

December 2, 2008

Pete McHugh, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Clara
County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

RE: Request for Extension of Public Review Period for the Stanford Sustainable Development Study (SDS)

Dear Supervisor McHugh:

The City of Palo Alto appreciates the opportunity to review the Stanford Sustainable Development Study (SDS), transmitted to the City on November 7, 2008. On behalf of the City Council, however, I am writing to request that the Board of Supervisors postpone at least until late February 2009 the scheduled Board hearing on the SDS in order to allow sufficient time for review and comment by the Planning and Transportation Commission and City Council of the City of Palo Alto. Our Commission would be able to consider the SDS on January 21, 2009 and the City Council would then conduct its review on February 2, 2009.

The SDS document presents a very detailed and thorough analysis of future land use, growth strategies and environmental factors for Stanford University lands which have the potential to affect the City of Palo Alto. The City of Palo Alto would appreciate your consideration in extending your schedule so that our Planning and Transportation Commission and City Council have an adequate opportunity to fully participate in a meaningful review of this important document.

Sincerely,

Peter Drekmeier, Vice Mayor
City of Palo Alto

cc: Liz Kniss, Supervisor, District 5, County of Santa Clara
Dan Garber, Chair, Planning and Transportation Commission, City of Palo Alto

CITY OF PALO ALTO
Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2008

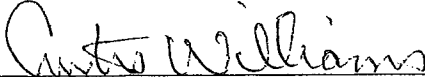
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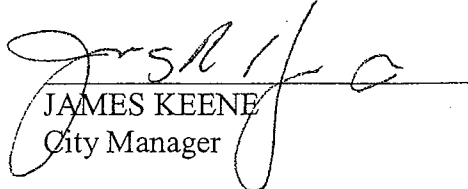
SUBJECT: Stanford Sustainable Development Study

Attached for the Council's information is a compact disc containing the draft Stanford Sustainable Development Study, produced by Stanford and the Santa Clara County Planning Department. The study was prepared in response to a requirement of the General Use Permit with the County, adopted in 2000, and describes how future development of the academic campus could be accommodated on the University campus while protecting environmentally sensitive areas and features. The study does not cover areas (such as the Medical Center and Shopping Center) within the City of Palo Alto.

The study is being presented to the Community Resource Group on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Palo Alto Art Center and to the County Planning Commission on Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m., also at the Art Center. The study will then be presented to the County Board of Supervisors on December 9th in County Chambers in San Jose.

Hard copies of the study are available at the City's Development Center (285 Hamilton Ave.), the Planning Department on the 5th floor of City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.), and the City Clerk's office, and copies of the CD have been forwarded to the City's libraries. The study may also be viewed on the County Planning Department's website at: www.sccplanning.org.


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City Manager

Attachment: CD