

April 25, 2023

San Jose City Council
200 E Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Item 8.4, 4/25/23, City-Led Engagement Process for Pleasant Hills Golf Course

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

The undersigned organizations support the Planning Department's [staff recommendation](#) for the City Council to *“accept the staff report on the scope, outreach approach, schedule, and budget for a proposed City-led outreach process for the possible redevelopment of the Pleasant Hills Golf Course property.”*

This 115-acre site, zoned for Private Recreation and Open Space, represents a rare and perhaps unprecedented opportunity for the City. Planning for development of this site merits a community engagement process reflective of the size and magnitude of the opportunity – a process that would allow residents to comment on potential uses such as urban open space, housing, and mixed use development without filtering by a particular organization's priorities. A key step toward maximizing the opportunity is therefore for the City's Planning Department to provide management, direction and oversight over the community engagement process since the Department would consider and prioritize the holistic and comprehensive needs of the city, the local region, and the community.

We support the Planning Department recommendation and we urge you to do the same for the benefit of the city, the local region, and the community.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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