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SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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PLAN REVIEW No.	22	2476	
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DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEW COMMENTS

Plans and Scope of Review:

This project shall comply with the following:

The California Fire (CFC) & Building (CBC) Code, 2019 edition, as adopted by the City of Los Altos Municipal Code (LAMC), California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Health & Safety Code.

The scope of this project includes the following:

Proposed new 116,040 SF five-story 90 unit multifamily residential facility with one-level of underground parking and one level of commercial space.

Plan Status:

Plans are **APPROVED** with the following conditions.

Plan Review Comments:

- 1. Review of this Developmental proposal is limited to acceptability of site access, water supply and may include specific additional requirements as they pertain to fire department operations, and shall not be construed as a substitute for formal plan review to determine compliance with adopted model codes. Prior to performing any work, the applicant shall make application to, and receive from, the Building Department all applicable construction permits.
- 2. **Fire Sprinklers Required:** (As noted on Sheet A0.4) Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new and existing buildings and structures shall be provided in the locations described in this Section or in Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.18.
- 3. **Fire Alarm Requirements:** (As noted on Sheet A0.4) Refer to CFC Sec. 907 and the currently adopted edition of NFPA 72. Submit shop drawings (3 sets) after planning permit approval and a permit application to the SCCFD for approval before installing or altering any system. Call (408) 341 -4420 for more information.

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- 4. **Two-way communication system:** (As noted on Sheet A0.4) Two-way communication systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 72, the California Electrical Code, the California Fire Code (2019 edition), the California Building Code (2019 edition), and the city ordinances where two way system is being installed, policies, and standards. Other standards also contain design/installation criteria for specific life safety related equipment. These other standards are referred to in NFPA 72.
- 5. **Emergency responder radio coverage in new buildings:** (As noted on Sheet A0.4) All new buildings shall have approved radio coverage for emergency responders within the building based upon the existing coverage levels of the public safety communication systems of the jurisdiction at the exterior of the building. This section shall not require improvement of the existing public safety communication systems.
- 6. **Required Aerial Access:** Where required: Buildings or portions of buildings or facilities exceeding 30 feet (9144 mm) in height above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access shall be provided with approved fire apparatus access roads capable of accommodating fire department aerial apparatus. Overhead utility and power lines shall not be located within the aerial fire apparatus access roadway. 2. Width: *Fire apparatus access roads shall have a minimum unobstructed width of 26 feet* (7925) in the immediate vicinity of any building or portion of building more than 30 feet (9144 mm) in height. 3. *Proximity to building: At least one of the required access routes meeting this condition shall be located within a minimum of 15 feet* (4572) and a maximum of 30 feet (9144mm) from the building, and shall be positioned parallel to one entire side of the building, as approved by the fire code official. [CFC Chp. 5 and SCCFD SD&S A-1]. *Aerial access is required for this building.*
- -Show on the plans that the area not compliant with aerial apparatus requirements will be red curbed and/or that signs stating "fire lane" will be installed (Shown on Sheet A0.4).
- -Provide building/street section view showing how the aerial ladder access will be achieved and any landscaping that may obstruct access (Shown on Sheet A0.5).

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- 7. **Buildings and Facilities Access:** Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or with the jurisdiction. The fire apparatus access road shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall extend to within 150 feet of all portions of the facility and all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility. [CFC, Section 503.1.1]. Distances up to 300 feet are justified on Sheet A0.4. Elements conductive to firefighter safety include a NFPA 13 fire sprinkler system, 4 foot navigable path around the exterior of the building, narrow canopied trees and landscaping, and standpipes on the West side of the building.
- 8. **Required Fire Flow:** The fire flow for this project is 5,000 GPM at 20 psi residual pressure. Since an automatic fire sprinkler system will be installed, the fire flow will be reduced by 75%, establishing a required adjusted fire flow of 1,250 GPM at 20 psi residual pressure. Note: The minimum required number and spacing of the hydrants shall be in accordance with CFC Table C102.1. *Will serve letter provided by CalWater.*
- 9. **Public Fire Hydrant Proposed:** Provide a public fire hydrant at a final location to be determined jointly by the Fire Department and CalWater. Fire hydrants shall be provided along required fire apparatus access roads and adjacent public streets. CFC Sec. 507, and Appendix B and associated Tables, and Appendix C. *A new public fire hydrant is proposed on Sheet A0.4 and A1.1. Prior to installation, applicant shall submit fire hydrant spotting plans to SCCFD to confirm final location. Will serve letter provided by CalWater.*
- 10. **Standpipes Required:** Standpipe systems shall be provided in new buildings and structures where the floor level of the highest story is located more than 30 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. Fire hose threads used in connection with standpipe systems shall be approved and shall be compatible with fire department hose threads. The location of fire department hose connections shall be approved. Standpipes shall be manual wet type. In buildings used for high-piled combustible storage, fire hose protection shall be in accordance with Chapter 32. Installation standard. Standpipe systems shall be installed in accordance with this section and NFPA 14 as amended in Chapter 47. CFC Sec. 905.

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- 11. **Fire Department Connection:** The fire department connection (FDC) for the structure in support of the sprinkler system shall be installed at the street on the street address side of the building. It shall be located within 100 feet of a public fire hydrant and within ten (10) feet of the main PIV (unless otherwise approved by the Chief due to practical difficulties). FDC's shall be equipped with a minimum of two (2), two-and-one-half (2- 1/2") inch national standard threaded inlet couplings. Orientation of the FDC shall be such that hose lines may be readily and conveniently attached to the inlets without interference. FDC's shall be painted safety yellow [SCCFD, SP-2 Standard]. **FDC shall be located within 100 feet of the public hydrant.**
- 12. **Emergency Gate/Access Gate Requirements:** Gate installations shall conform with Fire Department Standard Details and Specification G-1 and, when open shall not obstruct any portion of the required 20' width for emergency access roadways. Locks, if provided, shall be fire department approved prior to installation. Gates across the emergency access roadways shall be equipped with an approved access device. If the gates are operated electrically, an approved Knox key switch shall be installed; if they are operated manually, then an approved Knox padlock shall be installed. CFC Sec. 503.6 and 506. *As shown on Sheet A0.4.*
- 13. Roof access, pathways and spacing is required around solar photovoltaic power systems in accordance with CFC 1204. Review of required pathways will be completed as part of the building permit plan review.
- 14. **Construction Site Fire Safety:** All construction sites must comply with applicable provisions of the CFC Chapter 33 and our Standard Detail and Specification S1-7. Provide appropriate notations on subsequent plan submittals, as appropriate to the project. CFC Chp. 33.
- 15. **Timing of installation**: When fire apparatus access roads or a water supply for fire protection is required to be installed, such protection shall be installed and made serviceable prior to and during the time of construction except when approved alternative methods of protection are provided. Temporary street signs shall be installed at each street intersection when construction of new roadways allows passage by vehicles in accordance with Section 505.2. Construction documents. Construction documents for proposed fire apparatus access, location of fire lanes, security gates across fire apparatus access and construction documents and hydraulic calculations for fire hydrant systems shall be submitted to the fire department for review and approval prior to construction. CFC Sec. 501.3, 501.4.

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- 16. Water Supply Requirements: Potable water supplies shall be protected from contamination caused by fire protection water supplies. It is the responsibility of the applicant and any contractors and subcontractors to contact the water purveyor supplying the site of such project, and to comply with the requirements of that purveyor. Such requirements shall be incorporated into the design of any water-based fire protection systems, and/or fire suppression water supply systems or storage containers that may be physically connected in any manner to an appliance capable of causing contamination of the potable water supply of the purveyor of record. Final approval of the system(s) under consideration will not be granted by this office until compliance with the requirements of the water purveyor of record are documented by that purveyor as having been met by the applicant(s). 2019 CFC Sec. 903.3.5 and Health and Safety Code 13114.7.
- 17. **Address identification:** New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Where required by the fire code official, address numbers shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (101.6 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address numbers shall be maintained. CFC Sec. 505.1.

This review shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of the California Fire Code or of other laws or regulations of the jurisdiction. A permit presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of the fire code or other such laws or regulations shall not be valid. Any addition to or alteration of approved construction documents shall be approved in advance [CFC, Ch.1, 105.3.6].

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