Blossom Hill Road Mixed-Use Multifamily Affordable Housing Development
Project at 397 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA

Dear Ms. Hughey:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer received your submittal for the above referenced undertaking for review and comment pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800. The regulations and advisory materials are located at www.achp.gov.

Undertaking

You have informed us that the City of San Jose intends to provide funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop mixed-use, affordable, multifamily housing at 397 Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. The undertaking includes the demolition of an existing commercial property, and the construction of a four-story mixed use building with 145 housing units and 16,066 square-feet of commercial space.

Area of Potential Effects (APE)

The City has defined the APE as the subject parcel and adjacent parcels. We believe this is an adequate definition of the APE for the work associated with this undertaking.

Identification of Historic Properties

In an effort to identify potential historic properties within the APE the City and consultants obtained a records search for the project area from the Northwest Information Center (NWIC) of the CHRIS located at Sonoma State. Consultants, Holman & Associates, conducted an archeological field survey for the project. The City and their consultants' efforts did not identify any historic properties within the APE. Our office believes that the City made reasonable and good faith identification efforts.

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Finding of Effects

The City made a “determination of No Historic Properties Affected.” Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.4(d), the California Office of Historic Preservation does not object to the City’s finding of *No historic properties affected*. However, the City may have additional Section 106 responsibilities under certain circumstances set forth at 36 CFR Part 800 in the event that historic properties are discovered during implementation of the undertaking your agency is required to consult further pursuant to §800.13(b).

We appreciate the City of San Jose’s consideration of historic properties in the project planning process. If you have questions please contact Shannon Lauchner Pries, Historian II, with the Local Government & Environmental Compliance Unit at (916)445-7013 or by email at shannon.pries@parks.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Julianne Polanco
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