

Mountain View greenlights 300-plus units of housing at Shoreline and Highway 101

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Mountain View has given the thumbs up to more than 300 new housing units in its Terra Bella neighborhood, potentially bringing more jobs-proximate housing to the city.

The housing complex, proposed by developer Sares Regis and passed by the City Council in an unanimous vote on Tuesday, is part of a larger strategy by Mountain View to cut down on traffic in the region by bringing jobs and housing closer together.

Mayor Margaret Abe-Koba told the Mountain View Voice that the hope is that more people will be willing to walk or bike to work, resulting in the city seeing fewer cars on the streets.

"If we don't, then we really have a real issue about our whole thought process of putting housing next to jobs," she said, per the Voice.

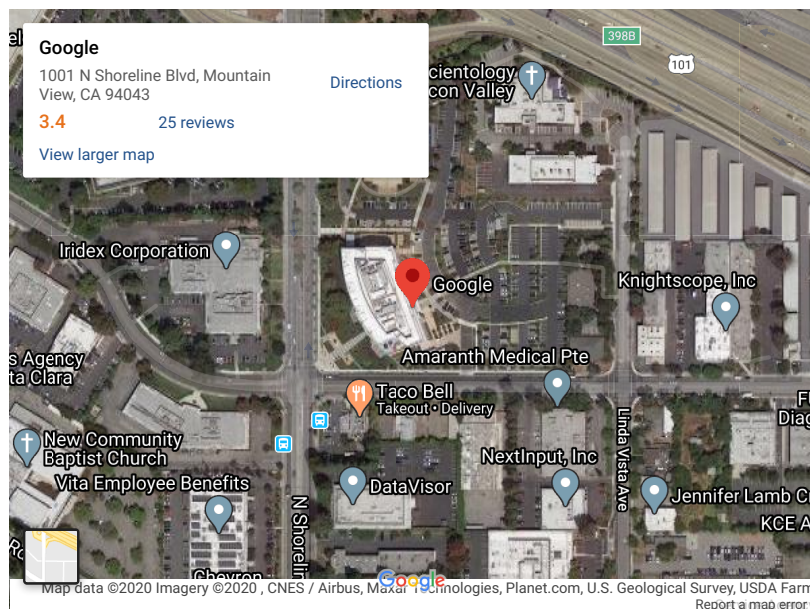
Called The Residences @ Shoreline Gateway in city documents, the project is set to replace a parking lot at 1001 N. Shoreline Blvd., just off Highway 101.

Plans include 303 units of apartments and condos spread across a pair of 7-story buildings sitting kitty corner from each other — 203 apartments will sit at the northwest end of the lot, closer to the highway, and 100 condominiums will be in the building to the southeast, adjacent to Terra Bella Avenue. Thirty apartments and ten condos are planned to be available at below-market-rate prices.



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Mountain View recently approved The Residences @ Shoreline Gateway, near the corner of Shoreline Boulevard and Highway 101.



The Mountain View Voice notes that the surrounding area consists mostly of industrial and office buildings — immediate neighbors include security robot-maker Knightscope, offices leased by Google, a Taco Bell, and the Church of Scientology. Homes dominate the area farther south, across Middlefield Road. To the north, across Highway 101, are the Computer History

Museum, a Microsoft campus, the Googleplex and the Shoreline Amphitheatre, with Moffett Field about a mile or so down 101.

Parking will be shared with nearby offices — the idea being that employees will make use of the spaces during the day while residents take them in the evening.

Also included in the plans are 3,000 feet of retail space — one of the sticking points in the proposal, given concerns over whether the area will be able to attract a tenant. The city gave Sares Regis one year after the project is complete to make the retail space work — if not, then it could be converted to some other use for the neighborhood's benefit.