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County of Santa Clara
Department of Planning and Development
Attention: David Rader
County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110

Re: Stanford University 2018 General Use Permit Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Rader and staff,

Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home) is the voice of affordable housing in Silicon Valley, representing a broad range of interests, from leading employers who are driving the Bay Area economy to labor and service organizations, to nonprofit and for-profit developers who provide housing and services to those most in need.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) assessing the proposal from Stanford University for a General Use Permit (GUP) covering on-campus development from 2018 to 2035.

On behalf of our members, we recommend that the GUP be amended to include:

- Greater commitments to increasing the housing stock affordable to a range of Stanford employees, both on and off campus
- Affordable housing mitigation fees, reflective of the Stanford Nexus Study, and commensurate with the need for housing generated by the plan

Increasing the housing stock

Silicon Valley is suffering from a crisis in housing affordability, due to the jobs and housing imbalance that exists across the entire County and the broader region. Stanford is an anchor institution -- not only for Palo Alto, but for the entire Bay Area -- as well a major employer in Santa Clara County. The University has shown itself to be a good neighbor, working with the County and local municipalities to create affordable housing where opportunities arise. We would expect that that this history would lead to a desire to play their part in addressing this imbalance.

However, we are concerned that as proposed, this GUP will create significant unmitigated demand for housing in general and affordable housing in particular.

Stanford is unique in its ability and commitment to provide housing options to students, faculty and some staff categories on campus. The University should commit to building more affordable housing both on and off campus, and to make this housing available to the full range of University employees.

Affordable Housing Mitigation Fees

Stanford currently pays fees into the Stanford Affordable Housing Fund, administered by Santa Clara County. This fund provides much needed financing for affordable housing production and preservation projects within a six mile radius of the campus. At their current level, these fees do not effectively mitigate the demand for affordable housing produced by Stanford's expansion. We believe that the specific fee should be determined after studying the results of the Stanford Nexus Study, currently being conducted by the County.

We would like to acknowledge the staff at Stanford's openness to meeting with our organization, and emphasize how helpful they were in providing us with the broader context to help evaluate their proposal. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments. We look forward to being engaged with this process as it moves towards approval from the County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



Pilar Lorenzana, Deputy Director

