

PDC19-049 & PD20-006: Community Meeting Comments Summary

The comments below are the major comments/concerns we heard during the community meeting. If you have any additional comments, please email me at Michelle.Flores@sanjoseca.gov and they will be included as part of the project's record.

Project

- The site is not easy to access by bike or walking.
- A grocery store should replace the Lucky's.
- The 10-story buildings along the Saratoga side will affect the view.
- The height is out of character.
- Saratoga doesn't want urban villages or high density.
- No construction work should be done before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- The project should look at the aesthetics from the street level.
- Placing 120 feet high buildings and rooftop terraces near residential would allow people to view into the adjacent homes and creates privacy concerns.
- Prefer the berm to be dark and avoid lighting.
- The project would change the character of the neighborhood.
- Renderings should be provided for other adjacent areas.
- Is there enough electricity for new residences?
- The community would like to see the future plan for the rest of El Paseo.
- The height of the buildings does not complement the existing residences.
- Needs to introduce more walking spaces.

Environmental

- The NOP should include cultural resources.
- The noise from dumpsters, cargo delivery vehicles, and parking.
- Concerns with noise during construction.

Traffic

- Quito Road on the plan set is a one-lane road so drivers cut through.
- Project would increase traffic on Quito Road and Saratoga Avenue.
- Local streets are backed up in Baker West.
- Traffic will spread to local streets.
- The Avalon project is already adding residential units and traffic.
- The traffic study should account for COVID.
- Community would like to see the plans for transportation.
- Traffic gridlock during school pickup and drop-off.
- Community would like to see traffic and parking would function.
- There are enough people driving fast in this area.

Educational Facility

- The private school would cause issues for the local school district (Moreland School District).
- An educational facility is an improper use.
- The park land will be shared with the school.
- Locating a 2,500-student school at this site would create traffic.
- An international school is not consistent in urban villages.
- The school would cause students to access the berm and the homes across the berm.
- Concerns about the boarding school and the students' activity at night.
- There are enough schools in the area.

Urban Village

- Community welcomes affordable housing and growth in the City, but this should not be a growth area.
- City of Saratoga should be included in discussion for urban village.
- Other urban villages are not adjacent to residential neighborhoods.