



SILICON VALLEY CENTRAL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 11, 2022

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara St., Suite 18
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Downtown Residential High-Rise Program & Staff Recommendations

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

The Silicon Valley Central Chamber is enthusiastic to support the Downtown Residential High-Rise Program and staff recommendations scheduled for council discussion as agenda item 8.1 at the November 15, 2022 council meeting. We wholeheartedly support the program and encourage approval of the recommendations as presented.

As you are aware, this program and associated issues have been seriously discussed in San Jose since the early 2000's with the first program approved in 2007. We understand the world has changed. We further appreciate the challenges you face as elected officials to adequately assess these changes and the desires of your varied constituents in considering the program and proposal before you.

That said, the regional business community, as represented by the membership of the Silicon Valley Central Chamber, a regional chamber of commerce encompassing the geographical territory affectionately known as Silicon Valley (and beyond), recognizes the strength such an adopted program would bring to San Jose. Further, as the 10th biggest city in America and the metropolitan center of our community, we believe a stronger San Jose, with more robust residential options as proposed, has positive ripple effects across the Bay Area.

We encourage an affirmative vote on this issue and similarly situated accompanying issues that may arise.

Respectfully,

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

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President / CEO