

Subject: To: San Jose Principal Planner (May 26, 2009 San Jose General Task Force Meeting)

Dear Planner:

On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, according to Committee for Green Foothills, of which we two are members, the San Jose General Plan Task Force will decide whether or not to recommend that future development under the upcoming General Plan should pave over existing farmlands of Coyote and Almaden Valleys. Please vote against any new development in Almaden Valley or Coyote Valley, including North Coyote Valley.

We oppose this development, and wish that they would not.

The image of oncoming "sprawl" is frightening. We live in south San Jose, and if the traffic scenario at the new shopping mall, The Plant (corner of Monterey Road and Curtner Avenue) is any comparison, we wish you would not consider tripling this traffic-stopping and accident-inducing street situation by paving over Coyote Valley with houses (that may not be sold) and proposed businesses (that may not come). Futuristic actions passed ahead of time don't work. Wait and see. Have "reduced" and more reasonable plans, if any.

Creating, instead, a "Silicon Archipelago" of vibrant development surrounded by farmlands and natural open space is a lovely alternative.

Please distribute our comment to the Envision San Jose Task Force.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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