

Support for Opportunity Housing

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Hi,

I would like to express my support for the [Opportunity Housing](#) concept explored by the 2040 General Plan Four-Year Review Task Force.

San Jose is woefully behind the state's [Regional Housing Needs Allocation](#) – especially in the "low" category (51-80% of area median income) where ZERO units have been produced (see Table B on page 29 of the [Housing Element 2019 annual progress report](#)). This category includes people who could afford up to \$1600/month in rent. The one up "moderate" category could afford up to \$2,500/month.

Opportunity Housing would help create housing in that price range.

I live in Naglee Park known for its charming homes and great neighbors. I don't want to lose either. Increasing density will bring in more great neighbors from more diverse economic backgrounds. In turn more businesses and restaurants will be created. It will make the neighborhood more walkable.

That being said, I echo some of my neighbors concerns about degrading Naglee Park's cachet – I want to see good architectural guidelines to ensure any change would be a net improvement to our neighborhood.

I am writing this with a little bit of trepidation – I recognize that change can sometimes be uncomfortable and scary. But I also know that the right thing to do for a fortunate person like me, an owner of a home in a wonderful neighborhood, is to do my part to make it possible for a new generation of people to find adequate housing in San Jose.

Sincerely,

Jean-Marie White
Naglee Park Resident

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