Dear Members of San Jose General Plan Task Force,

Coyote Valley used to have many beautiful farmland and orchards. Over the years, most of Agriculture operations have either gone bankrupt or left this area. Now most of the lands are empty and become ground for trash and illegal dumping. Dry weeds catch wildfire a few times a year.

These lands could have been the most promising resource to solve the housing crisis at the center of the Silicon Valley.

As governor Newson said during his State of the State address this year, "Let's call it what it is, it is a disgrace that the richest State, in the richest nation - succeeding across so many sectors - is falling so far behind to properly house, heal and humanely treat so many of its own people".

A balanced plan to include environmental protection and affordable housing will benefit local communities and mitigate gentrification.

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