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### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On April 7, 2014, the City Council approved the San Leandro Tech Campus (PLN2013-00045), a Planned Development and Site Plan Review to develop a three-phased office/technology campus with up to a maximum of 500,000 square feet of office and other related uses located in multiple buildings on the seven acre project site west of the BART station and owned by Westlake Development Partners, LLC (Westlake). The project is now proposed to be revised to include a residential component. The City Council's prior approval conditioned that any future residential component in the project requires Planning Commission and City Council approval.

The proposed mixed-use residential project complies with the Zoning Code and the City's Downtown TOD Strategy. The proposed project will provide much needed new housing and helps the City meet its State Regional Housing Needs Allocation Housing goals, particularly for market rate housing, under the General Plan Housing Element.

The Planning Commission and staff recommend the City Council approve the proposed project through the attached Resolution that makes the following actions:

- A. Adoption of finding that the proposed project is consistent with the assumptions for the project site as presented in the Downtown TOD Strategy EIR and that the proposed project does not result in any new or significant impacts or increase the severity of any significant impacts identified in the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the TOD Strategy. As a result, no further environmental analysis is required;
- B. Adoption of the recommended Findings of Fact to approve Planned Development and Site Plan Review, PLN16-0067; and
- C. Approval of the Planned Development and Site Plan Review, PLN16-0067, subject to the Recommended Conditions of Approval.

# BACKGROUND

In 2007, the Planning Commission and City Council approved "The San Leandro Crossings," a mixed -use development proposal that permitted up to 500 housing units on the vacant former Del Monte cannery property with 100 units to be developed as affordable housing by BRIDGE Housing Corporation. However, due to the economic downturn and consequent delays, Westlake was unable to move forward with the proposed residential masterplan project and eventually assigned BRIDGE Housing its entitlement to develop a 200-unit multi-family residential project on the BART parking lot on San Leandro Boulevard (now called Marea Alta). Marea Alta Phase 1 (115 affordable rental units, underground resident and BART parking and a proposed ground floor childcare center) is near full occupancy and construction of Phase 2 (85 units of affordable senior rental housing) is scheduled to commence this summer.

In 2014, Westlake revised its plan for the seven acre vacant lot to develop a 340,000-500,000 square foot San Leandro Technology Campus (SLTC), a unique "workplace district" in Downtown San Leandro for more than 1,600 employees. The office buildings consist of state-of-the-art new construction and provide an opportunity to attract and retain high tech companies, such as OSIsoft, that can benefit from the high-speed broadband capability created by Lit San Leandro. SLTC is consistent with the goals of the City's TOD Strategy as it supports hundreds of quality jobs within walking distance of Downtown San Leandro, adding new customers for Downtown businesses and transforming the underutilized site into an important employment and revenue source for the City. The six story, 132,000 square-foot Phase 1 office building was completed and occupied by OSIsoft in 2016, along with a 785 space parking structure and the acclaimed "Truth is Beauty" sculpture. The six story, 132,000 square foot Phase 2 office building is currently under construction.

The mixed use residential proposal under consideration would be at the southern portion of the site and take the place of 88 surface parking spaces identified in the original Planned Development and Site Plan Review permit that was approved in April 2014. The 85 parking spaces will be included in the ground level of the proposed building and parking garage expansion.

The Planning Commission considered the SLTC mixed-use residential proposal at a June 15, 2017 public hearing. At that meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposal, listened to public comments, and recommended approval of the development subject to conditions. The Planning Commission's final vote was: 5-Ayes, 0-Nay, 1- Absent, 1-Recused. The Planning Commission audio for the June 15, 2017 meeting is available online at:

<a href="http://sanleandro.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\_id=2&clip\_id=925">http://sanleandro.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\_id=2&clip\_id=925</a>

### Project Proposal

#### <u>Site Plan</u>

The site extends 307 feet North-South between Parrott Street and Thornton Street and varies in depth East-West between 118 feet at the North End and 134 feet at the South End (see Exhibits K, L, M; Parcel Plan, Site Plan, Ground Level Plan, respectively). Parrott Street will terminate in a new pedestrian and vehicular plaza connecting the residential building with the Phase II garage, which provides a portion of the residential parking and will be constructed concurrently. The main pedestrian entry to the residential building will face the plaza, and a pedestrian bridge linking Level 2 of the residential building with upper levels of the garage will span across the plaza. Located on the eastern side of the site is a non-operating railroad right-of-way (future home of the East Bay Greenway) and the Union Pacific railroad for the Amtrak mainline is located to the west side.

The subject property has a narrow, unusual shape that the proposed mixed-use residential building is designed to fit within. The building footprint would be approximately 36,600 square feet. The proposed building would have a zero setback on Parrott Street. The Parrott Street sidewalk accommodates pedestrians and tree wells on the north side of the building. The proposed building is set back 4 to 5 foot on Thornton Street from the right-of way/property line with a 6 to 16 foot sidewalk area. The Thornton Street sidewalk includes landscaping and trees in a parkway strip contiguous to the street curb. The eastern side setback varies from 4 to 28 feet from the property line. The 4 to 6 foot setback is along the north eastern edge of the footprint; the 28 foot setback accommodates a 20 foot emergency vehicle lane (EVA). Outside the notched area that is on the eastern edge will be landscaping with seating areas. The BART tracks are approximately 80 feet away from the building. The western side setback is a continual seven feet to provide pedestrian access to utility room doors facing west and for emergency response personnel.

Parrott Street would be the main entry to the apartment's lobby, leasing offices, and common areas including a meeting room, mail room, dog washing room, and bicycle parking room. Thornton Street would be the main entry to the commercial office space and the driveway opening to the parking garage, trash enclosure, various utility rooms, and EVA for the aerial fire apparatus. Clearance is also provided for truck access to neighboring manufacturing uses on Thornton Street.

#### Level 1

The ground level includes the main lobby for the apartments on the north end, 13,000 square feet commercial office space that faces the south end, and a 13,800 square foot parking garage. This level also includes other building amenities and necessary utilities such as bicycle parking, closets and rooms for electrical, fire pump, generator, and trash and recyclables. The project provides 100 indoor bicycle parking spaces on this level with convenient access to the future East Bay Greenway. Please see Exhibit C - Project Data to see an inventory table that lists the floor area of the various spaces and rooms in Level 1 and all the other levels.

#### Parking

The project includes 85 parking spaces on the ground floor of the residential building. 'Quad puzzle lifts,' an automated four level vehicle parking lift system (see Exhibit BB - Quad Puzzle Lifts) are proposed to provide 22 parking spaces in the area of six standard ground parking spaces and 11 parking spaces in the area of three standard ground parking spaces. The project includes three 22-space lifts, one 11-space lift and eight spaces at grade without any lift. The lifts would be installed in a six foot, five inch pit so that the four levels of cars can fit within the lift, measuring 21 feet from the pit to the podium level (see Exhibit AA - Sections).

An additional 144 spaces will be provided in the adjacent Phase II office garage, accessible both from street level and the pedestrian bridge on Level 2 designed to link the two structures. The proposed parking is explained on Exhibit CC - SLTC Garage Existing and Phase II Ground Level and Exhibit DD - SLTC Garage Phase II Level 3 and 4. There would be 26 spaces available for the commercial office use on the ground floor and 118 spaces in the Phase II parking structure Level 3 and 4.

The 229 spaces described above adequately satisfy the parking requirement for the proposed project, which is 223 required spaces (Zoning Code Section 4-1704). In the DA Zoning District, the commercial office parking requirement is two spaces per 1,000 square feet (26 spaces required) and multi-family residential adjacent to BART is one space per unit (197 spaces required).

### Level 2

Level 2 sits on top of the podium and includes 31 residential units, a clubroom and fitness room for residents, a 2,200 square foot Courtyard A and a 745 square foot Courtyard B (see Exhibit N - Level 2 Plan). The club will be a lounge-type space where residents can gather for a private or reserved events. It would be appointed with a kitchen/bar, televisions, seating, work and video game stations.

### Levels 3 to 7

Level 3 comprises 31 units and the mezzanine level in the fitness room (see Exhibits O to S for Level 3 to 7 Plans). Levels 4 to 6 are similar plans and each comprise 34 residential units. Level 7 comprises 33 units and an outdoor deck and clubroom at the northeastern corner of the building. Although it is not on the roof level, it is labeled as 'Roof Deck' on the exhibit.

### Floor Plans - Mix of Units

The proposal has 42 studios, 114 one-bedroom units, and 41 two-bedroom units (see Exhibit C - Project Data). There would be eight studio unit types ranging from 472 square feet to 697 square feet, averaging 536 square feet; 11 one-bedroom unit types ranging from 652 square feet to 785 square feet, averaging 734 square feet; and seven two-bedroom unit types ranging from 1,054 square feet to 1,337 square feet, averaging 1,156 square feet.

#### <u>Density</u>

The 197 unit project on the 3.13 acre site equates to a density of 63 units per acre. This conforms to the DA-6 District minimum density requirement of 60 units per acre.

#### **Building Design and Architecture**

Similar to the SLTC office buildings, the proposed mixed-use residential building will have a prominent presence due to its height and its modern architectural design that is complementary to the SLTC design. (See Exhibits H, I, J - Renderings; and U, V, W, X - Elevations). The highest level of the building's roof line would be 87-feet, six-inches to the parapet and 95-feet to the tallest level at the top of the elevator penthouse (see Exhibits U through X). The ground floor is 21 feet to the podium. This creates large volume spaces in the offices and accommodates the puzzle lifts in the parking garage. Each residential floor above the podium would be 10-feet, six-inches.

There are many features and treatments of the architectural design that add to the aesthetics, articulation, and modern appearance. There is an extensive and distinctive use of materials, finishes and colors for visual interest, varying wall planes and roof lines, and the use of canopies to create shadows. All of these elements combine to prevent monotony in the design. Below is a summary of notable features of the building architecture on Exhibits U-Z.

- The gray façade planes will be cementitious panels with dark aluminum framed windows of varying sizes.
- The white, light gray and yellow exterior wall planes will be scored cement plaster (stucco) with light framed vinyl clad windows.
- The dark gray horizontal recessed wall planes on the Thornton and Parrott Street elevations will be cement plank siding.
- The northeast corner elevation facing Parrott Street will be an aluminum window wall from Level 2 to Level 7.
- The outdoor courtyards will have large plate glass perimeter rails
- The ground floor commercial office and the main entry to the apartment lobby and leasing offices will be treated with metal awnings overhead and large and tall storefront windows and metal framing.
- The ground floor along the west edge will have green walls on which vegetation will be trained to climb.

# <u>Analysis</u>

### DA-6 Downtown Area Zoning Requirements

The 2035 General Plan designation is Transit-Oriented Development Mixed Use (MUTOD). The purpose of this designation is to provide for a mix of high-intensity land uses that capitalize on proximity to the San Leandro BART station. This designation maximizes the potential for transit-oriented infill development.

In September 2016, many of the properties around BART were rezoned as a part of the 2035 General Plan Update, including the SLTC site. The SLTC zoning was modified from DA-5(S) Downtown Area-5, Special Overlay District and PS(S) Public and Semipublic, Special Overlay District, to DA-6 District Area-6 District. At the time, the DA-5 zoning district was removed due to the similarities with the DA-6 zoning.

The purpose of the DA-6 District is to implement specific provisions of the Downtown TOD Strategy by clustering office uses in the vicinity of Davis Street and San Leandro Boulevard that will provide visibility from these streets and the nearby BART station. The proposed mixed-use residential project is a permitted use (Zoning Code Section 2-646 A. 11.) in the DA-6 District. The DA-6 Zoning Code

section requires that mixed-use residential with ground floor retail or office on lots greater than 10,000 square feet have a minimum density of 60 dwelling units per acre and no maximum density. The project identifies 13,000 square feet of leasable office space on the ground floor and the multi-family residential density is 63 units per acre (197 units on 3.13 acres). The project provides in-fill housing within walking distance to downtown retail services, AC Transit and BART transit stops, and nearby job centers including the SLTC office buildings.

For mixed-use residential buildings in the DA-6 District, the front setback may not exceed 10 feet (§2-680 F. 2. c.) and side yards are permitted to be zero (2-680). The project as designed conforms to this section with zero setback permitted along Parrott Street and four- to five-feet along Thornton Street.

The building height in the DA-6 District is typically 75 feet maximum, however taller height limits may be considered at certain locations per the TOD Strategy (San Leandro Zoning Code Section 2-682). The TOD Strategy indicates that there is no height limit for this project site because the location is not adjacent to any existing development or uses (e.g., residences). The site has the SLTC office buildings to the north, existing industrial usage to the south, and railroad right-of-ways to the east. The nearest residences are 300 feet to the east and 400 feet to the west. Therefore, the 86- to 94-foot tall seven-story building may be approved, because it is not expected to create a negative visual impact to adjacent or nearby development.

The maximum permitted floor area ratio (FAR) is 5.0 when the project site is adjacent to the BART Station (Section 2-686 B. 2.). This project FAR is 1.62, well below the maximum.

The proposed mixed-use residential development does not affect the previously approved SLTC site plan and design. The Phase I parking structure contains 785 spaces and the future Phase II parking structure contiguous to the south will have 560 spaces. The completed parking structure will have 1,345 total spaces. The designation of 144 vehicle spaces required for the new mixed-use residential building would still provide 1,201 spaces for the SLTC office buildings. In the event the SLTC buildout is 400,000 square feet, this would still provide 3 spaces per 1,000 square feet of office space, which exceeds the Zoning Code requirement of 2 spaces per 1,000 square feet; exceeding this requirement was mutually agreed upon in the existing development agreement between the City and Westlake.

### Site Plan Review

Per Zoning Code Section 2-698 D., projects subject to Site Plan Review must include amenities and design criteria that enhance the quality of residents' living or the appearance of the project. Projects are required to include at least seven (7) listed amenities. Amenities provided to support this project include:

- <u>Open space.</u> The site is challenged by noise impacts from the BART tracks and railroad, so there are no private decks or balconies facing the BART tracks to reduce interior noise levels. The project plans include a 5,000 square foot outdoor open space at grade level along the northeast edge of the building.
- <u>Common areas that are not private balconies.</u> The plan includes a: 2,200 square foot outdoor Courtyard A and a 745 square foot outdoor Courtyard B for resident use on the podium (Level 2). In addition, there would be a 750 square foot roof deck on Level 7. Courtyard A and the roof deck each include a club room equipped with a kitchen/bar, television, work and video

game stations, and seating.

- <u>Tenant activity area.</u> Along with the club rooms, there will be a fitness center with a mezzanine level adjacent to Courtyard A. The roof deck will be equipped with a gas barbeque. The residents are also provided a dog wash area in the ground floor lobby area.
- <u>Use of solar energy in the design of the building.</u> The roof design is solar ready (see Exhibit T Roof Plan).
- <u>Use of three or more colors.</u> As illustrated in the exhibits, the project design will use more than three colors with its extensive palette of materials and painted surfaces.
- <u>Use of three or more materials on the façade.</u> As illustrated in the exhibits, the project design will use more than three materials for its façade including cementitious panels, cement plaster, plank siding, and aluminum window walls.
- <u>Practical usable furniture in common areas.</u> As shown on Exhibit SS On-Structure Courtyard Elements, there will be a variety of usable furniture (i.e., tables and chairs) for the courtyards and roof deck.
- <u>Bicycle lockers.</u> Secured parking for at least 100 bicycles will be provided on the ground level. The location provides convenient access to BART, the future East Bay Greenway, and Parrott Street.
- <u>Bay windows</u>. Although there are no bay windows in the project, the articulated elevations with the projecting and recessed wall planes for the street facing elevations mirror the aesthetics and articulation that bay windows provide.

### Public Review Process

Although the project is a permitted use and compliant with the DA-6 Zoning Code requirements, the previous planning approval by the City Council in April 2014 did not include a residential component. More importantly, the City Council determined that any residential use on the SLTC site would require a modification of the Planned Development and the Site Plan Review. The Planned Development and Site Plan Review provide a mechanism for the City to ensure the added development project will be compatible with the underlying zoning and General Plan by application of careful and imaginative treatments; ensure orderly and thorough planning that will result in high-quality urban design; and that the new development would not be detrimental to the surrounding area. This requires public review by the City's Planning Commission and the City Council.

### Public Comments Received by the Planning Commission

Jack Dorian, President of Spar Sausage Co., stated to staff that the company had concerns about the residential project being located across the street (Thornton Street) from its receiving docks and manufacturing plant. Staff and the applicant verified that the proposed improvements on Thornton Street adequately accommodate the sausage company's delivery trucks. Additional width to the street was provided in the civil engineering design so the trucks will have access without any hindrance. As for concerns about noise from the manufacturing plant affecting the residences, a Noise Study was conducted and the results did not indicate excessive or un-mitigatable noise levels from recorded noise readings along the Thornton Avenue frontage. The Building Permit plans will require that construction of the residential units mitigate noise to not exceed 60 decibels measured from inside the units.

Robert Morris, CEO of TerrAvion Inc. (technology company for agricultural practices), located one block away on Alvarado Street, spoke in favor of the project. He stated the project was an appropriate location close to downtown and to BART, and would provide housing opportunities for his employees.

### Engineering and Transportation Department

The Traffic Study (Study) for the proposed project prepared by Kimley Horn, dated February 23, 2017, identified several potential impacts and recommended corresponding mitigation measures. First, the Study identified a potential impact at the intersection of Thornton Street and San Leandro Boulevard. A recommended condition of approval requires that the developer construct a traffic signal at the intersection of Thornton Street and San Leandro Boulevard, per the Study. The new signal must be interconnected with the nearby signals along San Leandro Boulevard.

In addition, the Study identified a potential impact at the intersection of Parrott Street and San Leandro Boulevard. A recommended condition of approval would require that the developer re-stripe eastbound Parrott Street to have an eastbound left turn lane and a shared eastbound through and right turn lane, per the Study. This will require that the roadway be widened to accommodate the third traffic lane for fire equipment to make the southbound right turn movement from San Leandro Boulevard, and will require modifications to the existing traffic signal. Any modifications to the intersection will require prior approval from the City Engineer. Moreover, the recommended condition requires the developer to re-stripe westbound Parrott Street to have a westbound left turn lane and a shared westbound through and right turn lane per the Study. This will require modifications to the existing traffic signal.

Impact fees are provided and listed in the recommended conditions of approval.

### Applicable General Plan Policies

The property is designated Transit-Oriented Mixed Use in the City's General Plan Land Use Map. The purpose of this designation is to provide for a mix of high-intensity land uses that capitalize on proximity to the San Leandro BART station. This designation maximizes the potential for transitoriented infill development and achieves compatible transitions to adjacent residential districts through design standards and zoning. The proposed mixed-use residential project is consistent with the City of San Leandro General Plan for this land use designation. In addition, the following General Plan goals and policies will apply (note: LU- Land Use; ED-Economic Development):

**<u>GOAL LU-2.</u>** Preserve and enhance the distinct identities of San Leandro neighborhoods

<u>Policy LU-2.7 Location of Future Multi-Family Development.</u> Concentrate new multi-family development in the areas near the BART Stations and along major transit corridors.

<u>Policy LU-2.8 Alterations, Additions, and Infill.</u> Ensure that alterations, additions and infill development are compatible with existing homes and maintain aesthetically pleasing

neighborhoods.

<u>GOAL LU-3.</u> Provide housing opportunities and improve economic access to housing for all segments of the community.

<u>Policy LU-3.1 Mix of Unit Types.</u> Encourage a mix of residential development types in the city, including single family homes on a variety of lot sizes, as well as townhomes, row houses, live -work units, planned unit developments, garden apartments and medium to high density multi-family housing.

<u>Policy LU-3.4 Promotion of Infill.</u> Encourage infill development on vacant or underused sites within residential and commercial areas.

<u>Policy LU-3.5 Mixed Use on Transit Corridors.</u> Encourage mixed use projects containing ground floor retail and upper floor residential uses along major transit corridors. Such development should be pedestrian-oriented, respect the scale and character of the surrounding neighborhood, and incorporate architectural themes that enhance the identity of adjacent commercial districts.

**<u>GOAL LU-6.</u>** Foster the development of Downtown San Leandro as a vibrant pedestrian oriented destination that is the civic and social heart of the City.

<u>Policy LU 6.1 Downtown Plans.</u> In accordance with the adopted Downtown Plan and Urban Design Guidelines and the Downtown San Leandro Transit Oriented Development Strategy, ensure that new downtown development is attractive and creates an image conducive to revitalization.

<u>Policy LU-6.6 Downtown Housing Diversity.</u> Encourage a mix of market-rate and affordable housing in the Downtown area, including ownership and rental housing at a variety of price points. Recognize the opportunity to make future Downtown housing more affordable by reducing accompanying transportation costs and making it more feasible to use transit, bicycles, bicycle and car-sharing, and other innovative modes of transportation as these become viable

<u>Policy LU-6.7 BART Accessibility.</u> Maintain and strengthen pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connections between the BART Station, Downtown, and nearby neighborhoods.

<u>Policy LU-6.8 Pedestrian-Friendly Environment</u>. Provide public and private improvements that create a safe, friendly, and comfortable environment for pedestrians and bicyclists in Downtown.

<u>Policy LU-6.9 Urban Design.</u> Promote quality Downtown architecture that is well articulated, enhances the pedestrian setting, preserves the City's architectural heritage, and fits in with the scale and texture of existing historic structures. Discourage "franchise architecture" that will detract from creating a unique and distinctive Downtown setting.

<u>Action LU-6.9A Building Height.</u> Generally maintain building heights of six stories or less in the area east of San Leandro Boulevard to respect the historic scale of development, and the integrity of Downtown San Leandro. Taller buildings are encouraged in the area west of the

station.

<u>Policy LU-6.11 Coordination</u>. Fully involve and coordinate with local business owners, property owners, adjacent residents, and business organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, San Leandro Improvement Association, and Downtown Association in all planning and development activities within the Downtown area.

<u>Policy LU-6.13 BART Station Area Transit Village.</u> Foster the development of the BART Station area as a mixed use "transit village," with a full complement of office, high-density residential, and retail uses, along with pedestrian plazas, open space, BART parking, and other transit facilities. Development in this area should include a balance of new housing, office, and retail use, oriented in a compact form to make it more feasible to walk and use transit for most trips.

<u>Action LU-6.13.A: Parking Improvements.</u> Complete the planned parking structures at Marea Alta and the San Leandro Tech Campus, and retain spaces in these structures that are available for public use. Pursue opportunities for additional shared publicly available parking as a component of new private development in the station area.

<u>Action LU-6.13.C BART Area Housing.</u> Strongly encourage the development of high-density housing on vacant and underutilized land at the northern terminus of Alvarado Street, and along the San Leandro Boulevard corridor to the north and south of the BART station. The City should continue to require minimum densities in these areas to ensure that the opportunity for transit-oriented development is maximized.

<u>Policy LU-6.14 Downtown Open Space.</u> Develop a network of Downtown open spaces to serve the growing population and workforce. This network should include civic plazas, parks, a linear greenway along the former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way (part of the East Bay Greenway), and a San Leandro Creek greenway along the northern edge of Downtown. In addition, streetscape improvements should include street trees and sidewalks that connect these spaces and increase greenery in the Downtown area.

<u>GOAL ED-4.</u> Create attractive, economically vibrant commercial areas that are easily accessible to San Leandro residents and employees.

<u>Policy ED-4.5 Downtown San Leandro.</u> Downtown San Leandro. Continue efforts to transform Downtown into a successful, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use district with services and amenities for workers, residents, and visitors. Downtown should be the gathering place for the city, providing restaurants, cafes, and a wide range of retail stores and services in a walkable setting.

<u>GOAL ED-5.</u> Provide amenities that attract and retain businesses and encourage those working in San Leandro to also live in San Leandro.

<u>Policy ED-5.1 Key Amenities.</u> Support amenities that attract businesses and employees to the city, including a more vibrant downtown, walkable neighborhoods, better dining and entertainment options, quality education and public safety, and more diverse housing choices.

Policy ED-5.2 Housing Production. Substantially increase the production of a variety of

housing types meeting the needs of persons at all income levels.

#### **Environmental Review**

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(4), the City used a written checklist to determine whether the environmental effects of the project's site-specific operations were evaluated in the Downtown San Leandro Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), the City evaluated whether further environmental review was required per the provisions of Section 15162(a). The City considered various technical studies prepared by environmental consultants hired by the City and the applicant (including a Geotechnical Investigation, Noise Report, and Traffic Impact Study). The proposed project will be consistent (see attached Consistency Memorandum) with the assumptions for the project site as presented in the City's General Plan and Zoning Code, and the project will not result in any new significant impacts or increase the severity of any significant impacts identified in the TOD Strategy EIR. Therefore, no further environmental analysis is required.

### Summary of Public Outreach Efforts

For the City Council meeting, notices were mailed to the property owners and business owners within 500 feet of the subject property and to nearby homeowner associations including: Peralta Citizens, Peralta Creek Adobe, Pacific Plaza, Garden Terrace, Cherrywood, Camellia Court, Woodcreek, Best Manor, Farrelly Pond, Creekside, Estudillo, and Broadmoor. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce, San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA), and Downtown Association were mailed a notice. Placards were posted on the utility poles adjacent to the property (Parrott Street, Thornton Street, and Alvarado Street) and on the SLTC property (OSIsoft building). A legal advertisement was published in the <u>East Bay Times</u> newspaper. This is similar to the notification for the June 15, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. At the time of this report there have been no comments received about the project.

### ATTACHMENTS

### Attachments to Staff Report

Vicinity Map Exhibit A - Project Title Sheet Exhibit B - Project Index (Sheet G-1.0) Exhibit C - Project Data (Sheet G-2.0) Exhibit D - 2106 California Building Code Analysis (Sheet G-3.0) Exhibit E - Vicinity Map (Sheet G-4.0) Exhibit F - Site Photos/Exiting Conditions (Sheet G-4.1) Exhibit G - SLTC Site Plan (Sheet G-4.2) Exhibit H - Rendering Looking Southeast (Sheet G-5.0) Exhibit I - Rendering Looking Northeast (Sheet G-5.1) Exhibit J - Rendering Looking Southwest (Sheet G-5.2) Exhibit K - Parcel Plan (Sheet A-1.0) Exhibit L - Site Plan (Sheet A-1.1) Exhibit M - Ground Level Plan Civil Engineering Overall Site Plan (Sheet A-1.2) Exhibit N - Level 2 Plan (Sheet A-1.3) Exhibit O - Level 3 Plan (Sheet A-1.4)

Exhibit P - Level 4 Plan (Sheet A-1.5) Exhibit Q - Level 5 Plan (Sheet A-1.6) Exhibit R- Level 6 Plan (Sheet A-1.7) Exhibit S - Level 7 Plan (Sheet A-1.8) Exhibit T - Roof Plan (Sheet A-1.9) Exhibit U -East Elevation (Sheet A-2.0) Exhibit V - South Elevation (Sheet A-2.1) Exhibit W - West Elevation (Sheet A-2.2) Exhibit X - North Elevation (Sheet A-2.3) Exhibit Y - Courtyard A - Elevation (Sheet A-2.4) Exhibit Z - Courtyard B - Elevation (Sheet A-2.5) Exhibit AA - Sections (Sheet A-3.0) Exhibit BB - Quad Puzzle Lifts (Sheet A-4.0) Exhibit CC - SLTC Garage Existing and Phase 2 Ground Level (Sheet A-4.1) Exhibit DD - SLTC Garage Phase 2, Levels 3 and 4 (Sheet A-4.2) Exhibit EE - Civil Engineering Title Sheet (Sheet C-1.0) Exhibit FF - Grading and Drainage Plan (Sheet C-2.0) Exhibit GG - Grading and Drainage Plan (Sheet C-2.1) Exhibit HH - Site Sections (Sheet C-2.2) Exhibit II - Site Sections (Sheet C-2.3) Exhibit JJ - Site Sections (Sheet C-2.4) Exhibit KK - Utility Plan (Sheet C-3.0) Exhibit LL - Utility Plan (Sheet C-3.1) Exhibit MM - Signage and Striping Plan (Sheet C-4.0) Exhibit NN - Storm Water Management Plan (Sheet HYD-1) Exhibit OO - Storm Water Management Plan (Sheet HYD-2) Exhibit PP - Landscape Plan Street Level (Sheet L1.01) Exhibit QQ - Landscape Plan Level 2 Courtyards (Sheet L1.02) Exhibit RR - Landscape Plan Level 7 (Sheet L1.03) Exhibit SS - On-Structure Courtyard Elements (Sheet L2.01) Exhibit TT - On-Structure Plant Palette (Sheet L2.02)

### Attachment to Related Legislative File

- Exhibit A Consistency Memorandum
- Exhibit B Recommended Findings of Fact
- Exhibit C Recommended Conditions of Approval

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