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## **Assessing San Jose's Diridon Station area**

**SJSU MURP students.** Changes coming to the area include California high-speed rail, a new Google campus, and a BART extension through downtown. In partnership with CommUniverCity and the city's Downtown Association, a class of graduate planning students made a comprehensive assessment of the area. Here's what they found. [Page 1](#)

## **Director's note**

**Sharon Grewal, AICP.** It's transition time on the Northern Section Board • We want YOU to join the Board • Last chance to submit a session proposal for NPC19 • AICP Exam application window is closing • Happy holidays! [Page 3](#)

## **To understand urban planning, CivicSpark Fellows build childhood memories**

**James Rojas.** CivicSpark is a California Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program. Eighteen CivicSpark Fellows assigned to San Francisco Bay Area local government agencies took part in a people-based approach to community engagement training. Here's what happened. [Page 4](#)

## **My favorite planning project — the Eastshore State Park General Plan**

**Larry Tong.** Despite an unusual postponement, a joint three-agency process produced a long term land use and management plan for Eastshore State Park, the 2,200-acre recreational facility on the east side of San Francisco Bay (in 2002). [Page 5](#)

## **Internal moves on Northern Section Board**

Four of our stalwarts change places. [Page 6](#)

## **Planning news roundup**

**THE FIRES** • State's climate change plan going up in smoke • Wildfires displace low-income residents, change demographics • A tale of two wildfires • Rebuild Paradise?  
**ELSEWHERE** • Muni to the Marina? • Minneapolis is doing away with single-family zoning • Guidelines released for streamlined approval of affordable housing projects • For good health, walk in the park • New State Senate bill builds on SB 827 • The Bay Area's largely unknown underground threat • U.S. Okays modern, European-style train cars. [Pages 7 and 18-21](#)



**Meet a local planner**

*Catarina Kidd, AICP*, interviews *Alexander Quinn* of Hatch. [Page 8](#)

**Call for Proposals, 2019 APA California Conference**

**Deadline** for submitting proposals for the state conference in Santa Barbara is **January 31, 2019**. [Page 11](#)

**Where in the world**

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**Who's where**

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