

**Subject:** Development of Coyote and Almaden Valleys farmlands under the General Plan

Dear Mr Crabtree and Members of the Envision San Jose Task Force:

I believe that as a nation we are undergoing a fundamental change in our value priorities. New leadership is seeking ways to balance economic growth with the protection of our natural environment and the preservation of our health and quality of life. I'm sure that you share this burgeoning commitment to sustainability and are seeking ways to give expression to these values as you fulfill your mandate to envision a favorable future for San Jose.

Strategies now exist that would provide for reasonable job growth along with sufficient housing to accommodate the new employment while protecting the surrounding areas from sprawl and the attendant environmental degradation, traffic problems, pollution, and loss of farm lands. I would urge you to rise to the occasion and envision a plan that would assure robust growth for San Jose while preserving the farmlands and natural open space of Almaden and Coyote Valley, including North Coyote Valley.

Thank you for your efforts to plan for a sustainable future for San Jose and its surrounding countryside. I would appreciate it if you would distribute my comments to the Envision San Jose Task Force.

Sincerely,  
Rob Decker