

Rules Committee 1/5 - Item G.2. Charcot Extension

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Dear Rules Committee,

We strongly recommend and support inclusion of this memorandum as an agenda item January 2022 or early February 2022. We wholeheartedly agree with the memo's recommendation to redirect funds to other VTA projects and cease forward movement on the Charcot Extension.

Councilmember Cohen together with Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez and Foley published a memorandum that recommends that the City Council officially directs staff to "take any steps necessary to cease progress" on Charcot.

We at Orchard, along with our community base, have long been working to stop this project due to the unnecessary healthy and safety risk for the children of Orchard School. We are pleased and very happy that our City Council member David Cohen, and Mayor Liccardo have "listened" to the community base in evaluating their publicized recommendation. There was no good location for an extension ending at Orchard school unfortunately, and we think that was a deciding factor in "putting our children first".

Thank you to Mayor Liccardo, and the San Jose City council for their support. Mr. Cohen has also been instrumental in reaching out and meeting with us regularly to fully understand all of the negative impacts this extension would bring. We sincerely appreciate his hands on approach, efforts and caring.

May we all have a safe and healthy 2022. This is a wonderful step in the right direction.

Best regards,

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