



City of Sunnyvale

July 27, 2020

Planning Commission

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Re: DSP & Citiline Phase ||

As a board member of the Sunnyvale Downtown Association, I write this letter to show my full support for the Downtown Specific Plan. As a member of the board and our local community we feel this project will better our downtown business/organizations all together.

I am excited to see this movement move forward and bring our diverse community together as we plan for a better tomorrow.

Thank you to those involved in making Citiline Phase || possible!

Sincerely,

Amit Rajgarhia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amit Rajgarhia", written over a horizontal line.

STC VENTURE LLC
10121 MILLER AVENUE, SUITE 200
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

August 7, 2020

Via Electronic Mail

Michelle King
Senior Planner
City of Sunnyvale
456 W. Olive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Re: Response to the Planning Commission Hearing on 7/27/20

Michelle:

We're submitting this letter in response to the modifications requested from the Planning Commission as they reviewed and recommended approval of the amended Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) on July 27th. Most importantly, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Updated Downtown Specific Plan; however, one of their requested modifications present significant issues to the vitality and long term sustainability of the project if accepted by the City Council. Our proposal for the future of Downtown, outlined in the Development Agreement and the Amended Downtown Specific Plan envisions a vibrant mixed-use redevelopment of the failed Sunnyvale Town Center Mall. The combination of the Park Loop, Ground Floor retail, Office and Residential will re-energize downtown and finally finish what was started and stopped so long ago.

This is a deeply complex and inter-connected project that is a delicate balance of many competing interests, all of whom want to see the best project possible. We have included specific comments below to clarify our concerns in more detail.

Planning Commission Comments

1. We are grateful to the Commission for recommending approval of the DSP Amendment. By in large we are in agreement with the Commission in looking to enhance and improve the downtown experience. There is one clarification on their second modification during the approval of the DSP:

“Include in policy to B.3.5 of the Downtown Specific Plan for new and replacement street trees and trees on private property to be part of a robust, urban forest plan with goals of maximizing tree size and using native, long-lived shade tree species. The trees selected should provide a greatly improved pedestrian realm and experience with engineered fill encouraged to support larger tree

species in more spaces. Staff should also develop an approved list of tree species for the Downtown Specific Plan.”

Restricting the downtown to only native species will greatly narrow the tree palette available and prevent us, and any future projects, from using a range of more appropriate trees for public and commercial conditions. A native-only restriction would preclude the London Plane (currently used extensively on S Murphy Ave) and several other species we are proposing. Stated plainly, native trees tend to be scrappy and often not preferred in urban parks or on the streetscape from a functionality or aesthetic perspective.

We recommend updating their amendment to include native and adaptive trees that are appropriate for the local climate, thrive in difficult urban conditions and provide desirable qualities, including substantial shade canopy that can achieve the desired height relatively quickly.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns that you might have as I can be reached at 408-255-4100.

STC VENTURE LLC,

By:

Name:  _____
Derek K. Hunter, Jr.

From: [Jennifer Nunez](#)
To: [Shaunn Mendrin](#); [Bonnie Filipovic](#)
Subject: FW: POLICY--FW: Downtown Specific Plan
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:35:08 PM

Regards,

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Subject: POLICY--FW: Downtown Specific Plan

Councilmembers:

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Regards,

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From: Galen Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Council AnswerPoint <council@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Downtown Specific Plan

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or links.

Good morning council members,

I've been around for a while, but nonetheless, let me introduce myself. My name is Galen Kim Davis. I currently serve on the boards of Livable Sunnyvale and Sunnyvale Metro Little League. We moved our family to Sunnyvale in 2006 specifically for CUSD schools, close proximity to Korean and Chinese grocery stores, and generally shorter commutes to Silicon Valley employers. That has worked out well for us so far. Sunnyvale is my family's home and I am working with others to ensure that the next generation will have access to Sunnyvale in the same way those of us here now did when we came.

Nonetheless, downtown Sunnyvale has mostly been a blight during my whole Sunnyvale residence. The opening of Target was a nice change, but there have always been vacant buildings and/or lots. I understand the circumstances that caused this and I applaud all those who have contributed to turning this situation around. The good news is we are almost there. City staff and the developers have put forth plans that will transform what has been a negative for the city into a positive landmark area that will stand the test of time. Much work has gone into this. The developer and city staff have been most responsive to community input and conducted extensive outreach. This is, quite likely, the best work the city has ever done. My only quibble is that it should be taller. I am sick of seeing buildings that look like the top was lopped off.

Sunnyvale is a city of global importance. The people who live and work here invent, develop, and support the technologies that are creating the world of today and tomorrow. People who have grown up here have gone on to win Nobel Prizes. As such, we deserve a downtown that befits that importance and is available to people from all walks of life. The plans before you move us in that direction. I urge you all to unanimously approve them without modification. Any delays in the schedule due to the city are just not allowable. The principals have everything in place to move forward **right now**. With the recent changes in the economy, delays of even a week could set back plans for a year. So once again, please approve these plans without modification and instruct staff to move forward with all possible haste.

Sincerely,

Galen Kim Davis

Dr. Gary M. Gold & Associates
OPTOMETRISTS

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8-7-20

City of Sunnyvale
City Council
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Re: DSP & Citiline Phase 2

As a board member of the SDA I enthusiastically support the Downtown Specific Plan. In concert with this I fully support Phase 2 of Citiline's redevelopment project. This letter also speaks to the sentiments of the SDA board and its role as representatives for the downtown businesses.

There were items that needed attention in aspects of Citiline's development as it related to downtown businesses that have been worked out to all parties benefit.

I am excited that the many shareholders are working together to create a diverse, unified, and vibrant downtown.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Gold
Interim Chair of the SDA

From: [Jennifer Nunez](#)
To: [Shaunn Mendrin](#); [Bonnie Filipovic](#)
Subject: FW: POLICY--FW: Heritage tree removal
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:39:34 PM

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From: Kathleen Meagher [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Council AnswerPoint <council@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Heritage tree removal

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Sunnyvale City Council,

I have been made aware that the removal of one of the heritage redwood trees in Redwood Square in downtown has been approved by the Planning Commission and is being referred to the Council for final approval. It is my understanding that removal of any heritage tree in Sunnyvale requires the approval of the Heritage Preservation Commission. I hope that this mandate has been followed through on.

Since it is very likely that the Council will approve the developer's recommendation for the removal of this tree, I would like to encourage the City to work with its arborists to ensure the health and safety of the remaining five heritage trees both during and after the removal process.

While aware of the new budgetary constraints on the City due to the pandemic, I would still like to encourage the City to do all that it can to follow the guidelines of both the Climate Action Plan and the Urban Forest Management Plan and increase funding for the planting of trees on streets and in parks as well as to approve a Tree Fund to encourage homeowners to plant trees on private property.

As our planet continues to warm, our urban forest is vital to the health and well being of the residents of Sunnyvale.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my views.

Kathleen Meagher

Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates

Ktea Cafe

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7/25/2020

City of Sunnyvale

Planning Commission
Sunnyvale, Ca 94086

Re: SDA's support of the DSP and Phase 2 of the Cityline Development

As a Business Owner, Board Member and Treasure with the Sunnyvale Downtown Association. I would like to welcome and express my appreciation for the beginning of a long-lasting business relationship with Cityline working to support the entire Sunnyvale downtown and working with the SDA.

Sincerely,

Katie Voong
Katie Voong

Owner, Ktea Café

Kteacafe@gmail.com

Ktea Cafe

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Monday :8/10/2020

City of Sunnyvale

Planning Commission
Sunnyvale, Ca 94086

To: Honorable Major and City Council

Subject: SDA's support for the DSP and Phase 2 of the Cityline Development and Minkoff Developments.

As a Business Owner, Board Member and Treasure with the Sunnyvale Downtown Association. I wanted to say I support the Downtown Specific Plan and the Cityline Phase II of the development. We appreciate the developers working to support the entire Sunnyvale downtown and working with the SDA.

Sincerely,

Katie Voong

Owner, Ktea Café

Kteacafe@gmail.com

From: [Jennifer Nunez](#)
To: [Bonnie Filipovic](#); [Shaunn Mendrin](#)
Subject: FW: POLICY--FW: Follow up to your Access Sunnyvale service request: SR-00030693 CRM:001720000091
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:41:27 PM

Regards,

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From: Council AnswerPoint
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Jennifer Nunez <JNunez@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
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Subject: POLICY--FW: Follow up to your Access Sunnyvale service request: SR-00030693 CRM:001720000091

Councilmembers:

Forwarding to you from Council AnswerPoint, inquiry re: Downtown Specific Plan.

Regards,

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From: AccessSunnyvale AP <AccessSunnyvale@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 9:32 AM
To: SR-00030693 [REDACTED]
Subject: Follow up to your Access Sunnyvale service request: SR-00030693 CRM:001720000091

Kimberly,

Thank you for your inquiry. I am forwarding your message to Council, copying key City staff for their review.

You will receive a notification that your service request is now closed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Jennifer Nuñez
Executive Assistant - Mayor & Council
408-730-7473

Hello Kimberly,

Regarding your recent Access Sunnyvale service request:

Service Request Number: SR-00030693

Submitted On: 8/6/2020 9:02 PM

Request Type: Contact Us Request

Description: Hello,

Once again, I am horrified at the hold that developers have over Sunnyvale. Since day one, the word on the streets has been that developers can do WHATEVER THEY WANT in Sunnyvale, regardless of building laws and restrictions. Perhaps some of the most visible evidence for this is the over 4000 Southern Magnolias that developers from the south-eastern US planted all over Sunnyvale. These non-native trees have cracked sidewalks, foundations and pools all over the city, and their high water needs are totally inappropriate for the drought afflicted west. (And I can list at least three other things that show how ill-suited they are for Sunnyvale). Granted, tree science (arbology) was much more rudimentary in the 40s, 50s and 60s, and I can't really fault people for planting the wrong trees. It's just an example of the lack of governmental oversight in Sunnyvale.

However, the real reason i am writing is about the proposed redesign of the Downtown specific plan that includes removing one of the heritage trees. These trees are a part of the living history of Sunnyvale. In 1929, after Sunnyvale had built the original downtown civic center and had no funds left for landscaping, the citizens dug up their own plants and trees and gifted them to the city. These heritage trees next to Target are all that remain of that optimistic era of Sunnyvale. Some of the trees actually have a history going back to 1921, when a carpenter went north to Oregon and brought some saplings home with him. By 1929 they were already outgrowing his yard, so giving them to the city was a win-win situation. Rather than removing any of them, the developers and the city should be trying to preserve them and incorporate them into the new design. Thanks,

Initial Response Complete: No

Contact Info

First Name: Kimberly

Last Name: Walter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address 2:
City: Sunnyvale
State:CA
Zip: 94087

Thank you,
Access Sunnyvale



408 736-2665 121 and 125 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

August 7, 2020
Sunnyvale City Council

Dear Members of the City Council,

As a board member and recording secretary of the Sunnyvale Downtown Association, I support the City's DSP and Phase 2 of Cityline's Development Plan. We believe this plan is best for our downtown as a whole, supporting both our existing SDA members and the new CityLine development. With this letter, I am asking you to approve CityLine's development plan.

Sincerely,

Leigh Odum

From: [Jennifer Nunez](#)
To: [Shaunn Mendrin](#); [Bonnie Filipovic](#)
Subject: FW: POLICY--FW: Heritage Redwood Grove - Downtown Specific Plan
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:41:58 PM

Regards,

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From: Council AnswerPoint
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 5:22 PM
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Subject: POLICY--FW: Heritage Redwood Grove - Downtown Specific Plan

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From: Mary Brunkhorst [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 3:00 PM
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Subject: Heritage Redwood Grove - Downtown Specific Plan

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Council Members,

An amendment to the Downtown Specific Plan has been proposed by the developer.

I am writing about the Heritage Redwood Grove now known as Redwood Square. The proposal calls for the removal of one of the heritage redwoods in order to accomodate an underground parking structure.

Specifically, "the proposed redevelopment of the former Macy's site and Redwood Square (Sub-block 3 of Block 18 of the DSP area) will require removal or relocation of one of the six heritage redwood trees in Redwood Square."

Relocating the tree is unrealistic, as it will likely fail and would disturb the grove. These trees are protected and the grove is listed as a Sunnyvale Heritage Resource. The current downtown specific plan requires that this grove be preserved by any developer.

It is important that the city save its protected trees.

It is important that the developer be held to the conditions it agreed to when the original plans were developed.

It is important that development does not encroach on the redwoods where harm may be done.

If this proposal is approved, whatever is built there will be moved close to the remaining trees, which might damage them irreparably.

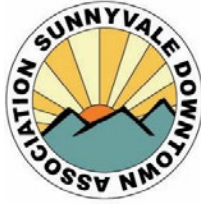
Is the proposed development as beneficial as a mature tree as far as carbon sequestration, temperature moderation, and stormwater management?

Is it as meaningful as the trees the city has deemed important enough to save over many years?

Please ensure that these protected trees are truly protected. That means limiting construction nearby, and ensuring that no trees are removed and no branches are trimmed to accommodate buildings. All of the trees should remain.

Thank you,

Mary Brunkhorst



Monday, August 10, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Johnson, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Downtown Association

Subj: Sunnyvale Downtown Association support for the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP), and Phase II of the Cityline and Minkoff Developments.

The Sunnyvale Downtown Association (SDA) its full board and businesses are enthusiastic, and fully supportive of the City of Sunnyvale's Downtown Specific Plan and the commencement of the second phase of the Cityline Development.

The SDA is excited to welcome these new developments and the promise they hold in building a vibrant and exciting downtown, that will help our businesses, our city, and our community.

As the Executive Director of the Sunnyvale Downtown Association representing our Board of Directors and downtown businesses, we are excited for the future these new projects will bring with new businesses, new jobs, and the continued opportunities for the many businesses that call Sunnyvale their home. We look forward to welcoming these exciting enhancements, and the promise it holds for everyone who will benefit from this next chapter in our downtown community.

Respectfully,

Michael Johnson

Executive Director

Sunnyvale Downtown Association

From: [Jennifer Nunez](#)
To: [Shaunn Mendrin](#); [Bonnie Filipovic](#)
Subject: FW: POLICY--FW: 20-0726 Downtown Specific Plan and 20-0724 CityLine Agreement
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:34:40 PM

Regards,

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Subject: POLICY--FW: 20-0726 Downtown Specific Plan and 20-0724 CityLine Agreement

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From: Mike Serrone [REDACTED]
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Subject: 20-0726 Downtown Specific Plan and 20-0724 CityLine Agreement

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Mayor Klein, Vice-Mayor Smith and Members of the Council,

Regarding 20-0726 - Downtown Specific Plan and 20-0724 - CityLine Agreement:

The Downtown Specific Plan Amendment and the Development Agreement with CityLine are critical next steps in the long and winding road leading to revival of our downtown. **I urge you to approve both the Amendment and the Development Agreement.** Do not delay this development any longer.

Over the past several years, CityLine has held many, many outreach meetings, meetings with the Planning Commission, with the City Council, with staff, meetings with Livable Sunnyvale and other organizations. A search of the City meeting files shows 28 reports or actions going back to 2017 related to the CityLine development.

My sense is that this development has had more reviews than all other current projects combined. And CityLine has been very responsive to feedback from the City and the public, making extensive changes based on the input they received.

Recently, Livable Sunnyvale reviewed the latest proposal from CityLine and enthusiastically endorsed the project.

At this point, I do not believe that there is any improvement or refinement to either of these items that is worth delaying this development by a single day.

Downtown has been mostly vacant for so long we have accepted it as the new normal, but there has been a major impact on revenues to the City and our quality of life from the very long delays. CityLine has the financing and the expertise to complete this development. We are fortunate to have a good partner willing to invest in our City. We should seize the opportunity and let this move ahead. Any minor details that have not been previously addressed can be dealt with later.

The comments above would be my recommendation even if we weren't in the middle of a pandemic. But the pandemic makes it even more critical that we start this development immediately. Downtown construction will be very disruptive, but at this point there is very little to disrupt. Any work that can be done while we are in partial shutdown will be a good thing. And anything that is open for business next year when the economy starts to come back will also be a good thing.

Even more of a concern: Investors in CityLine and other Sunnyvale projects may decide to direct their funding into one of the many countries that has successfully dealt with the coronavirus and is in economic recovery. We should not assume that we can delay this development indefinitely.

Please resist the temptation to send either of these items back to staff for "improvements" and approve these items quickly so that work rebuilding downtown can start immediately. The CityLine development is an excellent project - we should take yes for an answer and approve these items.

Respectfully,

Mike Serrone

From: [Jennifer Nunez](#)
To: [Bonnie Filipovic](#); [Shaunn Mendrin](#)
Subject: FW: POLICY--FW: Livable Sunnyvale urges approval of the downtown specific plan
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This message was sent directly to all of Council.

Regards,

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From: Richard Mehlinger [REDACTED]
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Subject: Livable Sunnyvale urges approval of the downtown specific plan

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Dear Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Smith and Honorable Councilmembers,
I write on behalf of Livable Sunnyvale to urge you to approve the Cityline project and Downtown Specific Plan as recommended by staff and the Planning Commission.

This May, our members voted to support the Cityline project. The Cityline project will bring much needed housing to our downtown, along with new businesses and tax revenue. This project will also make our city more sustainable, by adding homes and jobs near transit and making the residential buildings all electric.

We recognize and appreciate the role that Council and Sares Regis have both played in bringing improvements to our downtown since 2015, including removing the parking "skeleton", opening Redwood Square, finishing the Flats, and providing the Winter Ice Rink.

For nearly 15 years, our downtown has been in limbo, leaving a hole in the heart of our city. Now, we finally have the opportunity to bring the downtown to completion. With the economic uncertainty brought on by the coronavirus, we worry that any delay in approval could throw the entire downtown into jeopardy yet again. We cannot take that chance.

Livable Sunnyvale is proud to fully endorse the Downtown Specific Plan and the Cityline project. We urge you to approve them without delay.

Sincerely,
Richard Mehlinger
Chair, Livable Sunnyvale