



CITY OF HAYWARD AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date 05/25/06
Agenda Item 1

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Erik J. Pearson, AICP, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: **General Plan Amendment No. PL-2006-0139 and Zone Change PL-2006-0068 — Hossien Mehrizi (Applicant) – Request to Amend the General Plan from Limited Medium-Density Residential to Medium-Density Residential, and Change the Zoning from Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 Square Feet Required per Unit (RMB4) to Medium-Density Residential (RM)**

The Project Is Located at 24039, 24043, 24073, 24091, 24103, 24107, 24109, 24111, 24113, 24123, 24149, 24163, 24167 and 24175 Silva Avenue, and 568 and 574 Ramos Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council:

1. Adopt the Initial Study and Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines; and
2. Approve the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change subject to the attached findings.

DISCUSSION

The applicant requests to change the General Plan land use designation from Limited Medium-Density Residential (LMDR) to Medium-Density Residential (MDR) and to change the zoning from Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 square feet required per unit (RMB4) to Medium-Density Residential (RM) for the property on the west side of Silva Avenue between Jackson Street and Ramos Avenue. The project area is surrounded by high density residential apartment buildings to the east, across Silva Avenue, commercial land uses fronting on Jackson Street, and a combination of single-family and multi-family properties to the south and west. The applicant owns two of the eight parcels on Silva Avenue that would be affected by the proposed project. The changes would allow the applicant to have six residential units on his two lots where five are currently allowed.

In January 2006, the Planning Commission denied the applicant's request to build additions to two residential units because the proposal included the continued use of a nonconforming driveway to serve the five units. If the General Plan and zoning changes are adopted and a permit is approved for the addition of a sixth unit, then all parking, driveway, open space and

landscaping standards would be required to be met. No specific plans for an additional unit have been presented to the City.

General Plan/Neighborhood Plan

When the Jackson Triangle Neighborhood Plan was adopted in 1991, the General Plan land use designation for the project area was changed from Low-Density Residential, which allows up to 8.7 dwelling units per acre to Limited Medium-Density, which allows up to 12 units per acre. The actual density of the 1.4-acre project area is 12.6 units per acre and the proposed MDR land use designation would allow up to 17.4 units per acre.

A policy of the Neighborhood Plan is to “improve existing multi-family development; allow additional multi-family development in selected areas.” One strategy of this policy is to “allow Limited Medium-Density development (RMB4) in the Ramos-Thomas-Sycamore area to provide opportunities to upgrade these properties.” The RMB4 zoning made many residential units in the area nonconforming with respect to the number of units permitted on a given lot. In the 25 years since the Plan was adopted, the area has not been significantly upgraded. This may be partly due to the fact that the Zoning Ordinance limits the amount of work that can be done to nonconforming buildings. Most properties in the area were originally developed around 1920 and many are not currently occupied by homeowners. Also, many properties in the area are in need of maintenance. However, most buildings would have to become much more in need of repair before it could be expected that units would be eliminated and property owners would have an incentive to bring properties into conformance with the current zoning. Rather than wait for the area to fall into further disrepair, staff would expect the proposed changes to spur some reinvestment in the area.

The Land Use element of the General Plan encourages higher density development in areas near transit stations. The project area is within walking distance to the Hayward BART station. Given the project area’s proximity to public transit and to the high density apartment complexes across Silva Avenue, the changes to the General Plan and zoning are appropriate.

Zoning

Prior to the adoption of the Jackson Triangle Neighborhood Plan, the project area was within two zoning districts. The parcels at the north end of the block were in a General Commercial District and the south end of the block was in a High-Density Residential District. The Plan resulted in a change in the zoning to RMB4. The area of Ramos, Thomas, Sycamore and Silva Avenues was also changed from RM to RMB4. A primary reason for the application of the RMB4 zoning to the area was the perception that the neighborhood was too dense, partially due to a shortage of on-street parking. If properties are redeveloped, it would be possible to provide more parking by making more efficient use of the land.

There are 18 residential units on the eight parcels in the project area. If all eight parcels were merged into one, 5 more units, for a total of 23, would be permitted under RM zoning. The increase in allowable residential density could be a catalyst for owners to reinvest in their properties to build additional units and rehabilitate existing units. In addition, because the RM zoning allows fewer units on long narrow parcels than on properties that are more square, the

change in zoning could encourage owners to combine parcels over time. It is typically easier to develop a well-designed project on a larger parcel.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An Initial Study and Negative Declaration have been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. No significant environmental impacts are expected to result from the project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 23, 2006, a Referral Notice was sent to every property owner and occupant within 300 feet of the subject site, as noted on the latest assessor's records. Notice was also provided to the former members of the Jackson Triangle Task Force.

Two letters were received from a neighbor in the Jackson Triangle area, wherein the issues of traffic and parking on Silva Avenue and general appearances of older properties in need of improvements are raised. None of the affected property owners have commented on the application.

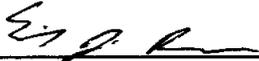
Silva Avenue has street parking on one side of the street. Current off-street parking regulations require 2.1 spaces per unit having two or more bedrooms. Where any new additional residential units are proposed, the developer would be required to meet the current parking standard for both existing and proposed units.

On May 1, 2006, a Notice of Public Hearing for the Planning Commission meeting was mailed. At the Planning Commission meeting of May 11, 2006, it was announced that the hearing was continued to May 25, 2006. In addition, a public notice sign was placed at the site prior to the Public Hearing to notify neighbors and interested parties residing outside the 300-foot radius.

CONCLUSION

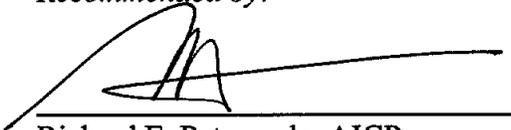
Staff supports the proposed General Plan and Zoning changes as they would provide an incentive for property owners to reinvest in the older buildings. The project would result in the homes being upgraded with improvements to utilities and landscaping as well as the provision of new open space. The General Plan and Zoning changes may also result in additional housing units being constructed within walking distance of the Hayward BART station. The proposal is consistent with all General Plan policies, the City of Hayward Zoning Ordinance and other development standards.

Prepared by:



Erik J. Pearson, AICP
Associate Planner

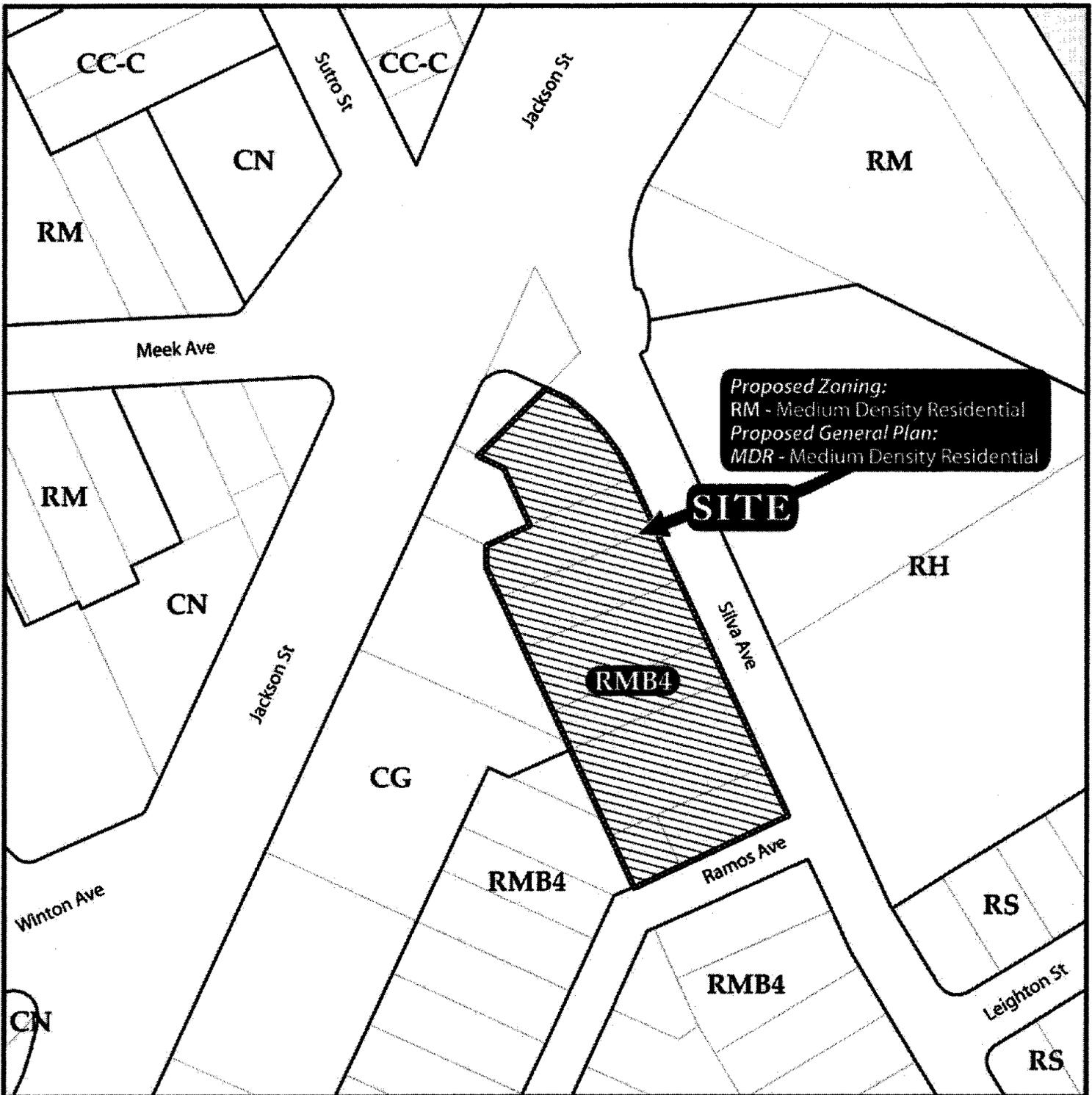
Recommended by:



Richard E. Patenaude, AICP
Principal Planner

Attachments:

- A. Area & Zoning Map
- B. Findings for Approval of General Plan Amendment and Zone Change
- C. Environmental Initial Study and Negative Declaration
- D. Letters from Neighbors



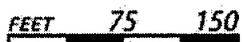
Area & Zoning Map

PL-2006-0068 ZC, PL-2006-0139 GPA

Address: 24039 - 24175 Silva Ave
568 - 574 Ramos Ave

Applicant: Hossien Mehrizi

Owner: Hossien Mehrizi



Zoning Classifications

RESIDENTIAL

- RH High Density Residential, min. lot size 1250 sqft
- RM Medium Density Residential, min. lot size 2500 sqft
- RMB4 Medium Density Residential, min. lot size 4000 sqft
- RS Single Family Residential, min. lot size 5000 sqft

COMMERCIAL

- CG General Commercial
- CN Neighborhood Commercial

CENTRAL CITY

- CC-C Central City - Commercial

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

**General Plan Amendment No. PL-2006-0139
Zone Change No. PL-2006-0068**

Hossien Mehrizi (Applicant)

Findings for Approval – California Environmental Quality Act:

- A. The project will have no significant impact on the environment, cumulative or otherwise, the project reflects the City's independent judgment, and, therefore, a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

Findings for Approval – General Plan Amendment:

- B. That the proposed General Plan Amendment will promote the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the residents of Hayward in that the Medium-Density Residential land use designation will allow additional housing units within walking distance to BART in conjunction with improvements to be made to existing buildings and parking facilities.
- C. That the proposed General Plan Amendment is in conformance with the City's General Plan policies and the Jackson Triangle Neighborhood Plan and the Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and will result in development that will be compatible with surrounding land uses and zoning. The Amendment is consistent with the Neighborhood Plan in that any additional development resulting from the amendment and zone change will be designed such that it will improve the neighborhood.
- D. That the streets and public facilities, existing or proposed, are adequate to serve all uses permitted when the property is redesignated in that no new uses will be permitted.
- E. That the proposed General Plan Amendment will result in development that will be compatible with surrounding residential and commercial land uses and zoning, in that the amendment would allow five additional residential units in the project area.

Findings for Approval – Zone Change:

- F. Substantial proof exists that the proposed zone change will promote the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the residents of Hayward in that it will provide an opportunity to construct medium-density residential housing in an area within walking distance to BART.

ATTACHMENT B

- G. The proposed change is in conformance with the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance and all applicable, officially adopted policies and plans, in that the proposed density will be compatible with the high density to the east and the lower density to the south and west.
- H. Streets and public facilities existing or proposed are adequate to serve all uses permitted when property is reclassified to Medium Density Residential in that surrounding streets are fully developed with all utilities present.
- I. All uses permitted under the Medium Density Residential zoning district will be compatible with present and potential future uses, and, further, a beneficial effect will be achieved which is not obtainable under existing RMB4 zoning, which does not allow for significant investment in nonconforming buildings.



**CITY OF HAYWARD
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Hayward finds that could not have a significant effect on the environment as prescribed by the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended will occur for the following proposed project:

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

General Plan Amendment PL-2006-0139 and Zone Change PL-2006-0068 -- Request to amend the General Plan from Limited Medium Density Residential (LMDR) to Medium-Density Residential (MDR) and change the Zoning from Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 square feet required per unit (RMB4) to Medium-Density Residential (RM). Hossien Mehrizi (Applicant). The Project Location Is 24039 through 24175 Silva Avenue and 568 through 574 Ramos Avenue, in Hayward, California.

II. FINDING PROJECT WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT ENVIRONMENT:

The proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment.

FINDINGS SUPPORTING DECLARATION:

1. The proposed project has been reviewed according to the standards and requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and an Initial Study Environmental Evaluation Checklist has been prepared for the proposed project. The Initial Study has determined that the proposed project could not result in significant effects on the environment.
2. The project will not adversely affect any scenic resources. No new structures will be built.
3. The project will not have an adverse effect on agricultural land since the property is already developed as residential and it is surrounded by urban uses.
4. The project will not result in significant impacts related to changes into air quality.
5. The project will not result in significant impacts to biological resources such as wildlife and wetlands.
6. The project will not result in significant impacts to known cultural resources including historical resources, archaeological resources, paleontological resources, unique topography or disturb human remains.

7. The project site is not located within a "State of California Earthquake Fault Zone", however, any new construction will be required to comply with the Uniform Building Code standards to minimize seismic risk due to ground shaking.
8. The project will not lead to the exposure of people to hazardous materials.
9. The project will meet all water quality standards. Drainage improvements will be made to accommodate storm water runoff.
10. The project is consistent with the policies of the City General Policies Plan, the City of Hayward Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance.
11. The project could not result in a significant impact to mineral resources because extraction of mineral resources would be infeasible due to the property being surrounded by urban uses.
12. The project will not have a significant noise impact.
13. The project will not result in a significant impact to public services.
14. The project will not result in significant impacts to traffic or result in changes to traffic patterns or emergency vehicle access.

I. ***PERSON WHO PREPARED INITIAL STUDY:***



Erik J. Pearson, AICP Associate Planner
Dated: April 5, 2006

II. ***COPY OF INITIAL STUDY IS ATTACHED***

For additional information, please contact the City of Hayward, Planning Division, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007, telephone (510) 583-4210, or e-mail erik.pearson@hayard-ca.gov .

DISTRIBUTION/POSTING

- Provide copies to all organizations and individuals requesting it in writing.
- Reference in all public hearing notices to be distributed 20 days in advance of initial public hearing and/or published once in Daily Review 20 days prior to hearing.
- Project file.
- Post immediately upon receipt at the City Clerk's Office, the Main City Hall bulletin board, and in all City library branches, and do not remove until the date after the public hearing.



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Development Review Services Division**

INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST FORM

Project title: **General Plan Amendment PL-2006-0139 and Zone Change PL-2006-0068** – Request to amend the General Plan from Limited Medium Density Residential (LMDR) to Medium-Density Residential (MDR) and change the Zoning from Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 square feet required per unit (RMB4) to Medium-Density Residential (RM).

Lead agency name and address: City of Hayward, 777 “B” Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

Contact persons and phone numbers: Erik J. Pearson, Associate Planner (510) 583-4210

Project location: The property is located at 24039 through 24175 Silva Avenue and 568 through 574 Ramos Avenue, in Hayward, California.

Project sponsor’s name and address:
Hossien Mehrizi
P.O. Box 2062
San Leandro, CA 94579

General Plan: Limited Medium Density Residential

Zoning: Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 square feet required per unit (RMB4)

Description of project: Proposal to amend the General Plan from Limited Medium Density Residential (LMDR) to Medium-Density Residential (MDR) and change the Zoning from Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 square feet required per unit (RMB4) to Medium-Density Residential (RM). The proposed changes would affect eight parcels and would allow for up to five additional residential units to be constructed.

Surrounding land uses and setting: The property is bordered by commercial land uses to the west, Jackson Street to the north, high-density residential uses to the east and medium density residential uses to the south and west.

Other public agencies whose approval is required: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

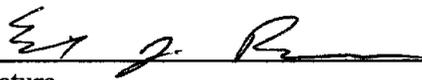
The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance | |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.



Signature

Erik J. Pearson, AICP Associate Planner

April 5, 2006

Date

City of Hayward

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
I. AESTHETICS – Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? <i>Comment: The project would not affect any scenic vista.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? <i>Comment: The project would not damage scenic resources. No trees will be removed.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? <i>Comment: The project would not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site. The project will improve the visual character of the site, as the General Plan and Zoning changes may trigger investment in the older structures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? <i>Comment: The slight increase in allowed residential density would not create a new source of substantial light or glare.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? <i>Comment: The project site is not mapped as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? <i>Comment: The project area is not zoned for agricultural use, nor is it subject to a Williamson Act contract.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? <i>Comment: The project area is not farmland.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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III. AIR QUALITY – Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

- a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

Comment: *The General Plan and Zoning changes would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the Bay Area 2000 Clean Air Plan. All new development would be required to meet all applicable air quality standards.*

- b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

Comment: *See III(a).*

- c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions that exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

Comment: *The project will not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant.*

- d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

Comment: *The project will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.*

- e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

Comment: *The project will not create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people.*

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

Comment: *The property contains no habitat for candidate, sensitive, or special status species.*

- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?

Comment: *The site contains no riparian or sensitive habitat.*

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c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? <i>Comment:</i> <i>The site contains no wetlands.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? <i>Comment:</i> <i>The site does not contain habitat used by migratory fish or wildlife nor is it a migratory wildlife corridor.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? <i>Comment:</i> <i>The project would not conflict with any policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan? <i>Comment:</i> <i>There are no habitat conservation plans affecting the property.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? <i>Comment:</i> <i>Some of the structures in the project area may have historic value. According to the County Assessor, seven of the eight parcels have structures that were built between 1895 and 1924. No changes to any structures are proposed at this time. Future development proposals and their potential impact on historic resources will be evaluated when those proposals are presented to the City of Hayward.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? <i>Comment:</i> <i>No known archaeological resources exist on-site.</i> <i>Impacts:</i> <i>If previously unknown resources are encountered during future grading activities, the developer and the City of Hayward will take appropriate measures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? <i>Comment:</i> <i>No known paleontological resources exist on-site.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments: No known human remains are located on-site. If any remains are found, all work will be stopped and police called to investigate.</i>				

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comment: It is likely that the site will be subjected to a major earthquake during the life of existing and future structures. No active faults are believed to exist within the project site. Therefore, during such an event it is unlikely that surface rupture due to faulting or severe ground shaking will occur at the site; however, ground-shaking may be violent.</i>				
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comment: See Comments under VI. (a)(i).</i>				
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comment: See comments under VI. (a)(i). Ground shaking can be expected at the site during a moderate to severe earthquake, which is common to virtually all development in the general region. Seismic ground failure, including liquefaction and subsidence, is not likely at this site. The site is mapped on the City's Liquefaction Hazard Map as being outside the areas susceptible to liquefaction.</i>				
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comment: The site is on relatively level land. The site and surrounding area does not contain steep slopes and is relatively devoid of topographic changes. The project will not result in or expose people to potential impacts involving landslides or mudflows.</i>				
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comment: The Engineering Division will ensure that proper erosion control measures are implemented during any future construction activities.</i>				

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c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? <i>Comment: The site is flat and is not mapped as being susceptible to landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse. A soils investigation report will be required prior to any construction.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? <i>Comment: Prior to issuance of a building permit, engineering and building staff will review a soils investigation report to ensure that the building foundations are adequately designed for the soil type on-site. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the developer will submit a soils investigation report.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater? <i>Comment: The project area is connected to the City of Hayward sewer system.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? <i>Comment: The project will not involve the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? <i>Comment: See VII a.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? <i>Comment: See VII a.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? <i>Comment: The project area is not listed as a site containing hazardous materials.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? <i>Comment: The project site is located within two miles of the Hayward Executive Airport, but is outside the traffic pattern zone and is not within any areas evaluated in the of the Hayward Executive Airport Master Plan. The project will not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? <i>Comment: See VII e.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? <i>Comment: The project will not interfere with any known emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The Hayward Fire Department serves the area. Emergency response times will be maintained.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? <i>Comment: The project is not located in an area of wildlands and is not adjacent to wildlands.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY -- Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? <i>Comment: The project will meet all water quality standards. Drainage improvements will be made to accommodate runoff from future construction projects.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? <i>Comment: The site will continue to be served with water by the City of Hayward. Therefore, water quality standards will not be violated and groundwater supplies will not be depleted.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? <i>Comment: The project will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area. Development of the site will not result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? <i>Comment: The project is within an urban area and runoff will leave the site via the City's storm drain system. Drainage patterns on the site will not cause flooding.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? <i>Comment: The amount of run-off from the project will not exceed the capacity of the stormwater drainage system. See VIII a.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? <i>Comment: See VIII a.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? <i>Comment: According to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (panels # 065033-0011E and 065033-0003E, both dated 2/9/2000), the majority of the project area is not within the 100-year flood hazard area. A portion of the property located at 24039 and 24043 Silva Avenue may be located in Zone B, which is defined as "Areas between limits of the 100-year and 500-year flood; or certain areas subject to 100-year flooding with average depths less than 1 foot or where the contributing drainage area is less than one square mile; or areas protected by levees from the base flood." If this property is developed further, the City will require that any new structures are placed outside the 100-year flood hazard area.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? <i>Comment: See VIII g.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? <i>Comment: The site is not near any levees and is not located downstream of a dam. People or structures would not be exposed to significant risk of loss, injury or death.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Comment: The project is not in a location that would allow these phenomena to affect the site.</i> | | | | |

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:

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| a) Physically divide an established community? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Comment: The project will not physically divide the existing community.</i> | | | | |
| b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Comment: The area is designated on the General Policies Plan Map as Limited Medium Density Residential (LMDR), which allows up to 12 dwelling units per net acre. The proposal includes an amendment to the General Plan to change the designation to Medium-Density Residential (MDR), which allows up to 17.4 units per net acre. The current zoning designation is Medium-Density Residential with 4,000 square feet required per unit (RMB4). The applicant has requested to change the zoning to a Medium-Density Residential (RM) district which would allow the construction of up to five additional dwelling units.</i> | | | | |
| c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Comment: See IV f.</i> | | | | |

X. MINERAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

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| a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Comment: The project will not result in a significant impact to mineral resources since the subject site is located in an urbanized area that does not contain mineral resources that could be feasibly removed.</i> | | | | |
| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Comment: See X a.</i> | | | | |

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XI. NOISE - Would the project result in:

- a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

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Comment: *Exposure of persons to or generation of any new noise or noise levels in excess of standards established in the Noise Element of the Hayward General Plan or the Municipal Code, or applicable standards of other agencies if any, will be temporary in nature during construction. All City noise standards are required to be met and maintained upon completion of construction.*

The project area is approximately 500 feet from the nearest train and BART tracks. There are apartment buildings between the project area and the rail tracks which help to block train noise. The northern-most parcel is approximately 60 feet from Jackson Street. Any new development will be required to conform to the City's Noise Guidelines.

- b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

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Comment: *See XI a.*

- c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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Comment: *See XI a*

- d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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Comment: *See XI a*

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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Comment: *See VII e and XI a.*

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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Comment: *See VII e and XI a.*

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project:

- a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

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Comment: *The project is not expected to induce substantial population growth. No new roads will be constructed. The general plan amendment and rezoning may result in the addition of up to five residential units.*

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b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? <i>Comment:</i> <i>The project will not displace existing housing or people.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? <i>Comment:</i> <i>See XIIIb.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a) Fire protection? <i>Comment:</i> <i>The proposed project would have no effect upon, or result in only a minimal need for new or altered government services in fire and police protection, schools, maintenance of public facilities, including roads, and in other government services.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Police protection? <i>Comment:</i> <i>See XIII a.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Schools? <i>Comment:</i> <i>See XIII a.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Parks? <i>Comment:</i> <i>See XIII a.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Other public facilities? <i>Comment:</i> <i>No other public facilities will be significantly impacted.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XIV. RECREATION --

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? <i>Comment:</i> <i>The General Plan amendment and rezoning may result in a small increase in the use of existing neighborhood parks, however the increase will not be significant enough to cause substantial physical deterioration of the facilities.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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| b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?
<i>Comment: The proposal does not include recreational facilities or the construction or expansion of recreational facilities.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC -- Would the project:

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| a) Cause an increase in traffic, which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?
<i>Comment: The project would not cause a substantial increase in traffic.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?
<i>Comment: See XV a.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?
<i>Comment: The project will not affect air traffic patterns.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?
<i>Comment: The project would not create or increase hazards due to design features or incompatible uses.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Result in inadequate emergency access?
<i>Comment: The Hayward Fire Department has reviewed the project and finds the project acceptable to their requirements and standards.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?
<i>Comment: Any new residential development will be required to meet applicable off-street parking regulations.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?
<i>Comment: The project does not conflict with adopted policies supporting alternative transportation.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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<p>XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:</p> <p>a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> <i>The project will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> <i>The City's existing wastewater treatment facilities are capable of handling the wastewater to be generated by the project.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> <i>Any new stormwater drainage facilities will be private, will be limited to individual lots and will not cause significant environmental effects.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> <i>The City of Hayward supplies water to the site and has sufficient water to serve the project.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> <i>The City of Hayward operates its own wastewater facility. This facility has the capacity to accommodate the amount of wastewater that will be generated by the project.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> <i>Waste Management of Alameda County will dispose the solid waste. The Altamont landfill is available to the City of Hayward until 2009 and has sufficient capacity to handle the amount of solid waste generated by the project. The landfill recently received an approval that increases the capacity and adds 25 years to the life of the landfill to the year 2034.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Comment: The project study area participates in the Waste Management of Alameda County recycling program. Construction and operation of the project will comply with all federal, state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.</i> | | | | |

XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE --

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| a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Attachments:

- A. Map

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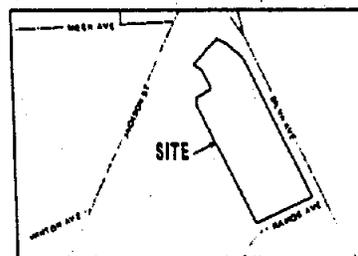
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SUBJECT; REQUEST TO AMEND GENERAL PLAN FROM LIMITED MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND CHANGE THE ZONING FROM MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL WITH 4,000 sq. ft. REQUIRED PER UNIT (RMB4) TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (RM). PROJECT IS LOCATED AT 24039 THROUGH 24175 SILVA AVE. AND 568 THROUGH 574 RAMOS AVE. REF. PL-2006-0139/PL-2006-0068 (GPA/ZC) HOSSIEN MEHRIZI (APPLICANT). VICINITY MAP FOR 24039-24175 SILVA AVE. AND 568-574 RAMOS AVE., PER CITY OF HAYWARD:



PLANNING COMMISSION:

THIS LETTER IS LENGTHLY BECAUSE I HAVE QUOTED NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS MENTIONED IN OUR JACKSON TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. IN MY OPINION, SUBJECT APPLICANT'S REDEVELOPMENT OF HIS PROPERTY AS (RM) WILL SET AN EXAMPLE OF ACCEPTABLE REDEVELOPMENT FOR SUBJECT VICINITY MAP AREA, SHOULD OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS WISH TO REDEVELOP THEIR PROPERTIES.

PAGE 2, POLICY 2 OF THE JACKSON TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, IN PART, STATES "MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN THE JACKSON TRIANGLE AREA IS PERCEIVED BY MANY RESIDENTS TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE STABILITY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SOME EXISTING APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED ON THE PLAN WHERE ACCESS IS ADEQUATE AND THE DEVELOPMENT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE AREA. ADDITIONAL MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT IS LIMITED TO PROPERTIES WHERE IT COMPLIMENTS EXISTING DEVELOPMENT OR WOULD PROVIDE A DESIRABLE TRANSITION BETWEEN HOUSING TYPES OR DENSITIES". IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SINCE APPLICANT'S LOT IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM HIGH DENSITY APARTMENT BUILDINGS, INCREASING ITS DENSITY WOULD IN FACT ACCOMPLISH TRANSITION BETWEEN HOUSING TYPES OR DENSITIES.

PER PAGE 2, STRATEGIES #E, OUR PLAN REFLECTS TO "ALLOW LIMITED MEDIUM DENSITY DEVELOPMENT (RMB4) IN THE RAMOS-THOMAS-SYCAMORE AREA" IN PART, "TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO UPGRADE THESE PROPERTIES". IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION HOWEVER, THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME OUR NEIGHBORHOOD EFFORTS TO UPGRADE SITE AREA WOULD BE BETTER ACCOMPLISHED BY REZONING THIS AREA TO (RM) BECAUSE MANY LOTS IN THIS AREA ARE DEEP NARROW LOTS WHICH HINDER PROPERTY OWNERS' FROM MAKING SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IF THE PROPERTY REMAINED (RMB4) ... UNLESS SOMEONE BOUGHT MORE THAN ONE LOT, COMBINED THEM AND RECEIVED CITY APPROVAL TO DEVELOP AS A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WHICH I AM TOLD IS UNLIKELY.

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PAGE TWO OF TWO (PLANNING COMMISSION/BONNIE DOTSON)
5/10/06 REF. PL-2006-0139/PL-2006-0068 (GPA/ZC)
HOSSIEN MEHRIZI (APPLICANT).

PER PAGE 6, POLICY 6, IN PART, "TRAFFIC CONGESTION, SPEEDING, CUT THROUGH TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ARE MAJOR CONCERNS FOR JACKSON TRIANGLE RESIDENTS; "THE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF OFF-STREET PARKING IN OLDER MULTI FAMILY AREAS RESULTS IN VEHICLES PARKING HAPHAZARDLY". THIS CONCERN IS HEIGHTENED ON SILVA AVE. AND RAMOS AVE. BECAUSE THERE ARE NUMEROUS DRIVEWAYS ON EACH STREET, AND BECAUSE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING PERMITTED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SILVA AVENUE. SOME SILVA AVE. RESIDENTS/GUESTS, ETC., CRAM THEIR VEHICLES IN ON THEIR FRONT YARD LAWN, FRONT YARD DIRT AREA OR ON REAR PAVED OR UNPAVED SURFACES. ON SUBJECT APPLICANT'S PROPERTY, CARS ARE CRAMED IN AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY, PARKING ON UNPAVED SURFACES. IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PARKING, PER PAGE 2 STRATEGIES #F, IN PART, "REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF TWO ON-SITE PARKING SPACES PER UNIT PLUS VISITOR PARKING IN THE JACKSON TRIANGLE AREA; INCREASE IF CITYWIDE REVIEW OF OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS INDICATES ADDITIONAL NEED". WITH REFERENCE TO SUBJECT APPLICANT'S PROPERTY, I HOPE YOU WILL INCREASE OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS TO COMPENSATE FOR NO PUBLIC PARKING ON HIS PUBLIC STREET FRONTAGE. POOR TRAFFIC FLOW IN THIS AREA IS COMPOUNDED BY PRECISE PLAN LINES OF A FORTY FOOT STREET ON RAMOS AVE., AND PART OF THOMAS AVE. FROM SILVA AVE. TO SYCAMORE AVE. HEAVY TRAFFIC ON SILVA AVE. IS ALSO CREATED BY JACKSON STREET TRAFFIC USING SILVA AVE. TO "CUT THROUGH" OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT IF SUBJECT APPLICANT'S REZONING REQUEST IS GRANTED, IT BE GRANTED CONTINGENT UPON EXISTING HOMES MEETING CODE; UPGRADE LANDSCAPING THROUGHOUT HIS PROPERTY; AND INCREASE OFF-STREET PAVED PARKING REQUIREMENTS ON HIS PROPERTY. OTHER RESIDENTS IN SUBJECT SECTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL LIKELY USE APPLICANT'S CITY APPROVED REDEVELOPMENT AS AN EXAMPLE FOR REDEVELOPING THEIR OWN PROPERTIES. LET US MAXIMIZE AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE AREAS IN NEED.

RESPECTFULLY,



BONNIE DOTSON/CO-CHAIR
JACKSON TRIANGLE TASK FORCE
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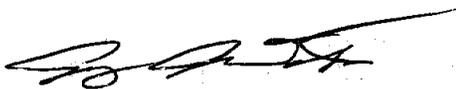
Reference: Zoning Change

Mr. Pearson,

It has come to my attention that a possible zoning change from RMB4 to RM is being considered by the City of Hayward for 568 through 574 Ramos Avenue and 24039 through 24175 Silva Avenue. This change, if adopted, would unfortunately allow more housing and traffic to these already congested and stressed streets. If, however, this zoning change is adopted I would hope the city would place an emphases on ample parking for the residing residence and their company since only one side of Silva Avenue is designated for parking and that has already been depleted by the existing multiples and residential in the area.

In the cities current effort to beautify Hayward one might take into consideration that upon approval of building permits a requirement for new landscaping, driveways, fences, etc. be established thus enhancing the property appearance, especially those parcels having city street frontage, which are obviously in need of improvements. Developers need to be encouraged to invest in the appearance of their existing real-estate in conjunction with the new. This obviously will set a precedence for the future development of Silva Avenue and Ramos Avenue, along with other streets in the City of Hayward. Further, to pursue timely completion and cooperation by developers, the city might mandate the completion of all improvements before the final sign off of any permits or usage of the improvements to the properties.

Respectfully,


Gary G. Dotson