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**Subject:** Impact on Fire Department - need a new fire station?  
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The TOTAL building height will be 145 to 160 feet tall and there will be structure, even dining areas on the roof top. The fire department should give a written comment on their current ability to reach such height with their current equipment. The fire department should specify whether they need to acquire new equipments to service potential fire at the 160 feet tall.

"Personal communication" is NOT a valid source of information.  
Please obtain written communication for the record, especially for such a large scale project.

The distance from the fire department might be small, but there will be impact on the total number of households the fire department will serve. Will the response time for other households served by the Fire Department be impacted because the Fire Department will serve more people? Such impact is NOT studied.

"The target responses times and actual 2017 response times for SCCFD for emergency incidents east of Blaney Avenue within the City of Cupertino are summarized in Table 3.15-1."

=> The area that's east of Blaney in Cupertino is a small area. How about all other areas currently served by the SCCFD? What's their response time? Please also include their response times since adding 3-400 more housing units and 15,000 more workers to the traffic around Vallco will affect the response time to the entire area served by SCCFD, specifically the area served by the fire station at 20215 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

"SCCFD data show that response times have increased and SCCFD attributes the increase in travel time to increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic congestion in the area."

=> How much the response time has increased? Especially in the past two years since traffic congestion has worsened. Please provide quantifiable data. How has the response time been compared with the prediction done for the Apple Park EIR in 2013?

"SCCFD has identified the need for an additional fire station on the east side of the City to continue meeting response time goals on the east side of the City. Currently, there are no available sites or potential sites identified by the SCCFD for a new fire station."

=> This seems to imply that SCCFD does NOT think it can continue to meet the response time goals WITHOUT adding a fire station for the east side of Cupertino. Since there is no available site right now, it does seem to suggest that SCCFD does expect they will NOT be able to meet the response time goals any more.

Please clarify this. And please provide documentation from SCCFD that concludes that the east of Cupertino needs a new fire station.

Impact PS-1: The project (and project alternatives) would not require new or physically altered fire protection facilities (the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts) in order to maintain acceptable service

ratios, response times, or other performance objectives. (Less than Significant Impact)"

"The project (and project alternatives) would increase the number of occupants and would likely result in an increase in fire protection service calls to the project site compared to existing conditions.

Given the proximity of the Cupertino Fire Station to the project site, the SCCFD confirmed that the project (and project alternatives) would be adequately served by existing fire protection facilities and response time goals would be met."

=> This only confirms that the project area will be serviced with adequate response time. But it does not address the potential delay in response time to the other areas currently served by the SCCFD. All existing residential residents and office occupants will be impacted by adding a mega project at Vallco. But the EIR completely ignores any impact in response time to existing residents, office occupants and businesses.

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Specifically, SCCFD already stated that there is already delay due to "**increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic congestion**" and there is already a need for a new station for the east of Cupertino. How could adding 2400 to 4000 housing units plus 2 million square feet of office have no impact.

Lives are at stake. Please get a written response from the SCCFD to confirm.

Thanks.

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