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The Honorable Sam Liccardo
Mayor
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Form Based Zoning Moratorium- District 5

Dear Mayor Liccardo:

As a resident of East San Jose, I am writing to you to ask you to introduce a memorandum that would seek an immediate moratorium on the implementation of form-based zoning in council district 5.

As the only district in San Jose that has form-based zoning, after extensive conversations with community organizations, it is clear that the implementation of that policy in our community is neither fair, nor equitable because our community does not have the opportunity to have a voice in the development process while the rest of the City does.

When first introduced as a policy, the community's understanding was that the policy was going to be implemented city-wide. However, given that it has been several years since the origination of the policy, it does not seem as if it will ever go city-wide.

In that spirit, I recommend that you introduce a city council memorandum that would put an immediate moratorium on the implementation of form-based zoning in East San Jose, until the policy is implemented city-wide.

Additionally, in the event the policy is not implemented throughout the City by a certain date, the memorandum should further state that form-based zoning will no longer be implemented in East San Jose, and instead, our community will go back to the zoning policies currently enjoyed by the rest of the City.

Without immediate action by the City Council, East San Jose will continue being subjugated to a policy that, as implemented today, has made it clear that we are the only district in San Jose whose opinion does not matter when it comes to shaping the future of our community. When you

contrast that with the robust community conversations required to build in any other district in our city, it cannot be ignored that there are two sets of rules in San Jose. For that reason alone, an immediate moratorium on the implementation of form-based zoning is required for East San Jose.

I thank you in advance for your time and am available to further discuss the topic with you, if you desire to do so.

Respectfully,

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cc: San Jose City Council
Somos Mayfair
Si Se Puede Collective
ARUVA
Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association
Alum Rock Santa Clara Business Association
District 5 United