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Subject: Agenda Item 4.2: Support for Mayor's memo (Coyote Valley) and Khamis' memo (Santa Teresa Ridge Trail)

Honorable Mayor Liccardo,
and Members of the San Jose City Council,

I am writing, as an individual, to follow up on this morning's phone call to your office expressing my support of two memos for today's agenda item 4.2, General Plan Four-Year Review Scope of Work.

* I support your memo, cosponsored by Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez and Arenas. I am especially supportive of the part about "the long-term future of North Coyote Valley and the Mid-Coyote Urban Reserve to achieve key city objectives including the preservation of open space and wildlife habitat, flood and groundwater protection, agriculture, climate change resilience, and passive recreation." I attended many of the original Envision 2040 meetings where I spoke as a member of the public in support of preserving Coyote Valley. I also was active in the "No on B" campaign last spring to help save Coyote Valley from sprawl, and I now serve on the board of a local non-profit that has been instrumental in fighting to help save Coyote Valley.

* I also support the memo by Councilmember Khamis to adjust the General Plan text to allow the dedication of approximately 1,000 acres of public open space and construction of up to 10 miles of trails connecting four parks along the Santa Teresa Ridge.

Thank you,

~Larry Ames,
Dr. Lawrence Ames, longtime park, trail, and environmental advocate.

cc: City Clerk;
City Manager;
Megan Fluke (Exec.Dir) and Alice Kaufman (Advocate), Green Foothills;
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