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ANDERSON LEADS APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR “LAST-MILE” E-COMMERCE DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Board Action Expected to Bring 400-500 New Jobs to East County

(SAN DIEGO) – Supervisor Joel Anderson and his Board colleagues unanimously approved a long-term lease of County-owned property near the Gillespie Field trolley stop that will allow this location to serve as a new e-commerce distribution center in East County. The lease requires SGCLMC-Weld Investment Company to pay the County \$420,000 in annual rent, a minimum of \$21 million, and invest at least \$20 million in improvements that will revert to County ownership at the end of the lease.

“This is such great news,” said Supervisor Anderson. “For many, many years, we have worked tirelessly to develop the business potential at Gillespie Field. I want to thank my Board colleagues for their leadership and support. Today’s action is an important first step in bringing more good-paying jobs to East County— a community that has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. I am confident this lease will serve as a springboard for future economic growth as business leaders recognize that East County is open for business!”

Economic Benefits - New Jobs for East County

The deal will allow the lessee to continue its negotiations with Amazon to use this facility for a “last-mile” distribution center, expected to create 400-500 high paying jobs in East County, and as many as 900 jobs during peak operations, generating additional tax revenues for the region.

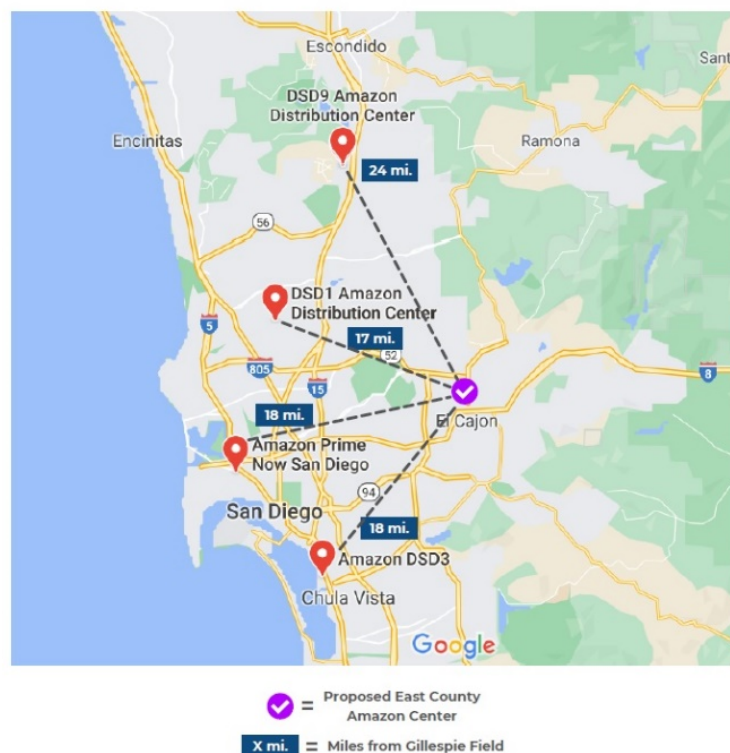
San Diego County has lost approximately 100,000 jobs in the last year because of COVID-19 pandemic-related business shutdowns, with some of the poorest parts of East County being hit the hardest. A new Amazon facility will put El Cajon and Gillespie Field on the map, spurring greatly needed economic activity to our community and region.

The Board’s action had significant business and community support. In a recent poll conducted by Supervisor Anderson, over 800 responses were received with more than 98% supporting both the lease and a new Amazon distribution center in East County.

Environmental and Traffic Benefits

As indicated in the map below, all Amazon packages currently delivered to East County customers MUST be driven many miles using several vehicles from western San Diego County locations. The new Amazon facility at Gillespie Field will shorten the amount of time delivery vans use our roadways, and reduce commute times, decreasing traffic and pollution. Environmental reviews have been approved by the City of El Cajon and the developer has committed to several environmentally sustainable actions, including building to meet CALGreen certified standards and providing the infrastructure for onsite renewable energy and electric vehicle charging stations.

Distance Between East County and Existing Amazon Warehouses



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