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To: [Angie Gonzalez](#); [Michelle Wilson](#)
Subject: FW: Depot Street Realignment
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From: Eva Joice [mailto:eva.joice@sjsu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot Street Realignment

Dear Ms. Ramirez:

My husband and I live on Church Street in Morgan Hill. We moved to Morgan Hill in 2009 and at that time could see the railroad tracks from our home. There was a beautiful vacant lot across the street from us and one behind us that had a pine tree that hawks frequently landed in. About three years ago Morgan Hill started the most massive housing/construction boom I've ever seen. For two years they worked on building somewhere near 60 units directly across the street from us. We woke up most Saturdays (one of only two days off a week) to the sound of construction at 6 a.m. I often couldn't get into my driveway due to road blockages. Then the city forced us to have a sidewalk put in front of our home. This sidewalk is used by visitors to events downtown as they park on Church. They throw their trash in my yard and on the sidewalk and even in the bed of my husband's truck parked at the curb now. As I said this took two years.

My husband and I drive through Morgan Hill these days and there is not a single vacant lot that doesn't have a sign that some 40, 50, or 60 unit dwelling will be built soon. The reason we moved to Morgan Hill was to get away from a major city and the congestion and problems associated with it. They might as well rename Morgan Hill "Little San Jose" now. Oh, and that 100 year old pine in the lot behind us was torn down and someone built a house that is so huge that the roof hangs over my fence which that owner forced me to move because he wanted the 4 inches that were his to be able to pour concrete onto. The truth as odd as it sounds.

Now you want to start another project on our street. This is yet another really bad idea the city has and yet no one on the city council listens to anything the residents have to say. No one listened when we talked about the noise, construction, the traffic, at the city council meeting before they built the 60 units across from us so why would the city listen now. I can tell you that this will be the last straw for us and probably many of the residents on Church Street. How many years of listening to constant construction does the city think the residents are willing to put up with, then again no one

really seems to care. Building additional housing at the CCC will make yet another eye sore and destroy the one nice center we have downtown. I highly suggested to the city that they should have purchased the lot across the street before the 60 units were built there and make it a parking lot for downtown events, but no one thought that was a good idea and now you want to build one directly across the street from the lot.

I also have to ask if anyone has considered the fact that we have only two junior high and high schools. Half the resident's children have to be sent by bus into S. San Jose for school everyday right now and you just keep adding housing so where are all these children going to go to school? Then there is the constant talk about the drought and our limited water supply so how are we accommodating all these extra people?

I honestly cannot bear the thought of another 3 years of construction work where I live. We will have to consider selling, that is if we can get a decent price considering the monstrous home built so close it looks into my garage windows and back door. Perhaps a developer will buy it and build another 10 unit cardboard box on it.

Are we opposed to this? The answer is with every bone in our bodies.

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From: [Edith Ramirez](#)
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From: Amber Myers [mailto:myers.amber386@gmail.com]
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To: Edith Ramirez; Steve Tate
Subject: 5th Street Resident with Depot Street Realignment Input

Hi there,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed Depot Street project up for discussion at tonight's city council meeting. My fiancé and I are new to town and the proud new owners of the historic home on 5th street, Don Jensen's old place. My fiancé and I feel so lucky to call this historic gem of Morgan Hill (as well as Morgan Hill in general) our home, and we would like to see that the character and integrity of our community is preserved & protected.

I hope you will be in agreement that this 61 unit development is not in line with our RDCS ordinance & voter approved measure S. This development will destroy, not maintain the character of our very special neighborhood. On east 5th street we have the 1920's era community playhouse, our historically designated 1904 victorian home & small single family houses on the other side of the street. This complex will disrupt the charm of our area that I feel strongly deserves to be preserved. This is not the place for a 61 unit new development.

Beyond that the Depot Street realignment appears to cut right next to the CCC amphitheater lawn. I personally don't feel comfortable with a busy road running along this area where distracted parents enjoy the summer concert series and children play. The development project will eat up an integral open space and community gathering spot of our town. It will impede any hope of expanding on this space as our population grows.

If I can make suggestions, we can expand a grassy park into the parking lot with picnic benches and give residents a much needed green space to enjoy the beautiful Morgan Hill weather. Furthermore, I feel this is an ideal location for a community rose garden that can be developed and maintained by the city's youth and elders, and would be a destination for many out of town visitors. I used to love going to San Jose's rose garden when we lived up there, and it was always busy with visitors. It would be a great opportunity for community engagement. Alternatively, a community garden where families can learn about growing their own vegetables. My fiancé and I are in full support of developing this land for the community to gather and enjoy together, as this is already an established area for such things, and not the place to put a private development.

To summarize, I urge the city council not to approve this proposed development plan for the reasons stated above. It is out of line with truly preserving one of the community's cherished open spaces and gathering spots.

Thank you for your time,
Amber Myers



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