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Dear Mayor Liccardo:

I am writing to you regarding an upcoming project that was approved back in 2016-2017 under questionable circumstances. My husband and I feel this project will negatively impact our community and environment. The City of San Jose Planning and Development Department approved three huge data centers and a small power plant of thirty-six (36) back-up generators in a Santa Teresa neighborhood dating back to December 2016 without public notice or community outreach. There were no signs or any notices sent to any of us. Recently I found out that a neighbor who lives directly across the street from the proposed project did receive notice but many months after the project was approved. Just one week ago Equinix finally put up the required signage.

At the time this project was approved, Harry Freitas was the City of San Jose's Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement. Mr. Freitas approved Equinix's application in less than three (3) weeks time through a Special Use Permit application. But this huge project was for three (3) data centers totaling 579,000 square feet on an 18.56 gross acre site. Based on the scope of this project, entitlement should have been through a Site Development Permit and not a Special Use Permit as Director Freitas approved in 2017. Why was Mr. Freitas allowed to grant entitlement for such an impactful project only after a three-week review process which was internal only with no community outreach? Residents live directly across the street from the proposed site, but there were no notices, no signs and any public outreach for this project. Based on the City's On-Site Noticing/Posting requirements and since this is a Large Development Proposal, there should have been a 5' x 6' signage on each street frontage, another code violation of the City of San Jose Planning and Development and the applicant, Equinix. Just one week ago Equinix did put up the required signage.

Each generator will hold 9,200 gallons of diesel fuel. The generators will be above-ground. This project will use 112 million gallons of water per building yearly. Our neighborhood is supplied water through Great Oaks Water. Equinix will also be supplied water by Great Oaks Water. We are on water rationing and if a household uses more water as allocated for said household we are penalized by paying a higher rate. Will our neighborhood be rationed more so Equinix can be supplied with the millions of gallons of water they will need?

It is my understanding that Equinix has recently built two other data centers by our new Costco on Raleigh Road. Why is it necessary for an additional three data centers to be built in our neighborhood. Why did they not build the amount of data centers they needed when there was nothing but vacant land for them to do so.

My husband and I have lived in our home for 37+ years and raised two children. Most of our neighbors have resided for 20+ years. I do consider our neighborhood a close knit community. This project will negatively impact our air quality and emissions, cause noise pollution, possibly poison our water tables, destroy bird sanctuaries and habitats, and reduce home values.

We are hoping that the project be reviewed as it should have been reviewed when Equinix submitted its original application, and that they be denied the permits to build and install the additional generators.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia and Robert Sheehan