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CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Nancy Pyle
Councilmember Forrest Williams
Councilmember Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: **SEE BELOW**

DATE: April 18, 2008

APPROVED: Chuck Reed Nancy Pyle Forrest Williams Sam Liccardo

DATE:

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK OF THE COYOTE VALLEY TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDATION

Acknowledge and express appreciation to each of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force members for their contributions to preparing the "Coyote Valley Plan – A Vision for Sustainable Development" and, for their commitment and active engagement in a complex land use planning exercise;

Acknowledge and thank each of the land owners that collectively formed the Coyote Housing Group for financing the 5-year planning effort;

Acknowledge and thank City staff and consultant team for their efforts to guide and assist with the preparation of a comprehensive plan for Coyote Valley; and

Direct the General Plan Update 2040 Task Force to ensure that Coyote Valley is included in its citywide consideration of the jobs-housing holding capacity, with no change to the prerequisite conditions, and to assume that North Coyote will be built out under the existing entitlements.

BACKGROUND

The acceptance by City Council of the Coyote Valley Plan – A Vision for Sustainable Development is an acknowledgement of many years of hard work and creative thinking on the part of the Coyote Valley Task Force. This action does not constitute a City Council adoption of any policy. The Plan before us has no environmental clearance; it is not a Specific Plan; rather, it is a document that captures the essence of the work of the Task Force and memorializes its innovative ideas and perspectives for the development of the Coyote Valley. The existing San Jose 2020 General Plan will continue to provide the direction on Coyote Valley.

We believe that the General Plan Update 2040, currently in progress, provides a mechanism to further evaluate the implications of developing Coyote Valley from a city wide perspective. It is appropriate that the General Plan Update 2040 Task Force be directed to analyze the opportunities and challenges associated with future development of the area. No land planning or preparation of a new Specific Plan is required of the Task Force. The analysis should be based on the existing triggers or prerequisite conditions as set forth in the San Jose 2020 General Plan. North Coyote Valley, with its existing entitlements, should continue to be positioned for job generation and economic development purposes.

CONCLUSION

We appreciate very much the efforts and commitment of the Coyote Valley Task Force, the Coyote Housing Group, the community, City staff, and consultant teams. We anticipate the work that was done over the past five years will inform future City Council deliberations on Coyote Valley and significantly enhance work that remains to be done.