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Subject: Agenda Item #20: General Plan Update - Land Use Map

Dear Mayor Bonilla and Members of the City Council:

I am writing on behalf of PS Business Parks (PSBP), the owner of Bayshore Corporate Commons, located at 1720 South Amphlett Boulevard in San Mateo, CA.

Tonight, you are being asked to confirm the draft land use map and the heights and densities associated with the land use designations for the City's General Plan Update. We have been participating in the General Plan Update process this year and have been very encouraged by the City's willingness to consider designating our site as Mixed-Use to optimize the opportunity for redevelopment.

We were thankful when both the Planning Commission and City Council agreed that the Mixed-Use High designation would be appropriate for the City's General Plan Update environmental review to allow for future flexibility in determining the appropriate mixes and locations of uses on a redeveloped site.

Last week, we were concerned to see staff's recommendation to split our site between Mixed-Use Medium and Mixed-Use High. When combined with staff's recommendation to lower the number of stories, Mixed-Use Medium impacts any developer's ability to build industry standard residential construction - 5 stories of residential (type III wood construction) over 2 levels of parking. These changes would make it harder to envision new housing on our site, which is counter to the discussions we've had regarding providing a pathway to providing more housing.

We appreciate the discussion at the last City Council meeting regarding appropriate transitions to the nearby residential neighborhood, but that should not split the CEQA analysis of the site at this stage.

Therefore, we ask that the City Council stay the course with the Mixed-Use High designation for the site, so that the maximum building intensity can be studied as part of the General Plan Update and its environmental review. Moving forward, the City will have many opportunities to weigh in on a project when an application is filed—for now the Mixed-Use High designation provides flexibility and opportunity.

Thank you for your hard work on this General Plan Update. We appreciate our partnership with the City.

Sincerely,

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