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RE: 50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Road  
Application Nos. S-23-042, U-23-017, M-23-009

Dear Mr. Paulson,

On February 12, 2025, the Los Gatos Planning Commission will consider approval of SummerHill Homes’ townhome-style condominium project at 50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Road. The project will bring much needed new for-sale housing to the Town. With attractive landscaping, outdoor amenities, and architecture complementing the Town’s charm, SummerHill expects the project to be a great homeownership opportunity for people living or working in Los Gatos.

We value and share the Town’s longstanding commitment, as reflected in the Planning Commission Policies and Procedures, to a transparent decision-making process that avoids even the appearance of bias or impropriety.<sup>1</sup> It is in that spirit that we reach out to request your support in ensuring that the project is subject to a fair process based on information presented at the hearing and not on predetermined decisions.

We make this request in the context of our understanding that, prior to the commencement of his service as a Planning Commissioner, Commissioner Stump has made public statements advocating for a public vehicular access for Los Gatos High School through the project site. These statements included several appearances at the Town Council and the circulation of a petition requesting this access. For reasons that we have addressed with Town staff and will explain at the hearing, public vehicular access to the High School through the project is not feasible.

We are confident that Commissioner Stump and all of the Planning Commissioners undertake their roles with integrity and in the spirit of service. We anticipate that Commissioner Stump will consider the project at the hearing fairly and without prejudice (and that he will consider whether he should recuse himself if he has reservations about his ability to do so).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.losgatosca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17442/2-05-Planning-Commission-Policies-and-Procedures?bidId=0>

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We appreciate your support in ensuring that the project receives a fair and transparent hearing, in accordance with Town policy.

Sincerely,



John Hickey

Vice President of Development

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