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City Council Approves Applicant's Requested Project Changes Following Subsequent Improvements to Allow 200-plus Unit Senior Housing Project to Proceed

CUPERTINO, CA – On Tuesday, December 21, following rigorous public process, the Cupertino City Council approved modified applicant-requested revisions to the prior entitlements of the Westport Cupertino project.

While the originally proposed revisions reduced a level of underground parking, increased the size of some senior market rate units, and reduced the square footage of retail, following Council's feedback at its December 7th meeting, the applicant returned with proposed changes that restored the approximate original amount of retail, restored approximately half of the proposed parking reduction, and also included design changes to the project to improve its connectivity with the surrounding community. The changes and Council's unanimous approval allow the project to move forward immediately toward construction.

The decision follows the City's issuance of demolition permits in October and November of this year—with below-market-rate building permits ready to be issued this month—for a project that promises to be the largest residential development breaking ground in Cupertino in more than five years.

The project site, located at the former Oaks Shopping Center on Stevens Creek Boulevard across from De Anza College, has been revised to now include a total of 259 housing units, including:

- 48 senior below-market-rate units
- 123 senior assisted living units
- 70 townhome condominiums
- 18 rowhouse condominiums

• 35 memory care rooms

"The City Council is pleased not only to have approved this project, but to have led the community in a conversation with the applicant which has once again resulted in revisions that make the project better for our community and region," Mayor Darcy Paul said.

On August 18, 2020 the City Council approved permits to allow construction of a mixed-use development on the 8.1 gross-acre site formerly occupied by the Oaks Shopping Center.

For more information, visit <u>cupertino.org/westport</u>.