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To: City of Cupertino Planning Dept. <planning@cupertino.org>
Subject: RE: Vallco draft environmental impact report (DEIR)

Hi

I am a resident of the City of Cupertino, living at the junction of Dennison & Amherst Drive, just a short distance from the Vallco mall. I am very concerned about the impact of the specific plan and its impact on the current residents.

This impact description from this [link](#) captures the concerns succinctly. I urge the city to look at this with a fresh pair of eyes

7 Towers up to 228'

- An untested 26-acre green roof despite the objective standard Municipal Code and Quimby Act requirement for 12.96 acres of actual park land acreage (not roof space). Does it fail the Objective Standards test?
- Residents within 1,000' of the I-280 freeway breathing air pollution
- Only 400,000 sq. ft. of retail which will mostly be eaten up by the theatre, bowling alley, ice rink, and restaurants for 12,600 workers. Actual shop space only 133,000 SF, that is about half the size of the Sears building (257,548 SF).
- 960+ more kids in crowded schools.
- 623 BMR units will be clustered (housing project?), and all of the 1,201 BMR apartments are below the green roof, like a class divide.
- Crams nearly twice the square footage of all Apple Campus 2 on less than 1/3 the acreage.
- Entombs nearly the entire site in subterranean garage concrete so that all that is left for over 6,000 residents is a roof "park" on no actual land. Kids will grow up playing on a roof, 90' in the air, adjacent to the freeway.
- Uses \$750,000 (approx.) worth of water per year--that's three times what Apple Park HQ uses!
- Wastes our last chance for a true downtown in Cupertino while San Jose builds Urban Villages on our borders to soak up our tax dollars.
- Uninviting grid layout squashes limited retail to the Wolfe and Stevens Creek frontage areas and retail is only on the west side.

Thanks

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