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Dear Members of the South San Francisco Planning Commission,

As advocates for sustainable development and environmental stewardship, we are heartened to see items on the agenda that touch upon critical aspects of urban planning and environmental consideration.

We are most excited to note the increase in green space that will be provided by the development at 439 Eccles Avenue. We would like to emphasize the importance of runoff-considerate architecture. South San Francisco is full of impermeable paved spaces, many of them parking lots, and the consideration of the consequences of these spaces on groundwater replenishment and during heavy storm seasons, such as the one we recently experienced, through bio-retention zones is very promising. The focus on bicycle parking for the new development is also a welcome improvement for a city that relies so heavily on car travel. Governments and city planners play a pivotal role in reshaping infrastructure to reduce reliance on cars, and by prioritizing pedestrians and cyclists rather than automobiles we can mitigate air pollution and combat climate change effectively. Encouraging people to opt for walking or biking over driving aligns with sustainable urban

planning principles, offering significant environmental benefits. By reimagining the city as a whole with a focus on pedestrian and cyclist-friendly environments, we can foster healthier and cleaner urban spaces for its residents.

We feel strongly that this project and its environmental impact align with the city's goals and are in the best interest of its residents.

Thank you,

Amy, Kiana, Zoe