



February 12, 2019

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

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The silicon valley organization

Re: Future Development of North Coyote Valley

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:


On behalf of The Silicon Valley Organization (The SVO), I am writing to urge the Mayor and Council to consider a balanced approach to the future growth and development of the North Coyote Valley. The SVO is Silicon Valley’s premier business advocacy organization representing 1,400+ companies that employ nearly 300,000 workers, and we represent our membership as the region’s largest Chamber of Commerce.

For many decades, the City of San Jose has aspired to secure a jobs and tax base in the North Coyote Valley. Given that only 15% of San Jose’s land is zoned for employment uses and the North Coyote Valley represents nearly 1/6th of all employment lands, it is incumbent upon the Mayor and Council to consider how any potential general plan amendments could potentially worsen San Jose’s already poor “jobs-to-housing” imbalance. Any future decisions on the North Coyote Valley should carefully consider this aspect and other considerations deliberated by a diverse set of stakeholders tasked to establish the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan.

The City Council should consider a balanced approach that protects job growth, while preserving other lands for flood control, habitat protection, wildlife corridors, and protected open space. The key is to utilize Measure T dollars appropriately to acquire specific parcels of land that would achieve flood control protections and preserve wildlife. We urge you to avoid any consideration of “down-zoning” parcels that have potential for attracting jobs and growing the City’s tax base. By approaching this complex issue with a “win-win” partnership and approach, we can achieve both goals of attracting jobs and preserving open space as there is plenty of land to achieve both objectives in the North Coyote Valley.

As you deliberate this issue in the months to come, we urge you to consider this balanced approach to remain consistent with the goals of the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan. If you have any questions on our position, please contact Eddie Truong, Director of Government & Community Relations, at (408) 291-5267.

Sincerely,


Matthew R. Mahood
President & CEO



Be climate smart: project Coyote Valley now!

[Mary Christofi-Peer](#) < >

Tue 2/12/2019 10:12 AM

To:

Agendadesk;City Clerk;The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Cc:

District2;District4;District 6;District8;District 10

I urge you to allocate the full \$50 million from voter-approved Measure T for land conservation in Coyote Valley. This invaluable landscape can help protect San Jose residents and neighbors from flooding, increase our region's climate resilience, and preserve irreplaceable wildlife habitat and farmland. Be climate smart: project Coyote Valley now! Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely, Mary j christofi-peer

Mary Christofi-Peer

Weymouth, Massachusetts, 02191, United States

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[MICHELLE LIEBERMAN](#) < >

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Yours sincerely,

MICHELLE LIEBERMAN

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[G Caviglia](#) < >

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Jutta Gonzalez < >

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Yours sincerely,

Jutta Gonzalez

San Jose, California, 95123, United States

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Petra Wengler < >

Tue 2/12/2019 2:48 PM

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As mother I urge you to allocate the full \$50 million from voter-approved Measure T for land conservation in Coyote Valley. This invaluable landscape can help protect San Jose residents and neighbors from flooding, increase our region's climate resilience, and preserve irreplaceable wildlife habitat and farmland. Be climate smart: project Coyote Valley now! Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Petra Wengler

San Jose, California, 95118, United States

From: Patricia Jones < >
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:54 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Allocation of Measure T Funds

Dear Clerk Tabor,

The Coyote Valley holds a special place in my heart. I have fond memories from the 1950s and 1960s of driving south on Monterey Highway from San Jose to my cousins' ranch in Hollister. Along the way, my mother would teach us the names of the various types of crops and fruit trees, animals, and birds we passed. I am now sharing this experience with my children and grandchildren and want to continue to do so in the future.

Consequently, I urge you to allocate the full \$50 million from Measure T for land conservation in Coyote Valley. This incredible landscape can reduce the risk of flooding for San José residents as well as provide irreplaceable wildlife habitat, farmland and regional Ridge Trail connection, as well as increase our region's climate resilience. It's time to protect Coyote Valley!

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Patricia Jones,
Long-time resident of District 10

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Janice Frazier < >

To: "mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov" <mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 8:04:23 AM PST

Subject: Coyote Valley

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

We need to have you allocate the full \$50 million from Measure T for land conservation in Coyote Valley. This precious landscape can reduce the risk of flooding for San José residents as well as provide irreplaceable wildlife habitat, farmland and regional Ridge Trail connection, as well as increase our region's climate resilience. It's time to protect Coyote Valley! Thank you for your support.

Janice Frazier,

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[rachel c welch](#) < >

Yesterday, 6:18 PM

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Yours sincerely,
rachel c welch

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Diana Moss < >

Yesterday, 12:32 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Diana Moss

From: Maria Hennessy <>

Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 12:26 PM

To: Agendadesk; City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Cc: District2; District4; District 6; District8; District 10

Subject: Be climate smart: project Coyote Valley now!

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Yours sincerely,

Maria Hennessy

From: Christopher Telomen < >
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:26 AM
To: District3; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk
Subject: Coyote Valley Land Conservation

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to allocate the full \$50 million from Measure T for land conservation in Coyote Valley. This incredible landscape can reduce the risk of flooding for San José residents as well as provide irreplaceable wildlife habitat, farmland and regional Ridge Trail connection, as well as increase our region's climate resilience. It's time to protect Coyote Valley! Thank you for your support.

*Christopher Telomen
District 3 Constituent*