

## Fw: On Nov. 16 at City Council Meeting: Protect Coyote Valley by approving the staff recommendations on Coyote Valley General Plan Amendments

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Fri 11/5/2021 3:33 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Carolyn Straub [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:52 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

We are Stephen McHenry and Carolyn Straub and we are residents/community members of San Jose. Coyote Valley is a treasure to our community.

Coyote Valley is much more than a "treasure." If we understand correctly, Coyote Valley holds the North Coyote Valley Conservation Area. What do you mean by building it over?

What exactly do you mean by building it over with an Amazon warehouse originating in --- Texas? - this was promised to us by legislators who attended a meeting with our public around two or three years ago.

Stop this nonsense of "providing jobs" and building to the end. We have a legislator possibly in District 7 who see nothing but helping east San Jose. Perhaps they are best helped by learning to help themselves and be assertive, and by gaining money and completing studies for college and for interesting jobs and careers instead of finding work in a warehouse.

We can be more idealistic if only America would try.

It is important to keep the Valley's agricultural landscapes and open space and allow the valley to protect our heritage, our hydrology, and the 200 species of birds that have been seen there. To keep San Jose resilient and thriving, please protect Coyote Valley!

Please approve the staff recommendations on the Coyote Valley General Plan Amendments to change the land use designations in North Coyote Valley from industrial development to open space and agriculture.

Thank you,  
Stephen McHenry and Carolyn Straub  
San Jose District 7

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# Fw: November 16th Agenda: Please Protect Coyote Valley!

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Mon 11/8/2021 8:15 AM

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**From:** Sean Mac Aodha [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 5:13 PM

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**Subject:** November 16th Agenda: Please Protect Coyote Valley!

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

My name is Sean Mac Aodha and I am a resident of San Jose. Coyote Valley is a treasure to our community, and a critical bird migration stopover. It is important to keep the valley's agricultural landscapes and open space and allow the valley to protect our heritage, our hydrology, and the more than two hundred species of birds that have been seen there. To keep San Jose resilient and thriving, please protect Coyote Valley!

Please approve the staff recommendations on the Coyote Valley General Plan Amendments to change the land use designations in North Coyote Valley from industrial development to open space and agriculture. These recommendations are supported by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and many others.

Sincerely,

Sean R. Mac Aodha

[REDACTED]

(District 6)

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**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:45 PM

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**Subject:** Coyote Valley Protection



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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

My name is Rose Grymes and I am a longtime resident of Cupertino and 45 year member of the South Bay, Santa Clara County, and San Jose communities. Coyote Valley is a treasure. It is important to keep the Valley's agricultural landscapes and open space and allow the valley, in turn, to protect our heritage, our hydrology, and sustain our environment. Keep San Jose resilient and thriving by protecting Coyote Valley!

Please approve the staff recommendations on the Coyote Valley General Plan Amendments to change the land use designations in North Coyote Valley from industrial development to open space and agriculture.

Thank you,  
Rose Grymes

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**From:** Sunnyvale Youth Public Policy Institute [REDACTED]**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:33 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** November 16th Agenda: Please Protect Coyote Valley!

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

My name is Sannath Mathapathi. I am a high school senior, commission chair of the Environmental Commission of the Sunnyvale Youth Public Policy Institute, and a San Jose resident.

I am forwarding the following message on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and am in strong support of ideas presented.

Coyote Valley is a treasure to our community. It is important to keep the Valley's agricultural landscapes and open space and allow the valley to protect our heritage, our hydrology, and the 200 species of birds that have been seen there. To keep San Jose resilient and thriving, please protect Coyote Valley!

Please approve the staff recommendations on the Coyote Valley General Plan Amendments to change the land use designations in North Coyote Valley from industrial development to open space and agriculture.

Thank you,  
Sannath Mathapathi  
Environmental Commission Chair  
Sunnyvale Youth Public Policy Institute

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**Fw: Coyote Valley -- Support Agricultural Landscapes & Open Space**

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**From:** Alan Jian [REDACTED]**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:54 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Coyote Valley -- Support Agricultural Landscapes & Open Space

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

My name is Alan Jian and I am a high school junior living in the Bay Area. I am also a member of the Environmental Commission of the Sunnyvale Youth Public Policy Institute.

I am emailing you all in support of the Coyote Valley General Plan Amendments to change the land use designations from industrial development to open space and agriculture in North Coyote Valley.

Coyote Valley is a treasure, and its natural beauty is priceless. It is imperative for us to maintain its agricultural landscapes and open space to protect our heritage, our hydrology, and the various animal species belonging to the valley, including 200 bird species that have been sighted there.

To keep San Jose and the greater Bay Area thriving, please protect Coyote Valley.

Sincerely,

Alan Jian

Environmental Commission

Sunnyvale Youth Public Policy Institute

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**Fwd: Please Vote YES to Rezone Coyote Valley for Agriculture and Open Space**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 11/9/2021 9:10 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Sorry it looks like I may be forwarding quite a few of these to you today :-)

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**From:** Kara M [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:06:22 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org <info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org>**Subject:** Please Vote YES to Rezone Coyote Valley for Agriculture and Open Space

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

Coyote Valley is a treasure in our community and will play a vital role as the city combats climate change both now and in the future. As a resident of San Jose (District 6) and supporter of Mothers Out Front, I urge you to protect our climate by voting in favor of rezoning Coyote Valley for agriculture and open space.

Coyote Valley plays an important role in absorbing carbon emissions AND in protecting downtown San Jose from flooding during the heavy rain events that are expected to become more common as the climate heats up. It is also an important wildlife corridor.

Please follow city staff's recommendations and vote to preserve Coyote Valley as farmland and open space, to make San Jose more climate-resilient.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Kara Mandujano  
San Jose, District 6, 95125

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**FW: Monterey Corridor and GP Designation for Coyote Valley; Council Hearing Nov. 16, 2021 - No. 6**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 11/8/2021 12:40 PM

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For you, thank you!!! 😊

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**From:** Norm Matteoni [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:21 AM  
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**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Gerry De Young [REDACTED] Ken Saso [REDACTED] Chris Marchese <[REDACTED]> LEO CACITTI [REDACTED] t>; Sean H Hu <[REDACTED]>; Vic LoBue <[REDACTED]>; Joe Filice <[REDACTED]>; Loren Gundersen [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Monterey Corridor and GP Designation for Coyote Valley; Council Hearing Nov. 16, 2021 - No. 6

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council:

Continuing the correspondence that I initiated last week in a series of letters, please accept and review this critique of the Proposed PD Zone for the eastside of Monterey Road properties.

Dear City Clerk:

Please include this letter in the record for the hearing of Nov. 16 on Coyote Valley.

Norm Matteoni



NORMAN E. MATTEONI





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November 8, 2021

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Gerry Houlihan

Hon. Mayor Sam Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council  
San Jose City Hall  
200 Santa Clara Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: The Lands along the East Side of Monterey Road are of a Distinctive  
Character from the Overall Coyote Valley – No. 6  
**November 16, 2021 Council Agenda**

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

You have before you a staff proposed PD Zoning ordinance for properties along the east side of the Monterey Corridor, included with the GP Update recommendations.

The affected property owners appreciate that Planning's proposed ordinance recognizes that there is a different character to the lands on the east side of Monterey Corridor. That is a good first step.

But the draft ordinance restricts use to *Private Recreation* with specific limitations that are undefined. It requires that the Private Recreation use be compatible with the Coyote Creek Park Chain and that 50% of the land be maintained in open space.

The draft needs more study.

I offer these questions and comments regarding the proposed ordinance's conditions:

1. *Compatible with Coyote Creek Park Chain:*
  - a. How is compatibility determined?
  - b. These properties already had land taken from them for Coyote Creek Park Chain.

- c. Now it appears that the Park Chain expands its influence on the portion of the parcels that remain.
- d. This condition is contrary to other areas of the city. When you look at Edenvale Redevelopment Park, you see industrial buildings next to the park chain as well as residential development. As you proceed north there are more residential uses adjacent to the park chain. The Guadalupe River Park runs through the Downtown, with urban development alongside, and adjacent to the Airport. Willow Glen's neighborhoods coexist with the Los Gatos Creek Park Chain.
- e. The City already has standards for riparian setbacks; this requirement would double up on that requirement.
- f. It is not a standard applied to any other creek or park chain within the City.

2. *50% of the land to be maintained as open space, so that the lands generally maintain an open character:*

- a. Does that condition mean only golf courses and small campgrounds with large areas of open space may qualify?
  - i. Campgrounds are not viable; there are no campgrounds anywhere in San Jose except for homeless encampments.
  - ii. How can a travel trailer park qualify under this standard? Do internal drives and spaces between the travel trailers qualify as open space? I think not.
  - iii. How many travel trailer parks will come to this area?
  - iv. Initially I thought a travel trailer park was the same as an RV park. The two are different under the zoning code.
- b. Another golf course is not going to come to this area and compete with Coyote Creek Golf Park.

- c. The Coyote Creek Golf Park wants to provide overnight accommodations and the ordinance says that country clubs are conditionally permitted. Does that include overnight accommodations, as there already is a country club house and restaurant on site? The longer term viability of the course requires the ability to adapt to competition, including Corde Val that has such overnight accommodations. Such a private recreational facility should be encouraged to thrive.
3. As to the Marchese parcel in the south which is excluded from the proposed ordinance:
  - a. It has the same annexation and payment of taxes for city services as the other properties along the east side.
  - b. Its near term agricultural use is expiring for a number reasons that affect an older orchard without support infrastructure.
  - c. It is immediately adjacent to County housing and commercial use to the south.

Finally, several uses based on the pattern of existing uses are omitted from this draft ordinance.

For that reason, a special study of the lands and their appropriate uses needs to be undertaken before adopting a PD Zone.

Very truly yours,

  
Norman E. Matteoni 

NEM/jlc

Cc: City Clerk, Gerry De Young, Ken Saso, Chris Marchese, Leo Cacitti, Sean Hu, Vic LoBue, Joe Filice, Loren Gunderson



# Republic

November 9, 2021

San Jose Mayor and City Council  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

***Re: Agenda Item: 10.3 – Coyote Valley Property Owners***

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

I write to you as one of the members of the GP Update Task Force.

Last fall, we heard and voted on the proposal to redesignate the Coyote Valley as A-40 and remove the industrial designation from North Coyote Valley. A vote which as a GP Task Force Member, I did not support.

When some of the property owners along Monterey Rd spoke at the Coyote Valley Task Force hearing in October, I realized that Planning Staff had not focused on these properties in its study and background report. The point was well made that the properties east of the corridor were not of the same size, uses and character as the balance of the Valley. Moreover, they are owned in many cases by the same families since the 1950s and 1960s and were annexed with the promise of city services.

Thus, at the time of the Task Force's vote to send the recommendation of the update for the Coyote Valley, some other members and I asked for additional consideration to treat these properties fairly. I believe these property owners were promised to have economic development opportunities by past city officials and city councils in support of the city's long-term economic goals, and now the city is moving forward in a direction that gives these property owners no economic developments options except "agriculture". It is my understanding that the owners continue to ask for a special study and I recommend that the City choose that course in fairness to these San Jose families.

Regards,



Michael R. Van Every,  
President and Managing Partner of RUP &  
GP 2040 Task Force Member

**FW: Vote YES to Rezone Coyote Valley for Agriculture and Open Space**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 11/9/2021 2:40 PM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sorry, one more!!

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**From:** Gini Bossenbroek <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:36 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org**Subject:** Vote YES to Rezone Coyote Valley for Agriculture and Open Space

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As a San José resident and supporter of Mothers Out Front, I urge you to protect our climate by voting in favor of rezoning Coyote Valley for agriculture and open space. Our lives literally depend on it. Everything we can do to heal our planet and mitigate climate change is imperative for the future of our community.

Coyote Valley plays an important role in absorbing carbon emissions AND in protecting downtown San Jose from flooding during the heavy rain events that are expected to become more common as the climate heats up. It is also an important wildlife corridor.

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Gini Bossenbroek  
San Jose, 95125

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San Jose, CA 95113

Re: The Lands along the East Side of Monterey Road are of a Distinctive  
Character from the Overall Coyote Valley – No. 7  
**November 16, 2021 Council Agenda**

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

Allow me to further elaborate on one of the deficiencies of the proposed PD Zoning for Private Recreation applicable to certain properties along the east side of Monterey Road.

The proposed ordinance qualifies any proposed private recreational use by stating it must be compatible with the Coyote Creek Park Chain. That condition has no definition and is inconsistent with development to the north along the Park Chain. I have attached 2 photographs to show how development both residential and industrial lay adjacent to the Park Chain as near as the Edenvale area where the Coyote Creek flows into the Hellyer Park area.

Second, the condition doubles up on the uniform riparian setback requirement. The riparian setback throughout the City is as follows:

**City Council Policy 6-34: Riparian Corridor Protection and Bird-Safe Design and Riparian Corridor Policy Study**

The purpose of these Council Policies is to provide guidance consistent with applicable the goals, policies, and actions of the City's Envision San José 2040 General Plan for:

1. Protecting, preserving, or restoring riparian habitat;


2. Limiting the creation of new impervious surface within Riparian Corridor setbacks to minimize flooding from urban runoff, and control erosion; and

Riparian projects in the City of San José are subject to the following design guidelines:

1. Riparian Setback
  - a. Development adjacent to riparian habitats generally should be set back 100 feet from the outside edge of the riparian habitat (or top of bank, whichever is greater) to reduce anticipated impacts to riparian biotic communities and hydrologic regimes.
  2. A reduced setback may be considered under limited circumstances such as:
    - a. Sites adjacent to small lower order tributaries whose riparian influences do not extend to the 100-foot setback.
    - b. Utility or equipment installations or replacements that involve no significant disturbance to the Riparian Corridor during construction and operation, and generate only incidental human activity.
    - c. The existence of legal uses within the minimum setback.

These properties cannot bear a greater riparian setback than applies to the overall City requirement.

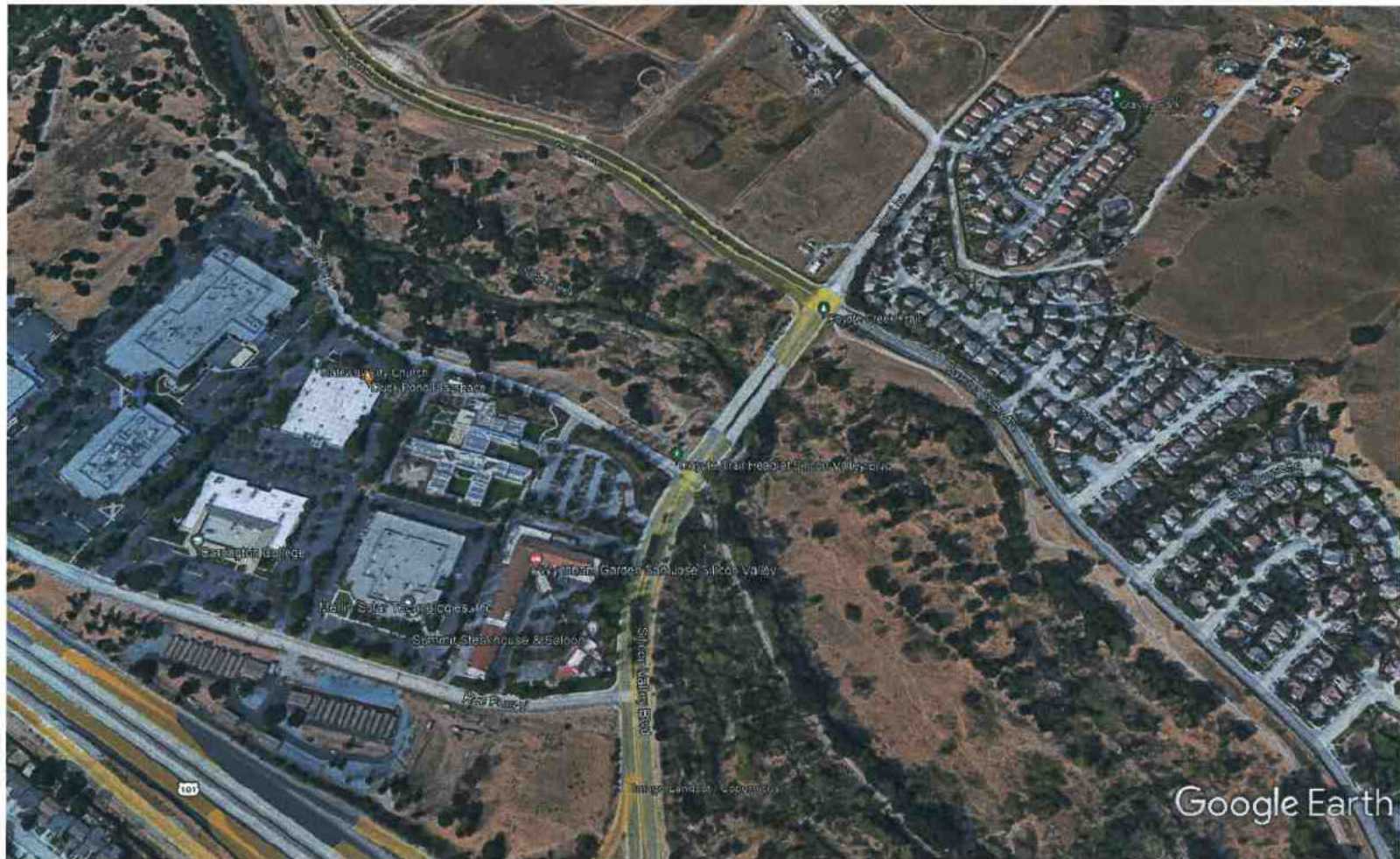
Very truly yours,

  
Norman E. Matteoni

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Cc: City Clerk, Gerry De Young, Ken Saso, Chris Marchese, Leo Cacitti, Sean Hu, Vic LoBue, Joe Filice, Loren Gunderson





Edenvale at Silicon Valley Boulevard, showing industrial development on west side of Coyote Creek Park Chain and Basking Ridge residential development on east side of the Park Chain.

Hellyer Avenue was extended from Silver Creek Boulevard to Silicon Valley Boulevard, financed by an assessment district. The large tract of vacant land at the middle top of the photograph, east of Hellyer Avenue, is zoned for industrial development.





Edenvale, showing residences west and industrial east of the Coyote Park Chain, just north of Silver Creek Boulevard.



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November 10, 2021

Council Members  
City of San Jose  
Council Meeting, Nov. 16, General Plan Amendments, Coyote Valley

Re: Item 10.3 21-2387. Letter from Ken Alex, UC Berkeley Center for Law, Energy & Environment for San Jose City Council

Honorable Members of the City Council and Staff:

Many thanks for the chance to provide comments on item 10.3, General Plan Amendments related to Coyote Valley. This is an update to the comments submitted for the Special Session reflecting the fact that the City has now adopted the resolution to adopt a net zero emission goal for 2030.

I am working with Terry Watt, Louise Bedsworth, Garlynn Woodsong, and Ed Pinero of EcoMetrics on a climate resilience credits program to support conservation actions in Coyote Valley. These are our joint comments. We have attached a description of that program to these comments.

Six years ago, nearly every country signed the Paris Agreement, which committed them to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, greenhouse gas emissions and climate disruption have continued nearly unabated. This year, emissions reached historic levels, despite a brief decline last year at the start of the pandemic. At COP26 in Scotland this week, countries are struggling to get the world back on track.

The City of San José, meanwhile, is taking bold steps to address climate change. In 2019, the City declared a Climate Emergency, laying the foundation for even bolder climate action. The City of San José is committed to meet the decarbonization goals established by the Paris Agreement. Now, at the November 8 Study Session, the City adopted a resolution setting a net zero emission goal for 2030. The City clearly recognizes the important role that land conservation and stewardship play in meeting its climate goals and has resolved to protect 30 percent of its land by 2030. The City's commitment to compact development, coupled with the protection and restoration of the Coyote Valley, is a leading model of climate smart, integrated land use.

The preservation, restoration, and enhancement of natural and working lands play a critical role in meeting climate change goals, both by reducing travel emissions associated with sprawl development patterns, and through the removal and storage of carbon. These activities also result in broad co-benefits, including improvements in water quality, flood protection, recreational opportunities, economic development, and food production. The Coyote Valley presents a tremendous resource for the City of San Jose to realize its climate change and resilience goals, while also securing significant local benefits.

By 2030, early analysis indicates that restoration of the Coyote Valley could sequester up to 14% of the annual CO2 emissions of the City of San José as of 2019. The sequestration potential of restoration activities in the Coyote Valley grows over time to the point that by the year 2150, the Coyote Valley could sequester more than 5 times the City's total annual emissions. Coyote Valley is a tremendous resource for the City to realize its goals, providing an opportunity for the City to engage in preservation, restoration, and regeneration of the Valley to deliver broad co-benefits for existing and future generations, including:

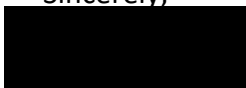
- Flood mitigation
- Water quality enhancement
- Groundwater recharge
- Recreation opportunities
- Habitat restoration
- Biodiversity
- Sustainable local food production
- Economic development through small farms, regeneration and restoration activities, and rural tourism

We are working on a Climate Resilience Credits Program as an implementation mechanism that allows these broader benefits to be captured and to generate revenue for conservation, restoration, and regenerative activities.

We commend the City on the adoption of the 2030 net neutrality resolution, and the ambition and commitment to climate action that it represents. We further commend the City's consideration of the General Plan amendments on November 16 that aligns City land use policy with conservation and climate priorities. Coyote Valley is important to this outcome.

As world leaders meet in Scotland with differing levels of urgency, San José can take concrete action to continue its leadership in California, the US, and the world. Coyote Valley is an essential part of the City's bold vision.

Sincerely,



Ken Alex  
Director, Project Climate  
UC Berkeley Center for Law, Energy, & Environment

Attachments:

- 1) Backgrounder
- 2) Flow chart

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**FW: Request from one of your district 9 constituents re Coyote Valley**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 11/9/2021 4:44 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Not sure if you need this or not since it was only send to one CM...

Thank you!!

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**From:** Kristine Karnos <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org  
**Subject:** Request from one of your district 9 constituents re Coyote Valley

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Dear Councilmember Foley,

As a San José district 9 resident (Doerr park area), I urge you to protect our climate and the health of our Bay Area green spaces and wildlife by voting in favor of rezoning Coyote Valley for agriculture and open space. I ask this as a resident of San Jose who lives here largely because of the natural beauty of our area... I hope for it to hold onto its natural life in the next challenging decades. I also want to see this area continue to have local clean water sources and food supply, and this is a concern as well, particularly as the effects of global overheating become more evident and impactful, and as we realize the vulnerabilities of our supply chains!

Coyote Valley plays an important role as a wildlife corridor, enabling the life in our hills and mountains to maintain healthy populations and move around as needed to adapt to climate conditions and emergencies (floods, wildfires, etc.). Coyote Valley also plays an import role as a carbon sink, absorbing carbon emissions, and protects downtown San Jose from flooding during the heavy rain events (think "atmospheric rivers", "bomb cyclone", from October news). These events are expected to become more common as the climate heats up.

Please follow city staff's recommendations and vote to preserve Coyote Valley as farmland and open space, to make San Jose more climate-resilient.

Thank you,  
Kris Karnos  
San Jose, 95124

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**Fw: Coyote Valley**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 11/10/2021 11:29 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

*Barb Gregory*    
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**200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14**  
**San Jose, C-A 95112**  
**408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207**  
**e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov**

**How is our service? Please take our short survey.**

**From:** Zoe Phillips Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org <info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org>  
**Subject:** Coyote Valley

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

As a San José resident and supporter of Mothers Out Front, I urge you to protect our climate by voting in favor of rezoning Coyote Valley for agriculture and open space.

Coyote Valley plays an important role in absorbing carbon emissions AND in protecting downtown San Jose from flooding during the heavy rain events that are expected to become more common as the climate heats up. It is also an important wildlife corridor.

Please follow city staff's recommendations and vote to preserve Coyote Valley as farmland and open space, to make San Jose more climate-resilient.

Zoe Williams (District 3)

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**Fw: PROTECT NORTH COYOTE VALLEY!**

Gregory, Barbara &lt;Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 11/10/2021 5:02 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Thank You,

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**From:** Teri Xirakis <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:02 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** PROTECT NORTH COYOTE VALLEY!

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Dear San Jose City Council members:

I am writing to ask that you follow your own staff recommendation, as well as that of the 36-member General Plan Task Force, to protect North Coyote Valley! Please vote YES to changing the land use designation from Industrial development to **Open Space and Agriculture**.

It's hard to imagine that the benefits of retaining this area as an open space and agriculture region need to be stressed — especially in the current era, it's so obvious why this is so important — but to refresh:

- Critical Valley Floor habitat including fresh water marshes have all but disappeared due to development. This re-designation will provide protection for what remains and allow for restoration.
- Protecting Coyote Valley provides natural protection from flooding and protects an important aquifer.
- Coyote Valley provides critical linkage for plant and wildlife populations in the Santa Cruz Mountains and Diablo Range.
- Exponentially increased truck traffic would further decimate wildlife populations through increased road-kills.
- Constant truck traffic from 500 loading bays would cause polluted runoff from diesel, oil and tires to flow into our drinking water aquifer.
- San Jose voters want Coyote Valley protected. They passed Measure T with over 70% of the vote to fund the permanent conservation of nearly 1,000 acres of open space in North Coyote Valley.
- There are many successful farming operations in Coyote Valley that prove that agriculture is a viable option in North Coyote Valley. This keeps fresh fruits and produce close and local to where we live.
- Growing our food locally is the environmentally sound choice, providing fresher food with less pollution caused from moving it to market.
- We need the carbon sequestration and flood control services that this climate resilient landscape can provide.

Please do the right thing and vote YES to protect North Coyote Valley!

Thank you,  
Teri Yazdi

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## NO to the Amazon deal in Coyote Valley!!!

Denice Swinnen <[REDACTED]>

Thu 11/11/2021 12:40 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello!

I live in district 2 less than a mile from the proposed Amazon distribution center. I would like you to reconsider letting this mega billion dollar company ruin the Coyote Valley. And ruin it they will. They don't care about the neighborhoods less than 1/2 mile away.

The Coyote Valley is one of San Jose's shining stars!

- Spina Farm - thousands visit here every year and have for generations
- Santa Teresa County Park - cyclists, hikers, outdoor enthusiasts
- Coyote Valley Park - hikers, bird watchers, athletes
- Calero Park - many drive over Bailey road to take advantage of this area

Imagine finally making it to the top of the hill at Santa Teresa County park: you're out of breath but you don't realize it because you have this amazing view to look at. A beautiful green valley in the winter, and amazing sunsets in the summer.

The main reason I moved to the Los Paseos neighborhood is because of the proximity to the park and open fields. I didn't want to have to ride my bike through the city to get out of town. Now, I ride less than a half mile in my neighborhood and can head down Santa Teresa Boulevard and be able to ride my bike for miles in unincorporated areas. With the distribution center and so many trucks, it will be too dangerous for cyclists.

There are so many negatives to letting Amazon take over our beautiful valley:

- Noise pollution
- Air pollution
- Destruction of natural habitat
- Countless Environmental impacts
- Harming the ecosystems
- Dangerous for motorists and cyclists

I, and thousands of other San Jose residents, will be negatively affected.

Doesn't it make sense to have a distribution center closer to the area you serve? Why not:

- unused buildings closer to downtown
- Monterey Highway near Capital Expressway
- Curtner Ave.
- The old Flea Market area
- East San Jose off Capital Expressway It's like putting a grocery store in the middle of a desert and the closest town is 20 miles away.

I would love to have a conversation with you and hear your reasons, other than money, why this is a good idea.

I can be reached at this email or 

Regards,

Denice Swinnen  


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**Fw: SAVE COYOTE VALLEY**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 11/12/2021 8:33 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Jane [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:08 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** SAVE COYOTE VALLEY

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Please - Please Save Coyote Valley.

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- We need the carbon sequestration and flood control services that this climate resilient landscape can provide.

Thank you

Jane



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**Fw: Vote YES to Rezone Coyote Valley for Open Space!"**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 11/12/2021 8:33 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Elizabeth Unpingco [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:29 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Martina for Mothers Out Front South Bay <info.ca.norcal@mothersoutfront.org>**Subject:** Vote YES to Rezone Coyote Valley for Open Space!"

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan:

As a long-term San José resident and supporter of **Mothers Out Front**, I implore you to protect our sacred environment by voting in favor of rezoning the Coyote Valley for purposes of preserving and protecting this historic yet threatened open space. The quality of life here in the "Valley of the Heart's Delight" has rapidly diminished and changed nearly beyond recognition. We are not a metropolis like the City of Los Angeles - nor do we remotely wish to be. Please preserve our 'emerald gemstone' and its wildlife before it goes the way of our orchards, parks, and waterways that distinguished this region.

Coyote Valley plays an important role in absorbing carbon emissions AND in protecting downtown San Jose from flooding during the heavy rain events expected to become more common as the climate heats up. Coyote is also an important wildlife corridor for our four-legged relatives!

Please follow City staff's recommendations and **vote to preserve Coyote Valley** as farmland and open space and in the process, make San Jose more climate-resilient.

*Elizabeth Unpingco*



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**Fw: SAVE COYOTE VALLEY!!**

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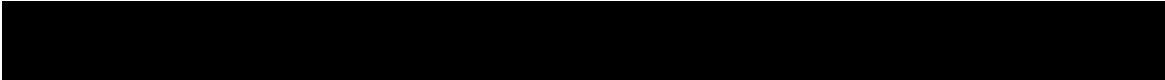
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**From:** Radhika Thekkath **Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 10:21 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** SAVE COYOTE VALLEY!!  


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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council members,

It is alarming that the San Jose Planning Commission voted against long-term protection of North Coyote Valley. Given the push by Governor Newsom and the State of California to undertake a serious effort on the 30x30 initiative, and given that the Bay Area is already built up with few remaining open spaces, North Coyote Valley plays a very significant role not just for the people who live in San Jose, but for all Bay Area residents.

My children and I urge the San Jose City Council to implement the recommendations for Coyote Valley passed by the General Plan Task Force. This includes changing the land use designation and zoning consistently throughout Coyote Valley for compatibility with the conservation vision and public investment in perpetuity. The benefits from preserving this land designated for conservation and Farmland Security Zone is numerous and some are listed below:

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**Please vote YES to changing the land use designation from Industrial development to Open Space and Agriculture**

Thank you and best regards,  
Radhika Thekkath

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**Fw: Item # 10.3 November 16, 2021. Vote in Favor of Staff Recommendation. Protect Coyote Valley for Wildlife and Agriculture**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 11/12/2021 8:36 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** KAREN LATTIN **Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:59 PM**To:** District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Item # 10.3 November 16, 2021. Vote in Favor of Staff Recommendation. Protect Coyote Valley for Wildlife and Agriculture  
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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to ask that the Council support the staff recommendations outlined in the Memorandum by Chris Burton Dated Nov. 5, 2021, attached to the agenda, Item 10.3. Coyote Valley is a gem of wildlife preservation and agriculture and must be saved for current and future generations. The importance of the wildlife corridor between the Diablo Range and the Santa Cruz Mountains was not understood at all when prior zoning decisions were made decades ago. It's time to put our knowledge to use and take action now when we still have a chance to preserve a substantial wildlife corridor and maintain what's left of the Valley of Hearts Delight.

Local agriculture and agritourism have become a very viable industries, especially so close to an urban edge with substantial wealth like San Jose and Morgan Hill. Look at places like Napa, Monterey Peninsula, Paso Robles, the farm to table movement, the organic farming movement, the fresh vegetable delivery industry, wineries. Coyote Valley's agricultural potential is vast and under-utilized. Coyote Valley could become the next California "farm trail, capitalizing on it's

agricultural potential while still maintaining the wildlife corridor so important to animal migration and sustainability.

I urge the San Jose City Council to vote on November 16th to accept the General Plan Task force recommendation to protect Coyote Valley as a natural wildlife and agricultural area. Thank you for your consideration

Karen Andersen-Lattin

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San Jose, CA

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