



## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Jimenez

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** November 28, 2022

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Approved

Date: 11/28/2022

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**SUBJECT: GPT22-006 - Amendment to the City Council Policy 5-1 Transportation Analysis for Affordable Housing Projects**

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the memorandum from Councilmembers Davis and Peralez, dated 11/23/2022, with the following modification:

1. Prohibit a Statement of Overriding Considerations under CEQA for any project due to significant and unavoidable transportation impacts in each of the following areas:
  - a. Coyote Valley Conservation Program Area, as defined by AB948 (see attached map);
  - b. Outside of the Urban Growth Boundary (“Greenline”); or
  - c. Any other land formally designated for conservation.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

A project that requires a Statement of Overriding Considerations may nevertheless merit exploration if it provides significant benefits to the community. A categorical denial prevents the Council from evaluating these opportunities. However, any land formally designated for conservation, and especially Coyote Valley, would not be appropriate for this consideration. Additionally, the prohibition should extend to any area outside of the Urban Growth Boundary, which in the General Plan is designated as Open Hillside or Open Space, Parklands, and Habitat.

