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SUBJECT: HANSON QUARRY RECLAMATION PLAN

Dear Mark:

Thank you for both the notice of the pending preparation of the Hanson Quarry reclamation plan Environmental Impact Report, and for your time touring the property with myself, Senior Planner David Kornfield, and Hanson Community Affairs Manager John Giovanola. The primary impact that the reclamation and expansion proposal will have on Los Altos residents will be visual – the continued use of the West Materials Storage Area, the expansion of the East Materials Storage Area, and the creation of the Pit 2 Mining Area will all be visible from various valley floor views. These disturbed areas may create significant visual blight within the hillside viewsheds. Therefore, I request that the EIR consultants consider these impacts and means to mitigate them in the draft EIR.

My understanding is that the cement plant itself is not under consideration, since it operates under a separate permit from the quarry operations. And that current activity levels, operational noise, and truck trips associated with the cement plant will not increase as a result of the quarry reclamation and expansion proposal. I look forward to the draft EIR confirming this.

As we discussed, I also request that County staff publish a quarter-page or eighth-page display notice in the Los Altos Town Crier newspaper when the draft EIR is completed and available for public review. Please let me know if you not able to do this and I will coordinate with you to have it published. I can be reached at (650) 947-2635 or at james.walgren@ci.los-altos.ca.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James Walgren, AICP
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Cc: Los Altos City Council
Los Altos City Manager