Mayor Liccardo City of San Jose 200 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Amendment to the City Council Policy 5-1 Transportation Analysis.

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Biz PAC, I respectfully request that you approve the T&E Committee's preferred VMT policy update option 5-1B as proposed by T&E Committee Chair Dev Davis and Councilmember Raul Peralez in their November 23, 2022 memorandum to the City Council.

Both update options, including the preferred update option VMT 5-1 were discussed and vetted by the T&E Committee for approximately one year. As you know, City Council Committees were created with the purpose of helping the Council as a whole vet complex policies such as the VMT policy before council approval. Given this, we ask you again to support the T&E Committee's work by approving the recommended update option of VMT 5-1B.

The housing crisis is not getting any better and it won't get better if we don't make meaningful changes to facilitate the creation of more housing of all types. San Jose's housing crisis, (and California's housing crisis) is devastating families. Fathers and mothers spend several hours a day in their car instead of being home helping their children. Families become homeless because they can't afford to rent a home or buy one, and in many cases, families become homeless because they can't afford to keep their home. The lack of housing unit production has caused our city to face a growing homeless population, which increases the crime rate, and lowers property values. Our businesses have also suffered with declining or closed businesses and the unease that the City does not have a plan to combat this issue. When local businesses are hurt, everyone feels the pain, especially the families that depend on the jobs or the income they get from them.

The time is now for the city to get serious about creating the most opportunities for housing on infill sites where services already exist. It's time to do what is best for our community. The will of San Jose voters, and more so than ever, the business community, have made it loud and clear during this election that the status quo that caused the housing crisis will not be supported any longer. The time for meaningful action is now.

I respectfully request that you approve the T&E Committee's preferred VMT policy update option 5-1B as proposed by T&E Committee Chair Dev Davis and Councilmember Raul Peralez in their November 23, 2022 memorandum to the City Council.

Sincerely,

**Victor Cuauhtémoc Gomez** 

Executive Director Silicon Valley Biz PAC

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November 29, 2022

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

RE: Amendment to the City Council Policy 5-1 Transportation Analysis for Affordable Housing Projects.

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

The San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA) has represented downtown for 36 years and together with more than 2000 current businesses and property owner members we strive to increase the vitality and livability of downtown San Jose.

I respectfully request that you approve the T&E Committee's preferred VMT policy update option 5-1B as proposed by T&E Committee Chair Councilmember Dev Davis and Councilmember Raul Peralez in their November 23, 2022 memorandum to the City Council.

The state of California has declared a housing crisis and has passed several laws to address the crisis and is further considering new laws to increase the production of housing. Current California Public Resources code and CEQA give local governments the power to approve housing projects based on a statement of overriding consideration. Even considering the current housing crisis, City of San Jose staff limited the City Council's state-given powers by adopting a restrictive VMT Policy when considering housing projects based on a statement of overriding considerations.

On the other hand, other cities in California have chosen to fully retain the state-granted powers and ability to consider projects on a statement of overriding considerations. As you also know, the city of San Jose chose to Preserve Coyote Valley, and established an Urban-Growth Boundary to promote development of infill sites where services already exist as suggested by 5-1B.

An update to the VMT policy as preferred by the T&E VMT 5-1B does not pre-approve any one project at the time of Council approval of the 5-1B update. The proposed approval of VMT 5-1B will give the council more discretion when considering future projects, so they have a chance to create more housing opportunities on infill sites where services already exist and only after going through a community outreach process consistent with Council Public Outreach Policy 6-30.

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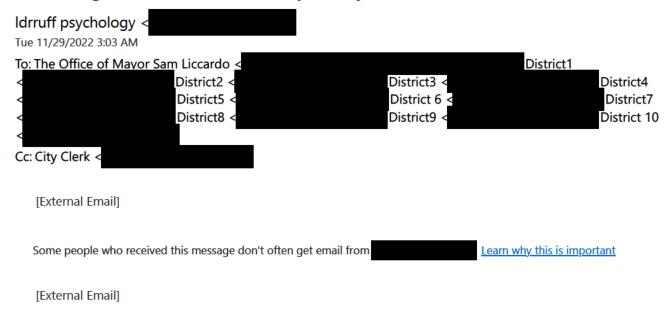
Furthermore, consideration under 5-1B will only be given to proposed projects the City Council determines make a significant impact towards the city's RHNA housing goals to help address the housing crisis. As you are aware, San Jose has failed to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment housing unit allocation (RHNA) goals for the past two cycles, 2007-2014 & 2014-2022. San Jose's 2023-2031 RHNA target is projected to be approximately 62,000 units and given San Jose's past failure to meet the RHNA housing goals, we need to approve the propose 5-1B update so we have a meaningful chance to impact our housing crisis.

With that said, I encourage you to approve the VMT Policy 5-1B alternative and help our local businesses and families quality of life by creating more housing opportunities for San Jose families.



Alex Stettinski Chief Executive Officer

11/29/22 Agenda Item 8.5 Council Policy 5-1: Reject the Alternative Recommendation



Dear Mayor and City Council,

I have been a San Jose resident for 40 years. I have seen the region grow and change over the years. We are losing our enviable quality of life as we pave over all available open space. Children are left to grow up indoors, in front of screens.

San Jose is a big city that is extremely deficient in Park land and Open Space. Yet the human benefits of interacting with nature are well researched and understood. There are intellectual, social, emotional and community benefits to having access to nature in our city. Yet you have a proposal before you that would make it easy to turn large parcels of Open Space into housing without any community input.

Please adopt the staff recommendation for updating Transportation Analysis 5.1 and reject the alternative that would allow development of land designated as Open Space and Private Recreation.

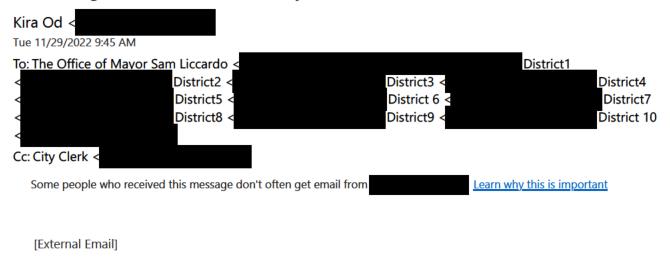
Deciding what to do with huge parcels of land such as former golf courses should be subject to a community process and visioning. New City policies should not be developed to facilitate a single project with a single developer. Please follow the General Plan, a document that went through a very thoughtful development with considerable community input.

Linda Ruthruff, PhD 40 year San Jose Resident

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# 11/29/22 Agenda Item 8.5 Council Policy 5-1: REJECT the Alternative Recommendation



Dear Mayor and Council,

I am just a stupid artist, but it doesn't take much smarts to notice that San Jose is developing open space at an alarmingly destructive rate

Humans are creatures of nature, along with other animals, and we all need open space to thrive.

Please adopt the Planning Department staff recommendation for updating Transportation Analysis Policy 5-1 while REJECTING the Alternative Recommendation that would facilitate development on Private Recreation and Open Space land.

One developer's interest in one potential redevelopment project should not drive Citywide policy.

The proposed Alternative Recommendation is inconsistent with the City's General Plan, and would facilitate development of huge parcels of open space without a community visioning process, as is currently the practice for many other large parcels in San Jose. Should the Council wish to consider allowing this site to redevelop, the City should lead a transparent community engagement process to determine how the development of the site could meet the needs of its future residents, the larger community, and the city. Refraining from developing the land presents an unparalleled opportunity to gain publicly accessible open space for local communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

307 community members submitted individual written public comments regarding 11/29/22 Agenda Item 8.5 via email to city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov in support of the staff recommendation and calling for the rejection of the "Alternative Recommendation". The emails were submitted between 11/22/22 and 2:43 p.m. today. The associated document, which was created by the City Clerk's office, contains a listing of the community members along with the date of submission. The subject line for each of the emails was "11/29/22 Agenda Item 8.5 Council Policy 5-1: Reject the Alternative Recommendation". This cover letter is provided to summarize the content of the emails.

A summary of the public comments is as follows:

"I ask that you join hundreds of community members and the Planning Commission by following the Planning Department staff recommendation for updating Transportation Analysis Policy 5-1 while rejecting the Alternative Recommendation that would facilitate development on Private Recreation and Open Space land. Send a clear message that one developer's interest in one potential redevelopment project should not drive the direction of Citywide policy.

I object to the proposed Alternative Recommendation because it is inconsistent with the city's General Plan and would facilitate development of huge parcels of open space without a community visioning process, such as is currently being provided for multiple other large parcels in San Jose.

The most immediate and obvious beneficiary of this harmful policy would be the owners of the 114 acre former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site, which presents an unparalleled opportunity to gain publicly accessible open space for local communities as part of a community-centered visioning process for future development of the site. If the Council would like to consider allowing this site to redevelop, the city should lead a transparent community engagement process to determine how the development of the site could meet the needs of its future residents, the larger community, and the city."

Sincerely, Juan Estrada Advocacy Associate and Organizer Green Foothills

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