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San Jose Envision 2040 Task Force,

Thank you for your efforts over the last 36 months developing San Jose's Envision 2040 General Plan.

I would like to draw your attention to two items:

1) Chapter 5 page 19

LU-11.19 To highlight the importance of historic resources for the community, identify landmarks, landmark districts and Conservation Areas on the land use/transportation diagram as Areas of Historic Sensitivity.

The version of the Land Use/Transportation Diagram I checked did not have a "designation" for "Areas of Historic Sensitivity" nor were there markings on the diagram representing "Areas of Historic Sensitivity"

2) Chapter 5 page 17

a) _____

Goal LU-11 – Landmarks and Districts

Preserve and enhance historic landmarks and districts in order to promote a greater sense of historic awareness and community identity and contribute towards a sense of place.

Policies – Landmarks and Districts

LU-11.1 Preserve the integrity and fabric of candidate or designated Historic Districts.

LU-11.2 Preserve candidate or designated landmark structures and historic sites, with first priority given to preserving and rehabilitating them for their historic use, second to preserving and rehabilitating them for a new use, or third to rehabilitation and relocation on-site. If atypical circumstances exist that preclude the aforementioned options, candidate or designated landmark structures should be rehabilitated and relocated to a new site in an appropriate setting.

LU-11.3 For landmark structures located within new development areas, including identified Villages and Corridors, incorporate the landmark structures within the new development as a

means to create a sense of place, contribute to a vibrant economy, provide a connection to the past, and make more attractive employment, shopping, and residential areas.

LU-11.3 "candidate" historic structures should be incorporated in Villages as a means to create a sense of place, contribute to a vibrant economy, provide a connection to the past, and make more attractive employment, shopping, and residential areas. "Candidate" structures are included for preservation for areas except in Villages and Corridors(see LU1 and LU2). There are many pre-World War I structures that would create a nice restaurant row within our CR-30 Alameda West Village. They should be considered for preservation under the West Village Plan.

b)

Within CR-30 Alameda West Village on The Alameda we have three structures declared for the state historic register by the state historic officer. They are three is a long string of pre-World War I structures on the east side of The Alameda that are worthy of preserving.

c)

There are also four HABS homes on the same block of O'Brien Ct which is adjacent and perpendicular to CA-82(CR-30 Alameda West Village). One of the four shares a property boundary with a property in the proposed CR-30 The Alameda West Village.

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/item/CA0975/?sid=bb5dfb4923f879dc76ecc4722b3412c4>

How will their integrity be protected when the Village height overwhelms them? We need a Transition Area(reduced heights) to allow sunlight in, a reduction of light trespass and secure privacy.

The library of Congress has a collection of O'Brien Court photos

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d)

Additionally we have Morse Street on the west side of the CR-30 Alameda West Village that houses numerous beautiful Victorians and one Dutch Colonial. Many of these gems back the Village boundary and will be severely compromised (construction pounding destroys foundations) with the addition of large hovering structures. How will these be protected in the Village plan?

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