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To: Steve Rymer; Steve Tate; Rich Constantine; Larry Carr; Rene Spring; Caitlin Jachimowicz

Cc: Edith Ramirez; John Lang; Leslie Little

Subject: My support for Depot/Sunsweet development being considered tonight

Dear Elected and Appointed City Leaders,

Unfortunately I will probably not be able to attend this evening's council meeting in person and therefore am writing to you to express my support for the proposed project.

The former Sunsweet packing plant site has been a brown-field eyesore in the heart of downtown Morgan Hill for many years now. The proposed development would bring much needed additional rental housing to Morgan Hill and does so in close proximity to the critically important train and bus transit routes. It also adds some additional retail space to further build out that resource for our community.

We have known for a long time that additional retail space and residents in the downtown core are vital to serve Morgan Hill both today and into the future. This project is one critical building block in the fulfillment of the long term goals for downtown Morgan Hill. Some of the downtown sites which were long considered for mixed retail and residential uses (such as the Granada theater, former downtown mall, parking garage and liquor store sites) have ended up being redeveloped as 100% commercial spaces. Given that reality, building out the Sunsweet site with a relatively modest amount of retail space is reasonable considering the pressing need for market rate rental housing.

I complement the applicant and city staff for the countless hours of effort they have put into getting us to this point, and I urge you to take the next step by granting your approval.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,
John Horner
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