City of Santa Clara

City Council Meeting – January 23, 2018

General Plan Amendment
Early Consideration – 3005 Democracy Way

Item 17.C.
3005 Democracy Way

Request

Early consideration of a proposed General Plan Amendment for a 46-acre property from High-Intensity Office/Research to a newly established mixed-use designation allowing a high intensity mix of office, commercial, and residential uses.
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Gatekeeper Policy

• Established process for early Council review of formally submitted General Plan Amendments (GPAs)

• The Council may either direct staff to continue processing the GPA or make a determination that further review of the requested Amendment is not warranted
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Background

- Existing 2009 Yahoo! entitlements and Development Agreement
- The site is currently zoned Planned Development (PD) for development of up to 3.06 million square feet of office/R&D development with a FAR of 1.5
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Proposed GPA Land Uses

• Maintain the previously approved 3.6 million square feet of office/R&D and incorporate an additional:
  – 400,000 square feet of office amenity/hotel
  – 6.1 million square feet of residential uses
  – 600,000 square feet of residential amenity space and retail
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General Plan Major Strategies Analysis

• Project would increase housing stock, including affordable units
• Site is highly proximate to local and regional transit services
• Project would reduce vehicle miles travelled, traffic impacts, and energy demands otherwise associated with higher density development
• Increase tax revenue as compared to a strictly office development
• Project would support and add to the vitality of the immediately adjacent Patrick Henry Specific Plan Area
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Community Outreach

• Noticed community meeting held on November 13, 2017
• Approximately 40 community members and local San Jose State University students attended
• General interest in the proposal and other upcoming projects in the area
Staff Recommendation

Direct the City Manager to continue processing the GPA application for 3005 Democracy Way [PLN2017-12924].
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