



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco
Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
Councilmember Sergio Jimenez
Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: EVERGREEN SENIOR HOMES INITIATIVE

DATE: February 9, 2018

Approved

Date

2.9.18

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve recommendations (a) and (c) as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2018 related to the petition initiative amending the San Jose 2040 General Plan;
2. Pursuant to the memo co-authored by Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Carrasco and Councilmember Arenas dated February 1, 2018, we invite our Council colleagues to engage in a discussion of the elements— regarding affordable housing, open space, traffic impacts, or any other relevant issues— that Council might consider as part of potential Council-sponsored ballot measure(s) that might also be submitted for voter consideration on the June ballot.
3. Pursuant to Section 501 of the City Charter, the Mayor shall propose a measure or measures for Council consideration on or prior to March 6, 2018.

BACKGROUND

The City’s land use authority and an established development process that provides a public and transparent approach are at stake. Developers are attempting to create their own, more profitable rules that break the rules established by our long-accepted General Plan policies and goals, which are the result of years of public input and debate. These developers attempt to circumvent the City’s requirements for affordable housing, traffic mitigation, and infrastructure needs, in order to market a proposal of a gated community for the wealthy at the expense of the taxpaying public.

We urge our Council colleagues to join us in taking a strong stance to protect the interests of our community, our rules, and our values. We also thank staff from the Office of Economic Development, City Attorney’s Office, and Departments of Planning, Public Works, and Transportation for their joint effort in compiling the 9212 Report related to the Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative.

The signers of this memorandum have not had, and will not have, any private conversation with any other member of the City Council, or that member’s staff, concerning any action discussed in the memorandum, and that each signer’s staff members have not had, and have been instructed not to have, any such conversation with any other member of the City Council or that member’s staff.