

Mayor Chuck Reed  
City Council Members  
City of San Jose  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

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Re: Envision 2040 Alternatives and Coyote Valley

Dear Mayor Reed, Council Members and GP Task Force;

I am a Santa Clara County native and resident of San Jose. Throughout my lifetime I have seen orchards and open space torn up for development of houses and industrial parks. While I miss all the open space of the past, I am very much in favor of infill development in order to contain urban areas and attempt to surround urban areas with greenbelts.

I am adamantly against development of Coyote Valley because it is absolutely the last beautiful pristine open space in San Jose. Coyote Valley should be changed to a permanent open space designation to preserve this beauty for future generations. Housing growth should be addressed with infill development through GP amendments to high density residential, mixed use and transit oriented residential.

I urge the GP Task Force to vote NO on using Coyote Valley or South Almaden Urban Reserve for growth. Development of Coyote Valley for jobs would increase Green House Emissions because public transit would not be available for many years (if ever, given the cost). San Jose's growth should be contained within the existing urban footprint. In addition, I request a "reduced scope" environmental alternative that addresses Coyote Valley remaining undeveloped.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Schaer

Sent via e-mail

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