

Agenda item 10.1(b): - City Initiated Conforming Rezoning to align the Zoning Ordinance with the General Plan

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

Green Foothills is in support of the Memorandum from Councilmember Jimenez dated 8/30/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 10.1(b): - City Initiated Conforming Rezoning to align the Zoning Ordinance with the General Plan.

The City is in the midst of a multi-year process mandated by SB 1333 to align outdated zoning with the General Plan land use designation. As part of this process, it will be necessary to approve conforming rezoning for numerous parcels throughout the City. We believe that Mid and South Coyote Valley should be prioritized in this process.

There are parcels in Mid and South Coyote Valley that still have outdated residential zoning, even though they have been designated as agriculture in the General Plan for many years. In line with the City's policy of building new housing in infill areas, not on open space areas like Coyote Valley, this obsolete zoning should be rectified as soon as possible. (Note that North Coyote Valley is distinct from Mid and South, in that the City is on track to amend the General Plan land use designation for North Coyote Valley later this year. For this reason, conforming rezoning in North Coyote Valley should not occur until after any Council action related to the potential General Plan amendments under consideration.)

Please support this important step in protecting Coyote Valley by moving expeditiously to update the zoning in MID and South Coyote Valley. Thank you for your attention to these comments.



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Agenda item 10.1(b): SUPPORT for CM Jimenez memo on Conforming Rezoning

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society supports the Memorandum from Councilmember Jimenez dated 8/30/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 10.1(b): - City Initiated Conforming Rezoning to align the Zoning Ordinance with the General Plan.

The City is implementing a process mandated by SB 333 to align outdated zoning with the General Plan land use designation. This process mandates the approval of conforming rezoning for many parcels throughout the City.

We believe that Mid and South Coyote Valley should be prioritized in this process. This prioritization is needed to accomplish San Jose's policy of building new housing in infill areas and reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with development outside the city's core.

Please support this important step in protecting Coyote Valley by moving expeditiously to update the zoning in Mid and South Coyote Valley.

Thank you,

Shani Kleinhaus

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