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To: [BoardOperations](#)
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Dear County Supervisors,

I am a Stanford student and I'm writing to express my support for Santa Clara County's draft Conditions of Approval (CoAs) regarding the Stanford 2018 General Use Permit (GUP), with an emphasis on preserving the number of below market-rate units. Furthermore, I believe that Santa Clara County should not enter into Development Agreement (DA) negotiations unless Stanford commits to the affordable housing units laid out in the CoAs as the minimum it will build over the period of the 2018 GUP. Stanford's suggested DA package only contains benefits for itself, not for our community. Time and time again, Stanford claims that it is "stepping up" to address housing and traffic issues in our region. But no matter how much it spends on advertising, Stanford refuses to invest in affordable housing and equitable transportation. Instead, it has sued Santa Clara County for affordable housing ordinances and has eliminated transit options to East Palo Alto, where many of its workers live. We can all agree that Stanford is an excellent institution of higher learning. However, during this General Use Permit process, Stanford should be treated on its merits as a developer. This means seriously considering the impacts Stanford's development will have (in addition to those it already has) on the surrounding community, especially with regards to the growing housing crisis. It is unconscionable that many of Stanford's workers have a 3+ hour commute every day, which generates harmful emissions and reduces their ability to spend time with their families. Moving forward, I ask that you please support the County's CoAs as the baseline for mitigating Stanford's impacts.

Sincerely,
Mireille Vargas

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