



February 1, 2017

Mayor Steve Tate  
**Morgan Hill City Council**  
City of Morgan Hill  
17555 Peak Avenue  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Re: February 1, 2017 City Council meeting Agenda item no. 12  
ZA/DA/EA for Depot - Sunsweet

Mayor Tate,

The Board of Directors of the Morgan Hill Downtown Association wants to express our support for the mixed use development of 83 market rate rental apartments and ground floor retail space commonly known as "Sunsweet".

The Sunsweet project brings much needed rental housing to our community and places it right where it is most appropriate and will benefit our downtown and entire community the most – in the downtown. We relish the thought of the occupants of 83 rental units routinely coursing through the downtown as if it was their dining room or back yard. The entire downtown will be their "corner market, diner, and gathering place". We will be getting more of that neighborhood feel.

The project includes additional valuable retail space that will help extend the downtown down our "side streets" to expand its presence to the Depot Street corridor currently under development and soon to be discovered.

This project presents the opportunity to bring the density and type of housing along with retail space to the heart of our downtown that has been long sought after and planned and we support it.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors  
**Morgan Hill Downtown Association**