Are we going to let this forever change the fabric of our city?

Developer Trammell Crow purchased land at the gateway of Morgan Hill to build a massive 1.1 million square foot distribution center off Cochrane Rd, next to homes, DePaul Health Center, Westmont Senior Living Community and steps away from Live Oak High School. Filed with the city as Morgan Hill Technology Park, this project appeared deceptive at the onset given the design: up to 55-ft high single-story buildings, 192 loading docks, 300 big rig parking spaces, and few parking spaces for cars. In the world of logistics, these site attributes are common for distribution centers, not what you’d expect for a tech campus here in the valley.

Help us keep Morgan Hill safe for our families and our future!

MHRGC has dedicated countless hours to this project proposal on behalf of the Morgan Hill community. Important details you should know:

Detrimental impact: Distribution centers do generate some tax revenue along with $15-$17/hr warehouse jobs, but at what cost? Traffic congestion, diesel emmissons, and noise pollution from trucks, forklifts, and robots during 24/7 operations. And with automation increasing, even these new jobs are at risk.

City planning gone awry: Likely knowing little about the logistics business, our city advertised for distribution/warehouse opportunities to help sell the old “tree farm” site. The land is not zoned for this. Trammell Crow requested amendments to both the MH General Plan and Zoning Code. We hope city council does not approve these changes. We are also awaiting release of the draft Environmental Impact Report. Given what we know about the recent Shoe Palace Expansion project, however, we don’t have much confidence the EIR is going to address our legitimate concerns about this project.

Developer pulling out all the stops to sway public opinion: Trammell Crow is aiming for maximum return on their $31m property investment. Site designs on record with the city represent a distribution center. Trammell Crow reps talk about advanced manufacturing but they offer no new site plans to validate these claims. Their recent strategy is to meet privately with MH “influencers” to sway opinions in our community. They hired the master storyteller of public relations firm Pipkin-Marsh to help in this effort. We believe Morgan Hill residents can make up their own minds.

We must use our collective voices NOW to ensure this project does not move forward! MHRGC is working with legal counsel to implement a careful plan of action. Read more details about this project proposal and action plan on www.mh-rgc.org.

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