

FW: 9/30/2025 San José City Council Meeting

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City Clerk,

I was in attendance at today's San José City Council Meeting for about 2 hours waiting to speak in favor of Item 10.2 on the agenda. Unfortunately, I had to leave as I was required elsewhere.

I had not submitted my comments below before the meeting, as I had intended them to be read to the full council. But as I was unable to stay and speak, I provide my speech to you below to be recorded in the meeting record.

Thank you.

--- Andrew Crockett, District 6 Citizen

Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am Andrew Crockett, District 6 resident and supporter of this General Plan Amendment. I am also Past President of the San José Odd Fellows Community Center located adjacent to the vacant lot under consideration for this amendment.

I request your support for this rezoning for the sake of the Community Center: for we would love to have dozens of new neighbors who we can engage with socially, for the betterment of our neighborhood, as we provide a family-friendly third place for the new community members to gather.

I further request this rezoning in my capacity as a CPA & civil servant. We all know the present federal funding crisis, and rezoning and developing this property would increase the Property Tax revenues from this land by nearly 10,000% over its most recent property tax payment of merely \$4-thousand dollars. Indeed, not rezoning can reasonably be considered fiscally irresponsible.

As a citizen living and voting in District 6 in the neighborhood where this zone change and development is proposed: I would be glad to see this long-vacant property put to productive use, for 60 years of evidence testifies to the nonviability of this lot's present zoning designation.

I trust that this development would strengthen our neighborhood character, boost the community center, compliment the surrounding architecture, contribute to public coffers through existing property tax structures, and leave a legacy that this City Council should be rightly proud to vote for.

I look forward to thanking you all for your support for this General Plan Amendment.

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