

Subject: San Jose plans for growth

Dear Mr. Crabtree and members of the Envision San Jose Task Force,

I have followed growth issues in San Jose since the early 1980's. The same arguments about San Jose's desire to develop more jobs was dominant then. The arguments about reverse commutes were made then. Meanwhile, San Jose has promoted some in fill, but the potential for further in fill remains high. Meanwhile neighborhoods seek more efficient and complete urban services. Urban planners understand that the most cost effective patterns of development are those that concentrate growth. Too rapid and too excessive growth should be avoided. Please choose a level of growth that can be accommodated with in fill.

Another important consideration is that of Global Climate Change and CO2 emissions. Sprawl requires longer commutes. Disparate growth patterns and access to shopping and jobs require longer drives. If San Jose develops more housing and commercial buildings in Almaden Valley and Coyote Valley, it encourage growth into adjacent counties. Traffic on already heavily traveled highways, will become impossible and the people living in Almaden Valley and the surrounding hillsides will suffer both from traffic jams and from the air pollution associated with increased traffic and prolonged traffic jams

The city should consider a more-reasonable level of job growth, matched with sufficient housing, and should require no sprawling of the city outward into any part of the farmlands of Almaden and Coyote Valley, including North Coyote Valley. .

Sincerely,

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