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Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 4:40 PM
To: Davidson, John
Subject: DEIR Public Comments Submittal

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a community member who would like to submit a public comment regarding the proposed General Plan amendment, specifically Scenario 7A.

I am concerned that changing the designation of the Rancho del Pueblo site from Open Space, Parkland and Habitat to Residential land use will adversely impact the surrounding community, who depend on this area for recreation and whose open space is already limited. I feel that this would be an infringement on the already small amounts of open space and a healthy community.

As stated in the *Envision San José 2040 General Plan*, Social Equity and Urban Conservation/Preservation is one of the Major Strategies of the City's General Plan. It specifically states that this strategy aims to, *Protect and enhance San José's neighborhoods and historic resources to promote community identity and pride.*"

Replacing this gold course would damage the community's identity, pride and possibly historic resources.

Another Major Strategy is is the Greenline/Urban Growth Boundary, which aims to, "*Preserve land that protects water, habitat, and agricultural resources and/or offers recreational opportunities, as well as to preserve the scenic backdrop of the hillsides surrounding San José,*" which this General Plan amendment threatens to permanently impact. How will the City make up for this loss of recreational opportunities for this low-income, largely immigrant community?

Finally, regarding Housing, I am concerned about gentrification due to the economic status of this neighborhood. What guarantees do we have that a new residential housing project will not negatively impact the surround communities and housing market, which has locally experienced a large amount of foreclosures due to the housing market collapse?

Thank-you for your consideration. Please confirm with me that you have received this letter.

Regards,
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