



SILICON VALLEY CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 13, 2022

Director Dee Dee Myers
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
1325 J Street, Suite 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: City Place Santa Clara, City of Santa Clara Public Works Case No. 2020-014

Director Myers,

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Central Chamber of Commerce (SVC Chamber), where workforce development is our number one priority, we strongly urge you to support jobs, growth, and development by not classifying this public-private partnership (PPP) project as a public works project thereby making it subject to California Prevailing Wage Law.

My understanding is that Public Works Case No. 2020-014 stems from a Union of Painters and Allied Trades claim made to the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) alleging that the project should be considered public works. DIR has not classified PPP projects as public works projects ever before, making this a dangerous precedent that would hamper future PPP projects in California and negatively impact this critically important regional project.

This transformational project is the kind of growth and development we seek in California. It is mixed use, including offices, open space, parking, residential, retail, and entertainment. It is beautiful, natural, and modern. It is green, using cutting edge technology and approaches. And, it is desperately needed in the Silicon Valley region. What's more, it will generate thousands of new jobs.

According to the City of Santa Clara, Related Santa Clara did not receive discounts on the fair market value of the lease and nothing in the rent structure suggests this project is a public work. We concur with the City of Santa Clara, Mayor Lisa Gillmor, Related Santa Clara, and the Bay Area Council.

Please feel free to call or email me at President.CEO@SVCentralChamber.com with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christian D. Malesic".

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