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Honorable Chuck Reed
Mayor of the City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113

Subject: The County's Response to the Coyote Valley Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Mayor Reed:

Yesterday, County staff met to organize and plan our response to the Coyote Valley DEIR. It immediately became apparent to staff that it would be extremely difficult to carefully prepare responses to the numerous sections that pertain to the County, and obtain Board review and input within the sixty day window for public comment that has been set forth.

As you know, the Coyote Valley Specific Plan is the largest, most ambitious planned community in this valley, and it calls for, at full build-out, the development of 25,000 residential units and 50,000 new jobs on 3,400 acres. Accordingly, the DEIR is over a thousand pages, contains 93 *significant* environmental impacts, and proposes five project alternatives.

In the spirit of renewed City-County cooperation, the County of Santa Clara respectfully requests that the Coyote Valley Specific Plan DEIR comment period be extended another thirty days or from June 1 to Friday, June 29, 2007 so that our agency can properly review and comment on this important report.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Gage
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

c: San José City Council
Leslie R. White, City Manager
Joseph Horwedel, Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement

