



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Kansen Chu

SUBJECT: DA Amendment- Novellus Systems

DATE: November 9, 2009

APPROVED:

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11/6/09

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Planning Commission and staff's recommendation.

BACKGROUND

Due to my absence during the November 10, 2009 City Council session, I would like to express my support for the recommendation to the First Amendment to the Development Agreement with Novellus Systems, Inc and Vista Montana to extend the reservation of the residential unit capacity under the North San José Area Development Policy an additional two years relative to the development of certain real properties located in North San José.

The economic climate in the nation has caused dismal trends in development opportunities. I support the applicant's request to extend the reservation of the residential unit capacity under the North San José Area Development Policy. The applicant has shown considerable evidence that they have and continue to be committed in serving the interests of our City's future housing and development needs. Granting an extension would allow time for the development opportunities to stabilize to more manageable circumstances.