



Honorable Mayor Matt Mahan, City of San José
and Members of the City Council,
200 E Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113
via email, sent April 23, 2023

re: Agenda Item 8.4: City-Led Engagement Process for Pleasant Hills Golf Course.

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (D6NLG) urges you to accept Staff's recommendations regarding the former Pleasant Hills Golf Course. Please approve the scope, outreach approach, schedule, and budget for a proposed City-led outreach process for the possible redevelopment of the property. We also agree with the April 21st memo by Mayor Mahan et al. on the schedule milestones and that the outreach should include hybrid meetings, surveys, and workshops.

We here in District 6 have seen firsthand, on major projects like our Urban Villages and also Downtown-West, the importance of having a thorough, transparent, open, and impartial study and planning process. The former golf course property warrants a comparable City-led process, as it too is large and important enough to impact the quality of life across San José.

As we said in our [letter](#)¹ to then-Mayor Liccardo and Council last November, "A well designed planning and approval process would balance acknowledged community impacts with measureable community benefits through the collection of mitigation fees that would help improve transit in the isolated parts of the City."

Please accept Staff's recommendations and adopt the Mayor's memo.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Lawrence Ames', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Lawrence Ames, Chair, D6NLG

cc: City Manager Jennifer Maguire; City Clerk Toni Taber

¹ see letter dated 11/28/22, archived online at www.calsj.org/D6/