

**Subject:** Envision San Jose Task Force

To: Andrew Crabtree, San Jose Principal Planner, and the Envision San Jose Task Force

Dear Mr. Crabtree,

I am writing to encourage you and the Envision San Jose Task Force to vote against any new development in Almaden Valley or Coyote Valley, including North Coyote Valley. I strongly believe that all the guiding principles of Envision San Jose can be fully addresses by adhering to the original intent of the Urban Growth Boundary, by promoting compact, efficient infill development, by discouraging developments at the edge of the city and by ensuring that urban services provided by the city to existing neighborhoods will not be reduced by service demands by urban development at the city fringe.

The City of San Jose CAN responsibly grow and develop economically yet sustainably. This means that current and future plans will not compromise essential natural and environmental assets such as open space, farmlands and watersheds. It also means that Envision San Jose should request a "reduced scope" environmental alternative that allows reasonable job growth and sufficient housing to accommodate the new employment, and further explore redevelopment of urban blight areas and vacant industrial and commercial areas.

The guiding principles of Envision San Jose are sound, and reflect the spirit of sustainability and limited sprawl. This is why it would be wrong to accommodate developers such as Davidson Homes who lobby for a self-serving profitable change in San Jose's UGB in South Almaden Valley Urban Preserve. Envision San Jose should not reward developers who purchase land at the outer edges of the UGB with the intent of applying pressure on the city to change its long term plans. It is also wrong to pave over farmland for ANY new development in Coyote Valley, because true vision would seek to preserve this resource, so rich in agricultural, natural and ecological assets, for future generations.

Please distribute my comments to the Envision San Jose Task Force.

Respectfully,

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