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Honorable Valentin Lopez, Chairperson Amah Mutsun Tribal Band P.O. Box 5272, Galt, CA 95632

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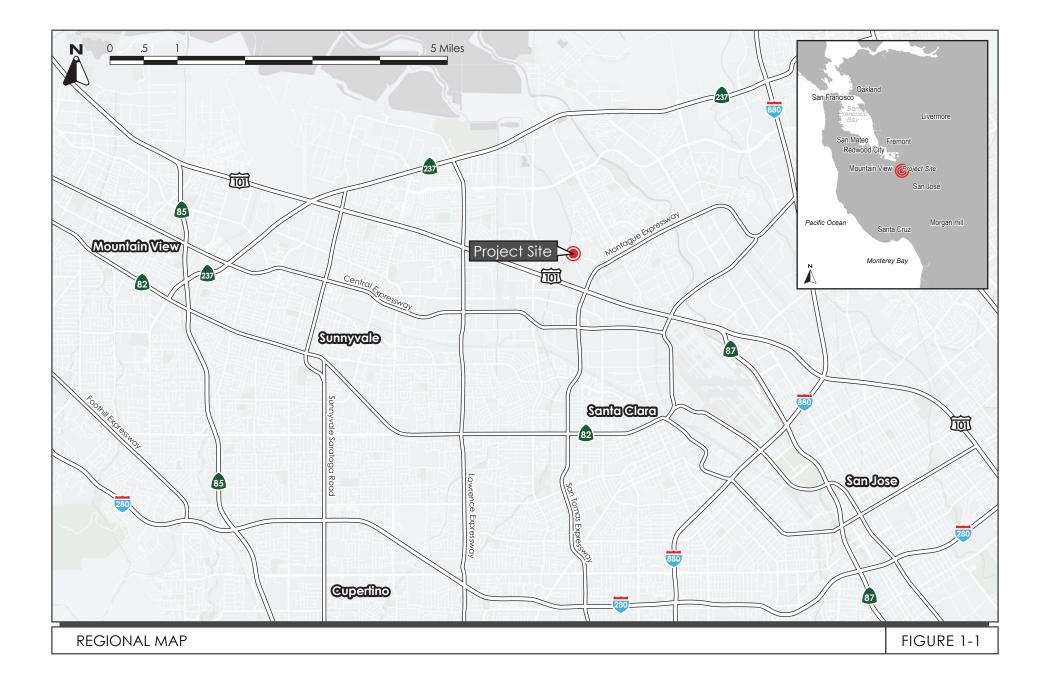
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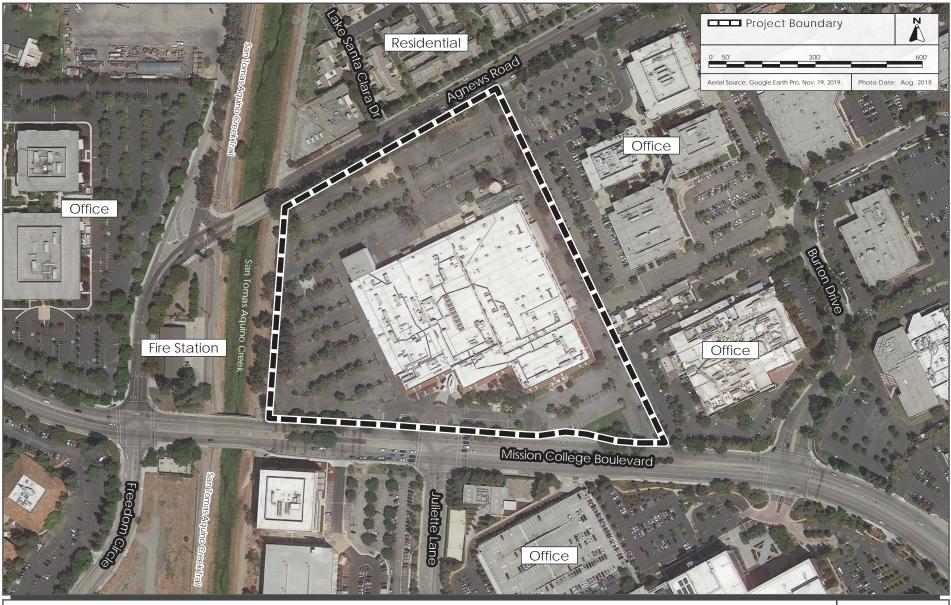
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Sincerely,

Thomas Gales

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Honorable Irene Zwierlein, Chairperson Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista 789 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062

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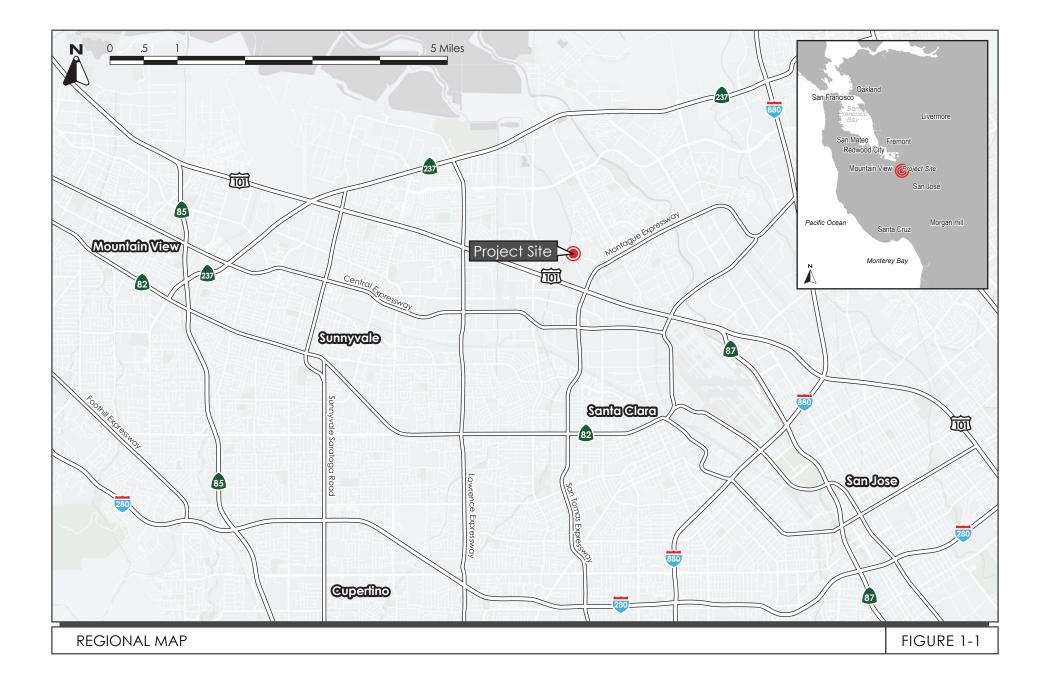
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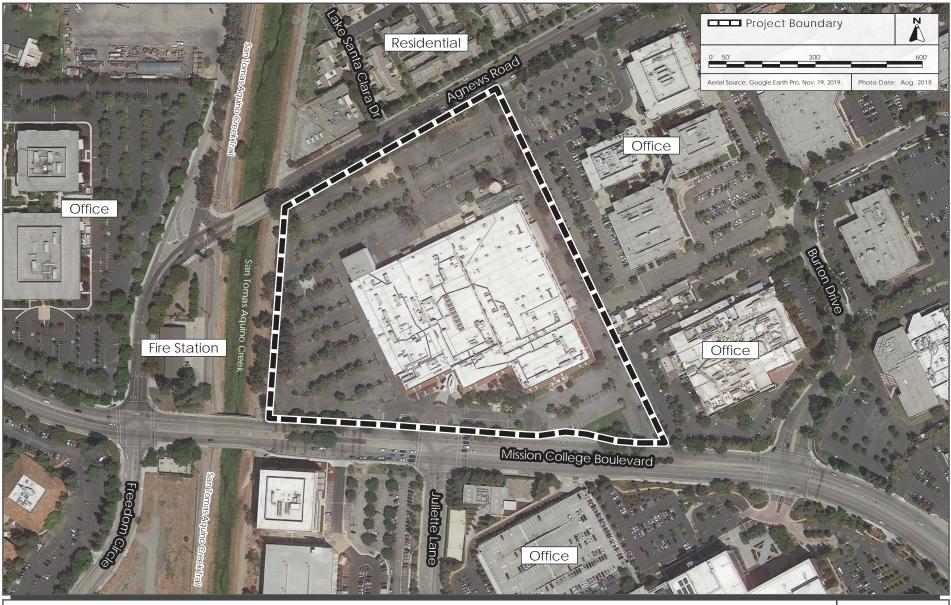
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Honorable Ann-Marie Sayers, Chairperson Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan P.O. Box 28, Hollister, CA 95024

Dear Honorable Ann-Marie Sayers, Chairperson:

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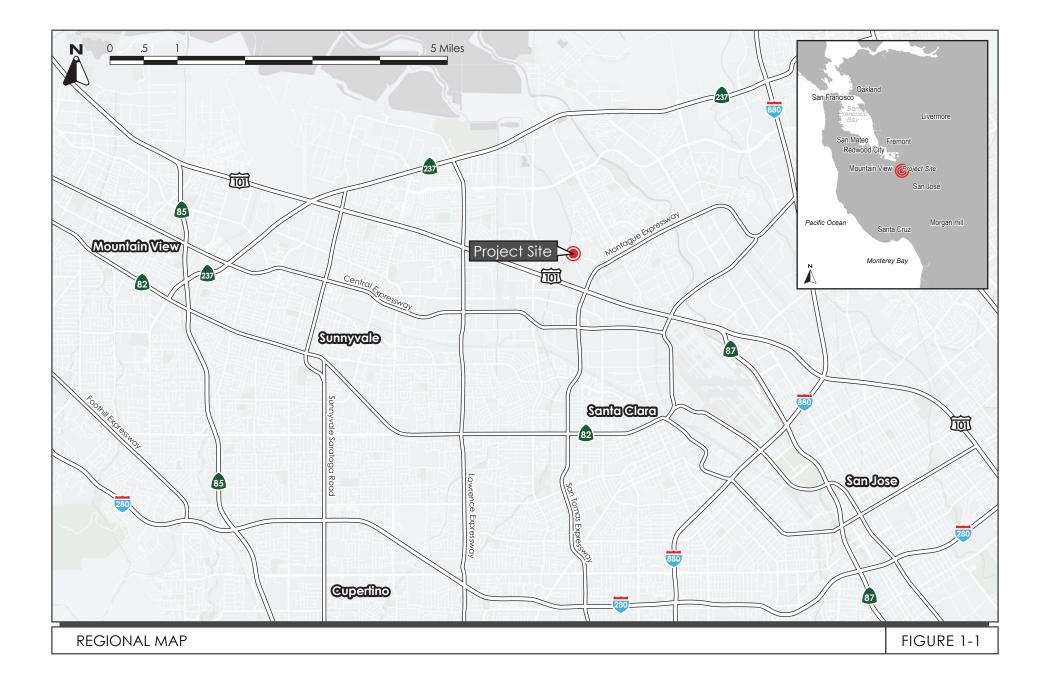
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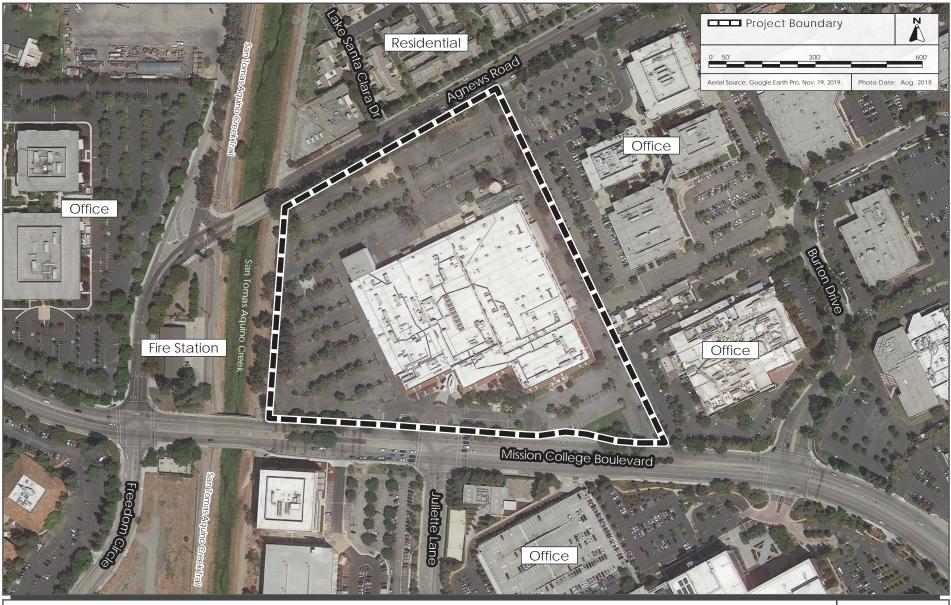
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Honorable Charlene Nijmeh, Chairperson Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area 20885 Redwood Road, Suite 232, Castro Valley, CA 94546

Dear Honorable Charlene Nijmeh, Chairperson:

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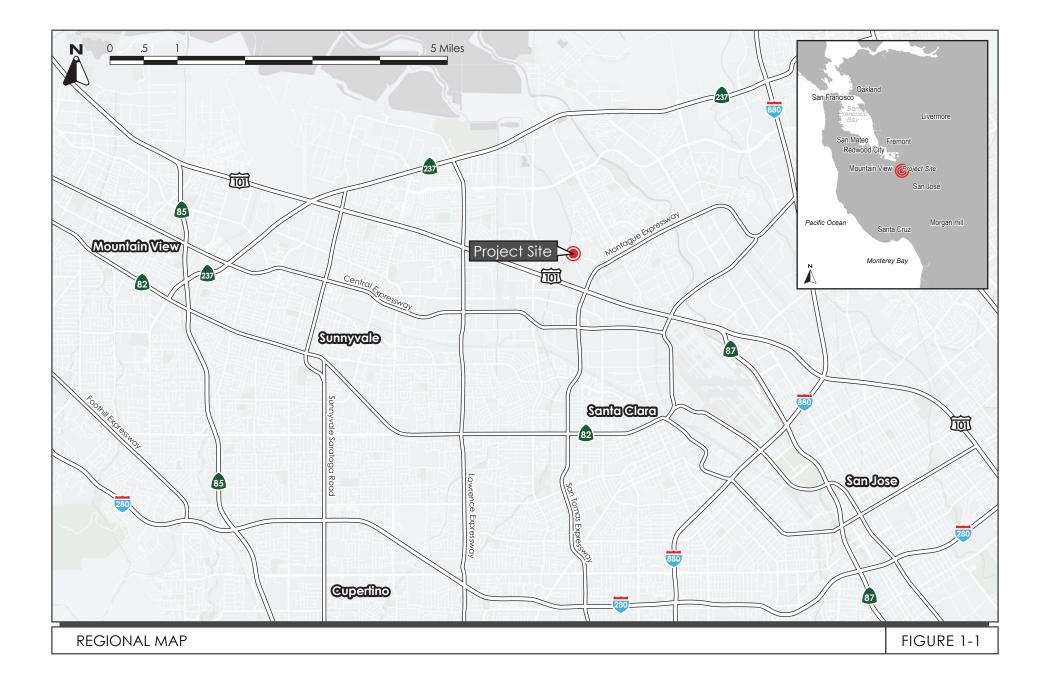
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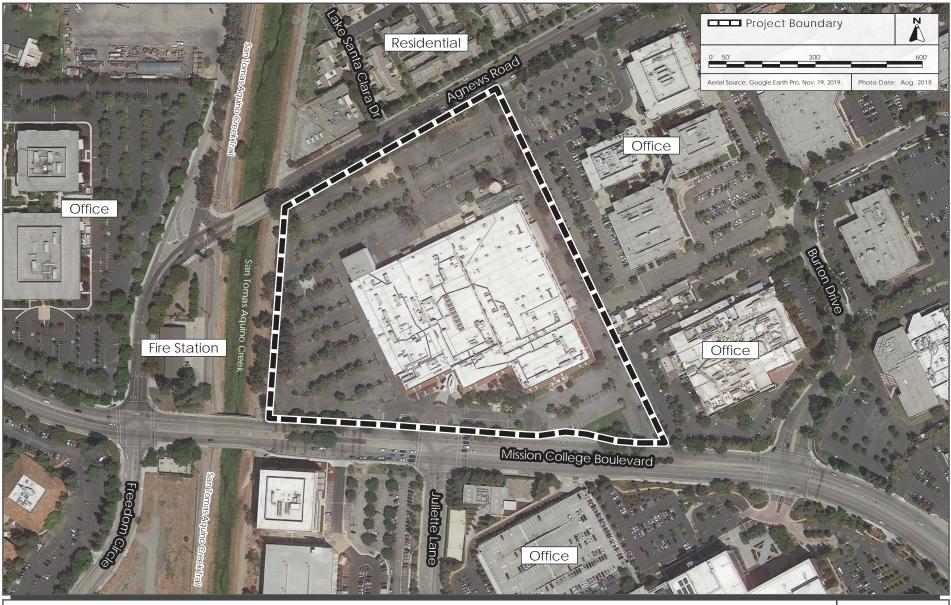
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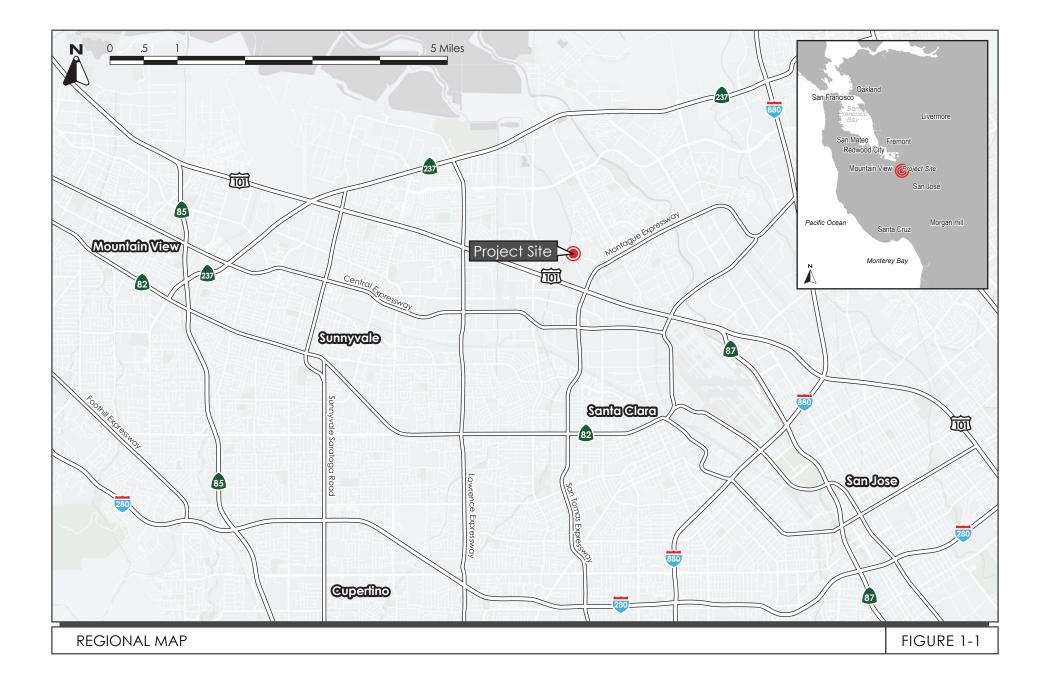
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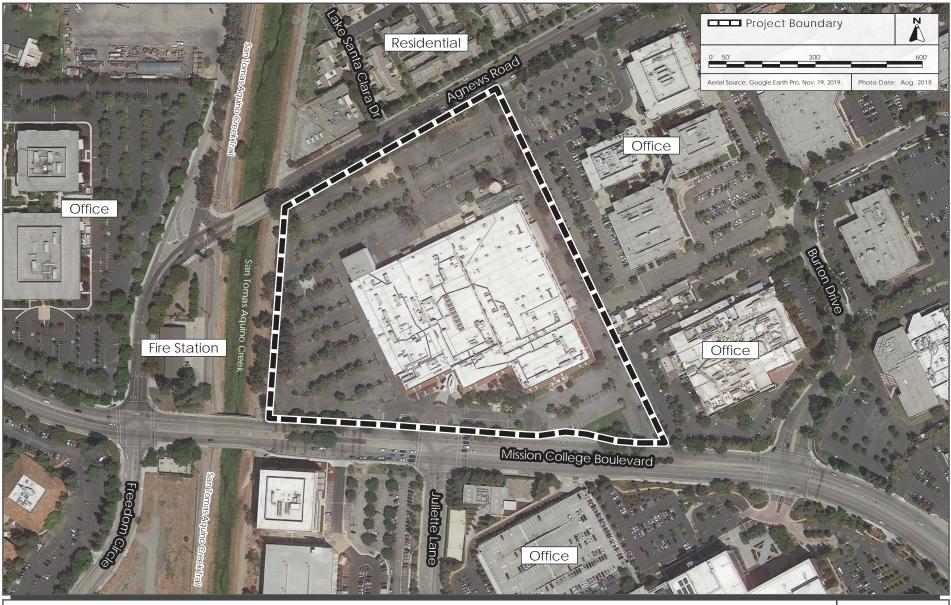
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