

Please forward this to the Envision 2040 Task Force; Thank you,

I watched the S. J. Community Forum this past Saturday on envisioning San Jose growth through 2040 on Ch. 26 cable, and I would like to speak to the very same.

I have some very clear visions for San Jose that were not mentioned in the Forum and I would like contribute additional commentary about San Jose, that only San Jose, can provide on a worldwide basis by the year 2040.

San Jose, the heart of Silicon Valley as known worldwide, has been the cornerstone for the technology development of the Information Age.

As in the last 40 years, as in the next 40 years, San Jose can continue to be a technological cornerstone for the WWWorld, for the development of the Sustainable Age; the Green Tech Evolution, which in turn will advance the Planet to another, more appropriate level to live on, above and beyond the Information Platform.

Primary Vision:

With a solid connection between San Jose's largest Companies, S.j.'s Universities, Colleges, Trade Schools, and Private Think Tanks alike, - all focused on the same agenda; Silicon Valley can still provide the most advanced Green Technologies in Sustainable Power Systems, Renewable Energy Resources, Printable Solar Technologies, Organic Semiconductors, Electric Cars, and E-Waste Recycling Systems for the rest of the Planet. No where else on this Earth do we have the knowledge, the talent, the resources, and the know-how in one place to accomplish this one Primary Vision. We are at the Center of this possibility. San Jose can actually save the Planet by 2040. Just envision that for a moment.

E-Car Vision:

The History of San Jose's Silicon Valley is rather unique in the sense that, almost single-handedly, We've been able to re-tool the foundation of the entire Computer Industry about every two years for a decade running.

Did you know that the same Industries that produced the Silicon, the Motors, and the Sheet Metal for computers are the exact same Industries that can produce the Silicon, the Motors, and the Sheet Metal for the Electric Car Industry? The Governor of California already has a Mandate in place for 100% Emission-less Cars by 2009, and we are just months behind in that schedule. What are We waiting for?!

In less than three years, San Jose can become the largest producer of Electric Cars in the WWWorld, putting Detroit to same, and out of business. With San Jose as the focal point, California can move up from the Seventh largest economy to the Fifth largest economy in the WWWorld by making and selling affordable Electric Cars worldwide, again saving the Planet. Envision this for a moment.

E-Waste Vision:

In concert with the European Union's mandate for RoHS and WEEE, San Jose's Silicon Valley can become a leader in building of hi-tech machinery for the recycling of, not only E-Waste, but all Toxic Wastes in general. It is a little known fact that the same Physics used to

build the Process Machinery that make toxic semiconductors in the first place, is the same Physics needed to build the Process Machinery needed to dis-assemble semiconductors; and sort out all the key elements for re-use, atom by atom. It is the very same Physics and Process, only in reverse.

Once this is understood, it becomes apparent that all toxic wastes can be dis-assembled down at atomic level and returned to Hi-Tech Manufacturing as Pure Elements; for far less energy than is required from Strip Mining.

In fact, this same type of Process Machinery can recover a tremendous amount of Hydrogen, Carbon and Oxygen from post consumer plastics to fuel the up-and-coming Hydrogen Fuel Cell Economy.

Turning toxic land-fills and warehouses of E-Waste into pure, non-polluting fuel for the Planet is another way that San Jose can become a World Leader in renewable energy sources and sustainable power systems for the next millennium. Please, take a moment to Envision this.

While I have been promoting these ideas for several years, and I am glad the City of San Jose has an open forum for discussion of these topics. And while my business plan for such is still a work-in-progress, I can honestly say to the Planning Counsel of San Jose, "We Have a Path Forward."

I have a clear vision of the Global Energy Construct and where San Jose can sit in the World Economy by providing sustainable energy resources, an electric car infrastructure, and natural-based power systems.

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COMMENTS TO ENVISION SAN JOSE 2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN JOSE/SANTA CLARA HAS FORMED A COMMITTEE TO OBSERVE THE WORK OF YOUR TASK FORCE AND TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY AS APPROPRIATE. WHENEVER THE LEAGUE COMMENTS ON ISSUES, THE CONTENT IS BASED ON POSITIONS TAKEN FOLLOWING STUDY AND CONSENSUS BY OUR MEMBERS, POSITIONS THAT ARE REVIEWED AND READOPTED EACH YEAR. WE HAVE EXISTING POSITIONS ON LAND USE, GENERAL PLANS, SPECIFIC PLANS, HOUSING, SOCIAL EQUITY, TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, AND A VARIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE TOPICS. WE ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE, AS WE HAVE IN EVERY SAN JOSE GENERAL PLAN PROCESS SINCE 1975.

TONIGHT WE WISH TO HIGHLIGHT THREE OVERARCHING ISSUES WE HOPE YOU WILL BE TREATING WITH HIGH PRIORITY.

1. THE NEW PLAN SHOULD RESULT IN A MORE LIVABLE CITY, ONE THAT BRINGS JOBS, HOUSING, SERVICES, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION, – IN SHORT, THE ACTIVITIES OF EVERYDAY LIFE – CLOSER TOGETHER. YOU WILL SUCCEED IF FUTURE WORKERS AND RESIDENTS MAKE MORE OF THEIR TRIPS BY WALKING, BICYCLING, AND TRANSIT, AND AVOID THE USE OF A SINGLE-OCCUPANT VEHICLE. BY 2040 WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SAY OUR CITY EXEMPLIFIES “SMART GROWTH.”
2. EXPAND THE SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT OF THE PLAN WITH MEASURABLE GOALS AND STRONG DIRECTION FOR THE INDICATORS THAT WILL TELL US IF WE ARE ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS. WHEN INTRODUCED TO THE CURRENT PLAN IN 1994, THE SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT WAS MORE OF A

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CONCEPT, AND THE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MEASURING IT AND DEVISING INDICATORS WAS ELEMENTARY AT BEST. WE HAVE MEASURABLE GOALS FOR MANY CITY SERVICES; WE SHOULD HAVE EQUALLY STRONG AND CONCRETE GOALS FOR THE MEASURES THAT WILL TELL US IF WE ARE BECOMING A GREENER CITY.

3. BASE YOUR PLANNING ON THE BEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE NUMBERS OF TYPES OF HOUSING WE NEED TO ADD, THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF JOBS WE CAN ATTRACT, THE PROJECTED WATER SUPPLY AND OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR A LARGER POPULATION, OUR REAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, AND WITH ALL OF THIS GROWTH, THE BEST POSSIBLE ANALYSIS OF OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE THE REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE GASES WE HAVE PLEDGED.

YOU HAVE A TALL ORDER INDEED, AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WISHES YOU WELL IN YOUR ENDEAVORS.