

November 16, 2021

Hon. Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Jones, and City Councilmembers
San Jose City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Attention: City Clerk

Via email sent November 16, 2021

Subject: Vote to Protect Coyote Valley (**agenda item 10.3, November 16, 2021**)

We, the undersigned, urge the San Jose City Council to vote to protect Coyote Valley on November 16, 2021. We must protect this precious natural resource with its fertile farmland, critical floodplains and wildlife habitats and connections.

We should capitalize on Coyote Valley's agricultural potential, and we should also maintain the wildlife corridor between the Diablo Range and the Santa Cruz Mountains so important to animal migration and sustainability.

Access to locally grown food matters now more than ever. Coyote Valley can and should provide San Jose residents with local, fresh produce.

Coyote Valley filters residents' drinking water and air, and it limits the urban heat island effect. Coyote Valley also helps to protect residents downstream from flooding.

You must act now given the threat of a newly proposed, 2.3 million square-foot, Amazon-style warehouse that could be located elsewhere in San Jose. Why pave over farmland and open space? Why run hundreds of truck trips through wildlife corridors, combined with more air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, when the warehouse can be located closer to workers?

Developing in Coyote Valley would further deplete public resources that can be better spent in other parts of the city, such as on libraries, parks, and other community services.

You must vote on 11/16/21 to keep Coyote Valley preserved for nature, for the health of our community, and for our children. Approve the staff and Task Force recommendations on the Coyote Valley General Plan Amendments to change the land use designations in North Coyote Valley from industrial development to open space and agriculture.

Respectfully,

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