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Community Benefits Agreement

Residents of East Palo Alto and Youth United for Community Action have been working to obtain a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) for the Supermarket development that is being planned in East Palo Alto. We have also created a Community Participation Plan which describes the ways that community members should be included in decisions that the City of East Palo Alto and developers make for the Supermarket development.

A CBA is a legal document. It is an agreement between a developer and community members, which states the benefits that the developer will provide to community where they will locate their development (stores, shopping centers, etc.). The community benefits agreement is a way for community members to address gentification in East Palo Alto and ensure that that developments benefit the community. A CBA can include benefits like affordable housing, jobs, and support for youth programs or child care services. The Community Participation Plan is important because East Palo Alto residents should decide what goes into our city since we will be the ones who are most affected by developments in our community.

Community members have been working to make sure that the community voice is heard! We will be meeting to discuss the community participation plan and benefits for East Palo Alto. If you are interested in our work or want to find out more, please call 322.9165. Come support community benefits and community participation!