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Mayor and Council  
City of San Jose  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA- 95113

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, I am writing to express our support for the development proposal by Green Republic LLLP called The Ohlone located at the southwest corner of West San Carlos Street and Sunol Avenue

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents more than 325 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers on issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley, including energy, transportation, education, housing, health care, tax policies, economic vitality and the environment. Leadership Group members collectively provide nearly one of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley.

As the region continues to grow it is increasingly important that homes are built proximate to jobs and services. The Ohlone represents a wonderful opportunity to do just that. Located near existing and future transit infrastructure, The Ohlone promises to help meet our persistent housing needs while serving as a potential magnet for additional investment.

It is equally important that The Ohlone be a model for future development in the area. Continued growth relies on a more compact urban form to meet our persistent housing, environmental and economic development needs making design increasingly important. Connectivity, walkability, bikeability, public gathering spaces and quality landscaping are just a few elements that are necessary. In essence, increased heights and density must be coupled with good urban design in order to create attractive neighborhoods for our current and future workforce.

We applaud the developer, city and community's efforts to put a sound, well-designed proposal together and urge all stakeholders to continue to push for a quality product that can serve as a guide for future development in the area.

The Leadership Group sees this proposal as a great opportunity to carry forward the City of San Jose's vision for sustainable development. We support this proposal and thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Guardino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carl Guardino  
President & CEO