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DISTRICT**

November 30, 2016

City of San Jose
Dept. of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement
Attn: David Keyon
200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor Tower
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

RE: Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Museum Place Mixed-Use Project

Dear Mr. Keyon,

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) staff has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Museum Place Mixed-Use Project. This project includes the demolition of Parkside Hall and the construction of a 24-story, mixed-use high rise with up to 306 residential units, 187 hotel rooms, 209,779 square feet of office use, 14,116 square feet of retail space, and 60,000 square feet of additional museum space on a 2.33 acre lot.

The Air District commends the City and the developer on this high density mixed use project located in a downtown PDA near public transit, which will help to reduce vehicle miles travelled and therefore both air quality and greenhouse gas impacts.

Air District staff notes that the NOP states that the SEIR will assess greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts by analyzing consistency with the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy (Strategy). However, the Strategy is based on meeting the State's interim 2020 GHG reduction goal, which is not aligned with the State's longer term climate stabilization goals for 2030 or 2050. Air District staff recommends that GHG impacts from this project be assessed in terms of 2030 or 2050 GHG reduction targets. For example, one option for conducting such an analysis would be to calculate an updated efficiency threshold, which considers the GHG emissions on a service population basis for 2030 or 2050.

Air District staff is available to assist the City in addressing these comments. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Kristiansson, Principal Planner, at (415) 749-4753 or via email at kkristiansson@baaqmd.gov.

Sincerely,


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