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Subject: Public comment submitted for the 7/27 Planning Commission Meeting - Moffet Park Specific Plan  
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:04:36 PM

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning  
Commission Members:

I am Mary Buxton, a climate activist. I am concerned about the impact of sea level rise on communities that surround the San Francisco Bay.

First of all, thank you for creating the Moffet Park Specific Plan. It promises future resiliency, a rich lifestyle for residents and sustainable features.

My top concern in the Moffet Park Specific Plan is for the impact of sea level rise / high water on the waste water treatment plant and the dump. They both sit right on the edge of the San Francisco Bay. It would be a toxic nightmare if either of

those facilities were flooded. The timing of sea level rise is happening much faster than was predicted. I would like to see planning for this potential threat happen as soon as possible.

Many thanks for all that you do to serve the community.

Sincerely,

**Mary Buxton**

Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter  
Executive Committee  
Volunteer - Sierra Club Loma Prieta  
Chapter's BAY 2030 Campaign

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Amanda Hall <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members

My name is Amanda, I live in Pacifica and am interested in city proposals to accommodate the changing needs of Bay Area communities with regard to housing, mobility and environment.

I have watched each of the videos relating to the Moffett Park Specific Plan and find the overall vision to be innovative and exciting, meeting societal needs and obviously a complete turnaround from the current concrete jungle and environmental desert.

After attending heated town hall meetings and following Sea Level discussions in Pacifica I am very concerned that none of your videos so far have discussed rising levels of the San Francisco Bay and the effects this will have on the current infrastructure as well as future plans. Will you be relocating the water treatment plant or continuously shoring up again the rising water levels? Either will be costly but surely it is better to make these accommodations while the plan is still being drawn up.

Should you allow the original wetlands to gradually and naturally return to the areas closest to the bay? King tides already threaten to flood roads along the channels when there are no large storms. With climate change this will happen more often. Give more space to nature preserves in this area.

Before making any final plans to the location of any structures please consider the expected water level rise over the next 100 years. Take the long term view. It may cost more in the short term and make less profit for developers but will save the heartache of future home and business owners being faced with the possibility of "coastal retreat" if these considerations are not made.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Amanda Hall

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** betsy youngdahl <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

My name is Betsy Youngdahl and I'm writing you as a Sierra Club member and long-time Bay Area resident, having grown up in Southern Marin and currently residing in the South Bay. As part of a Sierra Club program I'm enrolled in, I had the opportunity to take a look at the Moffett Park Specific Plan and have a couple of things that I'm hoping you will take into consideration as you move forward with this plan.

First, the idea of re-imagining the land use in Moffett Park is exciting - the plan includes a number of ideas that are quite exciting, as well as a number of impact considerations. Making Moffett Park a more clearly defined neighborhood has the potential to add significantly to Sunnyvale overall. However, there are a couple of concerns, some of which you've pointed out:

- Sea rise: given the floodplain information and sea rise forecasts, does it make sense to develop this area further, especially for residential usage? It seems like there's a significant potential for this area to be under water in the not so distant future.
- Ecology of the bay: in line with the above, is it healthy for the bay to increase development so close to it?
- Low income housing: if by focusing on low income housing, this creates housing in this area that isn't connected to the employment in Moffett Park, that doesn't seem to make sense, given the lack of access to public transportation, schools etc. If the housing were more closely tied to the employment base that works there currently, it seems like it would be a better fit and would cut down on traffic as well. (Realizing, though, that this doesn't address the need for more low income housing overall.)
- Impact of COVID-19 on planned development: in light of large companies' (particularly high tech companies) plans to permanently institute increased working from home, the demand for office space is actually likely to decline or slow down in the next few years. This may also affect the desirability of adding housing in this area as well.

I realize that you have many competing factors to consider as you develop the Specific Plan further. However, I would respectfully ask that you consider the above as you move forward.

thank you,

Betsy Youngdahl



**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Chris MacIntosh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:58 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Cc:** Susan DesJardin  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan: comment

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members

I am Chris MacIntosh, a long time resident of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties (currently Redwood City) who hikes, bikes and looks at birds and wildlife around the Bay, including the Bay Trail passing through the Moffett Park area. I follow with interest the plan for this area.

I have a concern about bicycling to and within this area. I haven't seen much written about good access between transit hubs and the Moffett Park area for bicyclists. To encourage bike use, will there be covered and secure bike parking areas as well as small 'bike fix it' stations? I encourage you to include this in your planning.

Thank you.

Chris MacIntosh  
[REDACTED]



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July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Chair Howard and Members of the Sunnyvale Planning Commission  
City of Sunnyvale  
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Dear Chair Howard, Vice Chair Simons, and Commissioners Harrison, Howe, Olevson, Rheume, and Weiss,

**RE: Moffett Park Specific Plan Update Study Session**

On behalf of SV@Home, we would like to share a set of affordable housing principles and ideas for the City of Sunnyvale to consider as it begins the process of updating the Moffett Park Specific Plan. We want to thank city staff, the Council, and members of the Planning Commission for their ongoing support for expanding housing and affordable housing city-wide.

Moffett Park offers significant opportunities for the City of Sunnyvale to advance its housing and environmental goals. It encompasses a geography far larger than the average planning area that neighboring jurisdictions, and Sunnyvale itself, normally undertake. Its size, the structure of current landownership and uses, and its location along the Bay's shoreline make envisioning a unified future for the area challenging. At the same time, this challenge presents the city with a rare chance to craft an innovative approach to new neighborhoods, new jobs, and environmental resilience that responds to the climate crisis and the debilitating impact of COVID-19 on our economy.

At this early stage, we appreciate the efforts of the consultants, city staff, and landowners to reach out to community members and organizations to begin conversations around how we can create a plan for Moffett Park that takes these many interests into consideration. We strongly support further robust community engagement throughout this process.

As an affordable housing advocacy organization, SV@Home believes that the future of Moffett Park should prioritize the development of new walkable, bikeable neighborhoods with housing options for people of all incomes and abilities. By pursuing integrated, mixed uses in areas of Moffett Park, especially those already accessible to VTA's light rail service, Sunnyvale can provide more ways for people to get to work without cars and further connect Moffett Park with the major developments underway in neighboring East Whisman (Mountain View) and Santa Clara North.





Specific Plans like Moffett Park create opportunities not just for new housing production, but they can be used to provide additional incentives to achieve the creation of more affordable housing at different levels of affordability. This can be accomplished through a variety of methods, including by providing area-specific density bonuses linked to affordable housing development, creating programs that connect new commercial development directly to the production of affordable housing, and/or ensuring affordable housing is a top community benefit for landowners redeveloping the area.

And while we strongly support the converting of existing commercial and industrial uses into housing and mixed-use neighborhoods, we recognize that Moffett Park's location along the shore of the Bay means that appropriate measures will need to be taken to ensure that new development is environmentally sustainable. We anticipate that climate resilience and habitat restoration will be key components of the plan and believe that the specific planning process allows the city to target redevelopment and conservation resources in ways that can achieve housing, jobs, and climate goals.

In 2019, when the Sunnyvale City Council authorized this planning process, the city referenced the potential for an "Eco-innovation District" in Moffett Park. We think that Moffett can become a model for the future, meeting our housing needs, helping our economy recover from COVID-19, and setting new standards of environmental resilience and restoration. SV@Home looks forward to working with the City of Sunnyvale, community members, and landowners to design and implement a plan that does just that.

Sincerely,



David K Meyer  
Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home)



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**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Desiree Grahm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 1:50 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan Comments

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Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members:

I am Desiree Grahm and I am concerned about Bay wildlife and sustainable development in the Bay Area. First, I am reassured that the Moffett Park Specific Plan aims to incorporate ecological standards and innovation as guiding principles. Second, with the existing plan, I am concerned with sea level rise and how roads may flood during king tides and how families may be negatively impacted. Third, with COVID and more telecommuting - do we really need more office space? Perhaps creating more green space and parks and restoring wetlands would be better use of parts of this area close to the water. This would not only mitigate sea level rise but add to the greening of Sunnyvale and add more areas for residents to enjoy.

Thank you.

Desiree Grahm



## CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE REFUGE

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July 26, 2020

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RE: 07/27/2020 Study Session, Moffett Park Specific Plan

Dear Chair Howard and Members of the Planning Commission:

The Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge appreciates having this opportunity to contribute to your Study Session on the Moffett Park Specific Plan (Plan) and the Draft Vision & Guiding Principles (Draft). We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with 50 years of advocacy on behalf of wildlife and wetlands of the South Bay, particularly on behalf of the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge. Our actions include monitoring development along our shoreline and streams and the emerging changes arising from climate change and sea level rise.

Principally we wish to share concerns related to sea level rise. Before doing so, we want to say how pleased we are that the City has sought the scientific guidance of the San Francisco Estuary Institute regarding biodiversity in the Plan area and the use of “nature-based solutions” (Draft Principle 6)

For the long term success of the Plan, we recommend the following actions related to climate change and sea level rise:

1. Integrate shoreline issues with Plan decisions i.e. involve the lands that lie between the Yahoo/Lockheed wetlands and the East Channel.
2. Participate in regional shoreline planning with all neighboring stakeholders to identify optimal and priority actions needed to reduce sea level rise risks for Plan enhancements in Moffett Park.
3. Prioritize identified shoreline actions for implementation in advance of increasing development density in Moffett Park.

These planning actions are vital for Sunnyvale’s long-term success in Plan area. Discussion below explains:

Sea level rise is already impacting the shoreline including Moffett Park. The King Tide of January 11, 2020 made that affect very evident on both the East and West Channels as the waters pass below Caribbean Drive (photos included below). At the time of that Tide, it had been weeks

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since there had been any significant rainfall locally. The high-water effect that occurred was solely due to the King Tide on that day. We wonder: what would have been the flow level if there had been significant rainfall?

As sea level rises there are multiple important effects to the adjoining shoreline:

1. Relative to sea level rise, lands that are at or slightly above sea level today have a corresponding transition to *below* sea level status, a condition that has long exacerbated Alviso flooding.
2. Groundwater rises as a direct response to sea level rise. As it rises, surface absorption of stormwater diminishes due to saturated soils, making localized ponding and street flooding more frequent, an effect that is already occurring in Alviso.
3. Groundwater salinity levels will gradually increase as the sea rises. Its salt-water influence will gradually move inland, where existing underground infrastructure such as electrical boxes can deteriorate. This is known to occur if concrete boxes are not salt-water resistant. This has already been seen at the Water Treatment Plant in Alviso.

Climate change and sea level rise, taken together, bring risks to vehicle ingress and egress for Moffett Park. Circulation-wise, Moffett Park is akin to an island, with just two sites for vehicles to enter and leave. Climate change predictions foretell more frequent major storms, bringing very significant rainfall. Whether or not combined with King Tide conditions, high groundwater levels will contribute to surface flooding in such storms, potentially flooding Caribbean Drive and Mathilda Avenue, thus interfering with vehicle-escape and public safety access.

The question we ask: Can Sunnyvale afford to take the risk to accelerate density of any kind in Moffett Park without first prioritizing risk-assessment and Plan progression through substantive review of anticipated climate change and sea level rise impacts? 20 years from now, what will be the City's legacy in Moffett Park?

Sincerely,



Eileen McLaughlin  
Board Member  
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge



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**Images at King Tide, January 11, 2020 in Sunnyvale (Photos by Eileen McLaughlin)**



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West Channel at Carl Road,  
looking downstream





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July 27, 2020

Chair Daniel Howard and members of the Planning Commission

City of Sunnyvale

603 All America Way

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

**Re: Moffett Park Specific Plan Update - Planning Commission Study Session July 27, 2020**

Dear Chair Howard and members of the Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter works to protect the San Francisco Bay and its ecosystems and we are always concerned with impacts of development in proximity to the Bay.

We are very impressed by the attention to ecology and open space for this District adjacent to the Bay and to Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge and the Salt Pond restoration project.

We are aware of efforts to study restoration and resilience in the areas adjacent to the Moffett Park Specific Plan area, in particular in the area between Calabazas Creek and San Tomas Aquino Creek and the associated marsh area between them.

Having reviewed all the information online, we are looking forward to the study session to see how the Planning Commission will be considering some of the following issues:

**Sea Level Rise:** How will the Specific Plan deal with effects of sea level rise and associated rising ground water on the roads and underground infrastructure serving areas that appear to be vulnerable to rising water levels within the lifespan of any new buildings?

**Resilience:** Given that resilience must be an integral part of new development in this vulnerable area of the city, should the Specific Plan provide some flexibility to retreat away from the lower elevation portions and focus new development on the higher southern edge of the Moffett Park area? Could this allow for new open space along the north portion to be used for resilience to occasional flooding?

**Adaptation:** Should the Specific Plan boundaries expand to include a larger area than the current Specific Plan-- along the bay from Moffett Field edge to San Tomas Aquino Creek (which includes some county lands)-- so that an adaptation plan, can be an integral part of any proposed intensification of development along the City's vulnerable edge along the Bay?

**Setbacks:** Since the East and West Channels have been identified as potential "ecology connectors" as well as flood control, should the plan include wide setbacks from the channels so that these can become green zones with wider flooding channels and softer berms instead of tall concrete flood walls along existing flood ditches to contain rising flood waters?

**Housing:** Given the uncertainty of long-term assurance of stable infrastructure, would it be advisable to avoid ownership housing in this area?

**Development benefits:** Since resilience is critical for the life span of any development in this area, should all new development contribute a substantial endowment towards resilience in addition to contributions to other community benefits?

**Timing:** Does uncertainty of regional efforts for resilience combined with lasting COVID-19 impacts undermine the justification and value of investments to upzone this area at this time. Should the city delay until we know more about those

impacts to city revenues, durability of working from home patterns, commuter impacts, demand for more office space, etc.?

We look forward to working with you on this new Specific Plan area of Sunnyvale that prioritizes Ecology and Innovation.

Respectfully submitted,



Gita Dev  
Co-Chair Sustainable Land Use  
Committee  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter



Gladwyn d'Souza  
Conservation Committee, Co-Chair  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

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James Eggers, Executive Director, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter  
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**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Hilary Burcell (CompuCom Systems Inc) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:27 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** community feedback on Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Dear Chair Howard & Planning Commission Members,

My name is Hilary Burcell, and I am a longtime Bay Area resident who would love to see more investment in walkable, bikeable communities with easy access to public transportation. Though the need for these communities is important, I'm concerned about investing in areas that are already on the verge of flooding and are clearly going to be affected by rising sea levels. The Moffett Park area is particularly problematic because of the location relative to 237 (high traffic and minimal access to public transportation) and the Bay shoreline and water treatment plant (potential for flooding and toxic disaster). I think if the Moffett Park area is redeveloped, it should be done in the context of a broader Bay Area public transportation plan and a unified SF Bay shoreline restoration and climate change plan.

Hilary

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** jinsoo kim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Dear Chair Howards and Planning Commission Members,

My name is Jake and I am an environmental advocate who is concerned about the future plans regarding Moffett Park. I would like to suggest that office spaces and parking lots should be heavily decreased in numbers and size and increased in density. The COVID-19 outbreak has revealed that office spaces are becoming obsolete for many fields of office-related work. In lieu of office spaces, more focus can be shifted towards amenities, housing, and ecology, improving the overall living quality of Moffett Park.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jake

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** John Robbins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:52 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

Since 1998, I have been a resident of Sunnyvale and have worked at Lockheed, Juniper, Scitor and NetApp for 20+ years of my professional career (all companies who had office locations within Moffett Park). Additionally, I grew up in Cupertino and lived in Santa Clara Valley since 1966. While growing up in the valley, my parents would take us hiking and exploring the Santa Cruz Mountains and Bay Trails. I have great memories walking the Bay Trails and over the PG&E walkways which are used to service the power towers in the Bay (most of which are falling apart today).

As a father of four boy's, I have taken my son's out to the Bay Trails to see the migratory birds and experience nature so close to home. Additionally, I bicycle the Bay Trail three times a week as it provides a safe and beautiful environment with the overcrowded and often dangerous streets.

While reviewing the Moffett Park Specific Plan, I was excited and concerned with planning of mixed community of residence and industry with the Moffett Park area. I'm pleased the City of Sunnyvale is taking action to plan for additional residence as the Bay Area continues to grow. However, I'm concerned with the location of the proposal. While it makes sense to add more residence to Sunnyvale, it would be preferable to add them to the El Camino and Cal Train corridors. Moffett Park is a poor location for adding residence for multiple reasons starting with crowded traffic that exists today on Mathilda, Lawerance, and Fair Oaks. Even more of a concern is the potential impact of the rising Bay due to global warming which will impact the area within the next 20-30 years. Any plan needs to address the impact of a rising Bay before even considering a new plan for Moffett Park.

Thanks for your time. I look forward to attending the Planning Commission Meeting on the 27th of July.

Regards,

John Robbins

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**From:** Kate M <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:56 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Hello Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

My name is Kate McDowall, and, as a college student, I am concerned about ensuring that my generation and the generations to come will be able to enjoy a healthy Bay ecosystem and more eco-friendly cities. While the Moffett Park Specific Plan does lay out features such as improved bike lanes and sidewalks which will help promote more sustainable forms of transportation, I am concerned about the impact of sea level rise as well as the impact of rising groundwater levels. With both of these issues in mind, Moffett Park does not seem to be a good location for development of housing (particularly because it's far from schools and amenities) or office space (which we probably will need less of, post-Covid). I think it's important to consider these factors while creating the Moffett Park Specific Plan - perhaps the area would be better suited to a careful mix of open space or parks (in the areas especially at risk) and well-planned, resilient buildings (in the less risky areas). Thank you for your time, and I am glad to see that ecology is a priority for this space.

Best,  
Kate McDowall

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Kathleen Meagher [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Planning Commission,

I am writing to urge you to consider the positive impact that trees would have in the development of the Moffett Park Specific plan.

An abundance of resilient, sustainable trees should be considered near every building, along every street, and in every parking area. These trees would cool both cars and buildings naturally, reduce the ambient temperature, and increase the lifespan of the asphalt on the streets and in parking lots.

Both the aesthetic and cooling effect of mature trees would encourage people employed in the area to take public transit and then walk or bike to their offices. It would also encourage employees to get out for walks or bike rides during the day thereby increasing their health, well-being, and productivity.

And, as you know, Moffett Park is located in an area vulnerable to future sea rise and trees can be a major contributor to the collection of storm water runoff.

Lastly, Moffett Park borders a valuable wetland habitat along the San Francisco Bay. An abundance of appropriate trees, native shrubs, and grasses can act as an extension of that wildlife habitat coexisting with the development.

This is a great opportunity for the City of Sunnyvale to show its support of our urban forest in the fight against warming temperatures, sea rise, and habitat destruction. I again urge you to make trees an integral part of the design for Moffett Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my views,  
Kathy Meagher  
Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates



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**From:** Kevin Ma <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:42 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Dear Commissioners,

As a Bay Area resident and perhaps a future worker at Moffett Park, I have an interest in the drafting of the Specific Plan there, as well as the ECR Specific Plan you will be addressing soon. I would like such plans to take into consideration that housing is still the main struggle in the Bay Area, with COVID-19 providing a focus on inequalities amid our fragile economy. And unlike more residential portions of the city, there should hopefully be less opposition for much denser housing and mixed-use developments to provide much needed affordable housing.

However, this also needs to be counterbalanced by the fragility of the current ecosystem, with the projections of much of the plan area being underwater in the near future. As such, there will also need to be a stronger examination of environmental mitigations that don't seem to be addressed in current technical reports. I do believe that the office development impact fees may be able to prop up some solutions, given the hot commercial market we're still in despite everything else.

Sincerely,  
Kevin

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**From:** Kira Od <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** MPSP Comments

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

Large parts of the MPSP will be chronically flooded in the immediate decades, so I ask, WHO WILL PAY FOR THE DAMAGE AND DISRUPTION when it inevitably occurs? (Hint: WE WILL.) If I had my way, this entire area would be turned into Open Space to protect the extremely vulnerable wildlife corridors immediately adjacent to the MPSP area; but the small, affordable buildings currently there are perfectly suited to supporting innovation and low-level industrial use, maintaining a place in Sunnyvale for new business to develop. This should be a higher priority than allowing enormous corporations to spread out where only they will easily be able to access the nearby trails and waterways. To build large-scale, heavily utilized structures in that area without forcing the developers to create massive improvements to public infrastructure is ridiculous, and housing ABSOLUTELY doesn't belong. Housing should be added downtown, near transit, shopping, and other amenities, by encouraging CityLine to build taller residential towers. And I suggest this downtown expansion, knowing it would impact me personally because I live only blocks away. It's a sacrifice I would be willing to make, as it is a far more sensible solution to Sunnyvale's critical housing deficit.

Sincerely,

--Kira Od

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**From:** Kira Od [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:44 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** MPSP Comments

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

This is Kira Od again. Sunnyvale resident. I want to add something because it's not just the MPSP area itself that matters, ***it's public access to the levees, ponds, and landfill hills adjacent to the MPSP that make planning in this area so special and important.***

I tried to stop Sunnyvale from closing the Carl Road parking lot by the WPCP so they could move public access to a series of parallel parking spaces on Caribbean Ave, where 60+ MPH is illegal, but routine...yet I failed. I ask you: "***Would you put parallel parking on a freeway?***"

I should have prevailed because I had huge advantages:

- EVERYONE thought the City was crazy to do this. Most thought I was joking.
- I was known to and respected by Council. For years I had asked them to close certain levees to public access in order to protect wildlife, and had warned of the need for clear signage due to the increased, and often inappropriate use of the area by hunters, fishermen, hikers, mountain bikers, kite surfers, moms with babies in strollers, birders, runners, dog walkers, etc. More and more of them access the trails by the WPCP each day.
- Before Council's decisive meeting I helped convince the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to emphatically oppose the change.
- In case this wasn't enough, I trolled visitors to the WPCP for their email addresses, convinced dozens of them to write to Council, and got at least 7 – 10 of them to attend and make statements in person.
- Somewhere in the middle of all this, a cyclist on his way to work at Lockheed, named Scott Harvey, was tragically killed by a garbage truck on Caribbean, right by the WPCP.

After Mr. Harvey was killed, Council's agenda item was postponed and a review of options ordered. Consultants and Staff ignored any possibilities for off-street parking. Their review only suggested that the bike path on Caribbean could be slightly rerouted and changed to multi-use. And they said the traffic buffer zone could be widened slightly.

Council eventually passed their modified plan, 4 to 3, to everyone's horror.

Parallel parking has since been marked on Caribbean, the multi-use path has been paved, and a new gate has been built to enable the Carl Road lot to close. Caribbean has been reduced to 2-lanes on the Bay side, and the City claims this will calm traffic sufficiently. I hope it does, but so far have not noticed a difference in drivers speeding. Everyone will be surprised if there are no significant vehicle accidents, or mishaps involving loose dogs or children.

When the Carl Road lot closes, duck hunters will be seen on Caribbean openly carrying shotguns in waterfowl season. Since guns are an uncommon sight in Silicon Valley, drivers will react in unpredictable and unsafe ways. The WPCP expansion planners did a public use study, but had no idea that hunters heavily utilized the Carl Road parking lot. Why? Because they did their study in the Summer; not in hunting season. When I informed the WPCP Upgrade planners of this at their 2017 community outreach meeting, they were shocked, as the only hunting access they were aware of was the

combo-gated DEFWR levee that provides drive-out access to hunters using blinds on Pond A3W, three days a week. The reason hunters fill the Carl Road parking lot is they can walk or bike to the Guadalupe Slough to hunt seven days a week.

We'll see what happens, but moving public access to on-street, parallel parking was a reckless, unnecessary gamble. **The MPSP should include a requirement that any development must include a designated public, off-street parking lot for 50+ vehicles: *NO corporate visitors or employees allowed*.** To ignore the public's right to access this area is an egregious breach of public trust.

Best,

--Kira Od

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Kristine Talamante [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** The Moffett Plan

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Chair Howard and planning commission members; My name is Kristine Talamante. I am a life long resident of San Jose. I frequent local trails and have an active concern for our community. I have some concerns about the Moffett Development Plan. The plan to address sea water rise/flooding is not explicit enough. Issues regarding access don't address the huge amount of traffic 237 as well as El Camino have. The need for office space will be affected long term not just short term. Working from home and zoom are here to stay. I like that there is allot of thought about climate change, native plants,wildlife crossings and involvement of environmental groups. There is no mention that I noticed in regards to the landfill and the water treatment plant that is out there and how that fits in with the development plan.

Respectfully;  
Kristine Talamante

Sent from my iPhone

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Laurel Thomas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

My name is Laurel Thomas and I am an avid Bay trail hiker who is very passionate about the conservation of ecosystems for current and future generations.

I am very pleased to hear that Moffett Park is going to be redesigned to be more cohesive with the environment and more useful for Sunnyvale's residents.

I very much support the improvements made to make Moffett Park more pedestrian and bicycle friendly as well as increasing public transit access to the region. My dad works at Lockheed in the park, and though we only live 11 miles away, the public transit commute would take over an hour.

One concern I have about the redevelopment of the park is that in the time of COVID-19, I am not sure if large office spaces are needed. I agree that larger multi-purpose office spaces are better than the single use lots prone to vacancy, but I feel that more residential housing would be a better use of space which would in turn improve walkability and decrease traffic further.

Another concern I had is the impact of sea-level rise on this project. Moffett Park is already experiencing a rise and sea-level, and I worry that if flooding is not taken into account in this redevelopment, the benefits of this project will be short-lived.

Thank you so much for working with the community on how to re envision Moffett Park so that it best serves the environment and the city.

Best,  
Laurel Thomas

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Lisa Karpinski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:34 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Hello,

I am a Sunnyvale resident and have lived in this city since 1962. As an avid hiker and lover of nature, I have grown increasingly concerned about the way development has changed the face of Sunnyvale and the greater Santa Clara valley. I attended a Sunnyvale City council meeting in November 2019 where the Moffett Park Specific Plan was first discussed. At the meeting, I expressed my concern about locating residential and commercial buildings along the SF Bay in the northeastern corner of the Moffett Park parcel. This concern is due to the sensitivity of flora and fauna on the Bay shore, the shrinking of wild lands along the Bay (especially near the 237 corridor), and the certainty of sea level rise in the near future. I would like to see a significant portion of the park parcel, especially that area along the Bay, to be dedicated solely for the preservation of nature, including bird habitat. Improvement of the habitat for wildlife would greatly enhance the area for use by future generations as well, as has been done along the Bay Trail and along many parts of the Google campus.

Thank you for your time. The importance of planning in an increasingly human-impacted area is clear.

- Sincerely,  
Lisa

Lisa Karpinski



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**From:** Manu Sharma [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:30 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park SP - Canopy Cover

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

My name is Manu Sharma and I am a resident of Sunnyvale. I live quite close to Moffett Park and visit the area often. In fact, I trained for a recent half-marathon on the streets of Moffett Park and Baylands Park.

Firstly, I would like to say that I found this website [www.moffettparksp.com](http://www.moffettparksp.com) about the development plan for Moffett Park extremely informative and interesting. I am looking forward to reading more details on the website as they become available.

One thing I would really love to see ensured in this development plan is a 2x to 3x increase in tree canopy cover of this area through the plantation of native trees (like native oaks). Currently the whole region has very sparse tree cover. I believe that an increased canopy cover will serve multiple purposes - provide shade for pedestrians and runners like myself, provide resilience to an unpredictable and warmer climate future and also support greater biodiversity.

I am confident that I share this desire with many outdoor enthusiasts and residents in Sunnyvale and hope that you would take this opinion into account while reaching a decision.

Best Regards  
Manu Sharma



**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Mary Brunkhorst [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 9:42 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan and Open Space

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Planning Commissioners,  
I am writing about the Moffett Park Specific Plan.

The presentations that I have seen have done an excellent job of explaining the benefits of trees and open spaces, as well as ways to improve the urban forest.  
Please continue to consider the importance of open space in regards to community health, temperature control, carbon sequestration, and floodwater management, and the importance of trees in habitat diversity and in providing shaded sidewalks and parks. This plan should only move forward if significant open space and tree coverage are mandated.

Thank you,  
Mary Brunkhorst

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Mike Serrone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP; Council AnswerPoint  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Planning Commissioners and Staff;

I have read the MPSP "Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles", I support the generally non-controversial objectives described therein.  
However, I feel we are missing an opportunity with this plan.

For historical reasons related to the salt ponds and the water treatment facility, we have treated our shoreline and baylands more like an open sewer than the beautiful, scenic amenity that it is. We located our dump there, although it does not need access to water, and have built large man-made hills blocking the view and access.

I worked in Moffett Park for a few years and used to take my bike out to the baylands almost every day. One day at lunch, a colleague who had worked there for more than two years mentioned that she had discovered that on the other side of the dump there were these beautiful trails.

As Moffett Park is developed, we should look for ways to celebrate our shoreline along the narrow strip remaining between the landfill and the Moffett Field Golf Course. Some ideas might be a conference center that overlooks the Bay, or a natural museum/interpretive center. Sunnyvale is in serious need of an art museum to support local artists and to provide a venue for creative art events. A hotel could also make use of this location.

We want to protect the sensitive environment, so any development would need appropriate setbacks. Treating the Bay as a scenic attraction, instead of as a waste disposal area, will enhance the value of projects along the shoreline and protect these areas better than erecting rusting chain link fences or barriers.

I suggest that the "Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles" more explicitly add an objective to encourage developments that incorporate views of the Bay and make them available for public enjoyment.

I also support expanding housing into Moffett Park. We have an opportunity for the City to take a more proactive role in providing housing for all income levels. We should look at public/private partnerships that can make this possible.

Respectfully,

Mike Serrone

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Molly Cox [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:58 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Comments on Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Dear Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

As a 26 year resident of Sunnyvale, I feel compelled to comment on the plan to re-develop Moffett Park.

My main concern is that this part of Sunnyvale is currently at sea level, and therefore any rise in that level will mean flooding for anything developed there. Because Moffett Park is bordered by Highways 237 and 101, getting out of this area will be problematic for residents in the event of catastrophic flooding. The flooding of Coyote Creek in 2017 showed we are not immune to this phenomenon, and that we should be prepared. Thus, Sunnyvale should work on an ecologically sound sea level rise mitigation strategy for this area before adding new development.

Sincerely,  
Molly Cox

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Rachel Liu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:53 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Redevelopment Plan

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

My name is Rachel Liu and I am concerned about the Bay wildlife and future generations. I am a rising senior at a high school in San Mateo county. During a recent session of the Bay Advocacy program in Sierra Club, I learned about the redevelopment of Moffett Park. Something I am personally concerned about in this redevelopment plan is the flooding and safety concerns, especially for families. The location is not the best place for development, as the roads will flood, which will require a lot of time, energy, and resources for flood prevention and other issues. Please take my concern into consideration as you continue this redevelopment plan.

Best,  
Rachel

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Shruti C [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan - feedback

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To Committee Chair Mr. Howard (and the other Planning Commission Members):

My name is Shruti, and I'm a resident of San Jose, CA. As an active Sierra Club volunteer & a Bay Advocate, I would like to applaud Sunnyvale's community for pushing for a futuristic vision for Moffett Park that is focused on urban ecology. If done right, this could serve as a benchmark for other cities & also evolve into a biodiversity hotspot, considering its proximity to the bay.

I would like the Planning Commission to prioritize the following factors while making long-term decisions for the Park:

**- Sea Level Rise:**

Considering that California's sea level is expected to rise six inches or more in the next decade, would it be wise to include offices, housing, schools, etc. as part of the land use plan? If so, how are we going to account for this risk?

**- Biophilic Cities:**

I would like the Board to research Biophilic Cities & join the network if feasible. Many of the partner cities in this network have worked to accomplish a similar vision while thinking outside the box.

Thank you!  
Shruti

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Will Meister [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:52 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffet Park Specific Plan comment

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Dear Chair Howard and Planning Commission Members,

My name is William Meister, and I am a resident of Sunnyvale. My family and I relocated to Sunnyvale around two years ago and are very happy about our decision to move here.

I recently became aware of the Moffet Park Specific Plan, and would like to comment on the plan as a resident, sustainability professional, and former employee of a company in the Moffet Park area.

The plan's strong emphasis on developing the ecology of the area and development around the VTA light rail, as well as creating a walkable and bikeable area speak volumes to the plan to develop the area sustainably. The proposed addition of trees, parks, and shaded public pathways will be a major boost to the urban ecology of the plan area. Also, the analysis of the prevalence of parking lots in the plan area, and the idea to convert their use and shift to parking garages suggests great opportunity to develop the urban ecology of the area and potentially reduce the impact of the heat island effect, especially if more parks would be developed in the area to provide access to those residential areas identified in the SWOT analysis as underserved. I applaud the proposed use of native trees in the plan area to increase the tree canopy because of the many benefits this has, including reduced water needs and the support of native animal species. I have great respect for the City's proposed efforts to further develop this area.

However, it seems that there are legitimate concerns around flood risk and sea level rise identified in the SWOT analysis that should be seen as deterrents to further development of the area, especially regarding housing. Additionally, if the proposed housing in the area is to be affordable housing, then those future residents of Sunnyvale could be further disadvantaged when dealing with rising sea levels and flooding in the area. The increasing risk that climate change will play in magnifying sea level rise and flood risk, as identified in the SWOT analysis, is of great concern in my opinion. The SWOT analysis identifies several factors of uncertainty that suggest further development of the area faces considerable risk from sea level rise and flooding. Moreover, the critical infrastructure (water pollution control plant and landfill) already present in this area could pose serious environmental and social risks due to sea level rise in the area.

I applaud the City's proposed plan to incorporate so many important environmental and social aspects in the area, but hope that the City does so with a long-term vision in mind that fully considers the impact of sea level rise and flood risk in the area.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comment.

Kind regards,  
William Meister

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Deborah Marks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP  
**Subject:** Moffett Park Specific Plan/July 27th Study Session

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Tonight (July 27th) at your meeting the specific plan for Moffett Park will be discussed.

As a member of SUFA (Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates) I am very concerned about the fate of the large mature trees at this site. As this area was developed over 50 years ago. there are many to be found. I myself have driven around the area and photographed the established trees which were threatened in the past few years with removal by development plans. Unfortunately several have been removed.

If it is at all possible for a tree to be left in place, then it should be. It takes 10 years for a tree to mature and provide the full benefits to the health of the community. A mature tree can supply a family of four with oxygen for two years. It can absorb one ton of carbon dioxide during its lifetime. A young tree cannot do this.

Please press upon the developers the importance of preserving our trees. Please see that they are considered in each plan.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Marks  
SUFA

**Bonnie Filipovic**

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**From:** Richard Mehlinger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** PlanningCommission AP; Council AnswerPoint  
**Cc:** livable\_svl\_board  
**Subject:** Community Land Trust and the Moffett Park Specific Plan

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Dear Planning Commissioners and City Councilmembers,

I write on behalf of the Board of Livable Sunnyvale to ask that, as the Moffett Park Specific Plan progresses, the city and the developers consider using a community land trust (CLT) to implement some of the affordable housing. A CLT could help to prevent displacement and invest in our community at the same time, while maintaining community control. We hope that, as this process moves forward, all concerned will consider this innovative option.

Sincerely,  
Richard Mehlinger  
Chair, Livable Sunnyvale



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Submitted On: 7/28/2020 1:25 PM

Request Type: Contact Us Request

Description: Sunnyvale Mayor and City Council Members,

Please ask the Sunnyvale Planning Commission to share the 25 letters submitted from the public regarding the redevelopment of Moffett Park. There seems to be a disconnect between what the public is seeking and the direction of this project. I thought that the public surveys in the videos were slanted in order to give certain outcomes and do not at all reflect the range of issues presented by this project or of interest to the public. Sea level rise, flooding and the need to protect critical infrastructure as groundwater rises; the need for wildlife habitat adjacent to the Bay, and a comprehensive regional plan that includes adjacent properties are primary concerns for this redevelopment project.

Thanks for your attention to these issues,

Susan DesJardin

Initial Response Complete: No

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Thank you,  
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