

Affirming Support for 777 W. San Carlos, Item 8.2 on this Tuesday's Agenda

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Re: Support for Item 8.2 on Tuesday, 5/23 City Council Agenda

Mayor & Council,

In [June 2020](#), Danco Communities presented to Catalyze SV members its 777 W. San Carlos St project, who [scored it a 4.17 out of 5](#).

Our members gave it our highest possible score on the Intensity/Zoning category and the Affordability one too.

One of the most unusual, noteworthy elements of this project is its "3,000 square-foot commercial childcare center on site that would be able to serve 50 children" (this inclusion of childcare became one of the inspiration's for Catalyze SV's March 2023 ["Designing for Women" event](#)).

We also want to express gratitude to Danco for its responsiveness to a couple pieces of our members' input so far. Danco has:

1. added flex commercial/amenity space with a patio and public seating on West San Carlos.
2. also increased bike parking to one space per unit

We are very glad to see the City support the forward momentum of this project. We support [staff's memo and all of its recommendations!](#)

One question on the project: would it be feasible and benefit the goal of longer term affordability if the project could be guaranteed as affordable housing for 99 years (beyond the current 55 years)?

Thank you to City staff, the County, and you the Council for continuing to advance the funding and building of new affordable homes in San Jose!

Gratefully — Alex Shoor

P.S. On a personal note, this project is about 4 blocks from my home and I believe it will be a tremendous asset to the neighborhood!

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Alex Shoor

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Please find attached written comment on Item 8.2 for today's City Council meeting.

Best, Matt Tinsley



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May 22, 2023

RE: ITEM 8.2 Approval of the Issuance of Tax-Exempt and Taxable Multifamily Housing Revenue Notes and the Loan of the Proceeds thereof for the Financing of 777 West San Carlos and Approving Related Documents.

Dear Mayor Mahan, City Council Members, and staff,

I wish to express my support for the proposal to include childcare facilities as part of the affordable housing development at 777 West San Carlos in San José. Access to childcare is one of the most commonly requested resident services in affordable housing developments and supports residents' workforce participation and the social-emotional, physical, and academic development of their children. Additionally, the proposed development is in the 95126 zip code which is a Priority 1 area for expansion of the California State Preschool and General Child Care programs, as determined by the Local Early Education Planning Council. The recent increase in income eligibility thresholds for these state childcare programs means that most, if not all, the residents of this development will be eligible for subsidized childcare.

I encourage the developer, Danco Communities, and the City to consult with Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) early learning and care staff in the planning and construction of the childcare facility. The rollout of Universal Pre-Kindergarten, and including expansion of Transitional Kindergarten, is creating shifts in the supply and demand for childcare services across our community. Additionally, ensuring that the facility supports high quality instruction, rather than simply meeting Title 22 regulatory minimums, will be important in attracting and sustaining an early learning provider. As a provider of early learning services and a key component of the county's mixed-delivery system infrastructure, SCCOE can help to ensure that these facilities support high quality programs, the needs of the community, and the goals of the developer. I offer the support of my office to ensure the success of this very valuable opportunity to expand access to early care and education. Please feel free to contact the SCCOE's Executive Director of Government Relations, Amanda Dickey (adickey@sccoe.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools