

June 11, 2010

**RE: *DRAFT Proposed Education Goals and Policies for San Jose's Envision San Jose*
2040 General Plan Update**

Dear School District Superintendent:

As you know, the City of San Jose is currently in the process of updating its General Plan. As a part of that process, staff working with our General Plan Task Force have created a draft Land Use Diagram (map) and are developing a set of companion General Plan goals and policies on a number of key themes in the Plan. The Diagram and General Plan policies will work together to guide the City's growth and development through 2040.

Please find the attached *Draft Proposed Education Goals and Policies* for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update for your review and consideration ahead of the upcoming meeting of the Schools/City Collaborative on June 16, 2010. We will be discussing and inviting your comments on these draft goals and policies at this meeting. Staff will then summarize input received at the Collaborative meeting, and any other comments received, in order to provide them to the Envision San José Task Force and community members prior to consideration of the *Draft Proposed Education Goal and Policies* by the Task Force on June 28, 2010.


If you would like to provide written comments, please direct them to John Baty, Project Manager by **12:00 Noon on Monday, June 21st** so they may be included with the packet materials for the Task Force meeting on June 28, 2010. There will be an additional opportunity to comment on the Goals and Policies for Education when the *Draft Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan* is available this September 2010. Following environmental review, it is anticipated that the City Council will consider the Draft Envision General Plan in June 2011.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

Sincerely,


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Proposed General Plan Update Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions



Education

Goal EDU-1 **Promote the operation of high-quality educational facilities throughout San Jose as a vital element to advance the City’s Vision and goals for community building, economic development, social equity, and environmental leadership.**

EDU-1 Policies

- Policy EDU-1.1 Facilitate open communication between the City, public school districts and the development community in order to coordinate the activities of each to achieve the highest quality of education for all public school students. (San José 2020 General Plan)
- Policy EDU-1.2 Encourage school districts, the City, and developers to engage in early discussions regarding the nature and scope of proposed projects and possible fiscal impacts and mitigation measures. These discussions should occur as early as possible in the project planning stage, preferably preceding land acquisition.
- Policy EDU-1.3 Encourage new schools to locate near populations which they serve.
- Policy EDU-1.4 Encourage new schools to avoid locations that could pose health and safety risks to children (e.g., locations near industrial uses, hazardous material storage, excessive noise). (San José 2020 General Plan, revised)
- Policy EDU-1.5 Cooperate with school districts in identifying and evaluating the impacts of population and demographic changes upon the need for new schools, may lead to school closures, may require the re-opening of closed schools or may lead to the decision that existing school sites should be preserved for meeting future needs. (San José 2020 General Plan)
- Policy EDU-1.6 Support legislative efforts to create suitable and adequate means of financing the construction of school facilities needed for a growing population. (San José 2020 General Plan)
- Policy EDU-1.7 Support efficient use of land through consideration of smaller school sites and alternative school configurations (e.g., multi-story buildings, underground parking, placement of recreation space over parking areas or on rooftops) to support the needs of each community.

- Policy EDU-1.8 Cooperate with school districts in the joint planning, development, and use of public school facilities combined with other public facilities and services, such as recreation facilities, libraries, and community service/programs. (San José 2020 General Plan, revised)
- Policy EDU-1.9 Provide all pertinent information on General Plan amendments, rezonings and other development proposals to all affected school districts in a timely manner. (San José 2020 General Plan)
- Policy EDU-1.10 Encourage the use of available school facilities for child care, private community gathering facilities, public recreation facilities and other dual- and multi-use purposes. (San José 2020 General Plan)
- Policy EDU-1.11 Continue the City’s commitment to active participation in cooperative City-district planning activities, such as the School/City Collaborative, that support efforts of mutual benefit between local school districts and the City.
- Policy EDU-1.12 Provide leadership with the K-12 education community to increase the share of youth in San José that graduate from high school, the share of high school graduates prepared for post-secondary education, and the share of graduates who enter and complete post-secondary education.
- Policy EDU-1.13 Through the City’s land use policies, support expansion of existing and development of new post-secondary education facilities, including community colleges and public and private universities.
- Policy EDU-1.14 Collaborate with school districts, the community, post-secondary institutions, businesses, and industry to ensure availability of necessary resources to meet learner needs.
- Policy EDU-1.15 Integrate school construction and/or renovation plans into the Village planning process.
- Policy EDU-1.16 Continue to work with schools through programs such as the Street Smarts School Safety Education Program to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and encourage walking and biking to and from school.