

May 16, 2006

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN – AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

At the Housing Advisory Commission meeting on May 11, 2006, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council support the Affordable Housing Program developed by the Housing Focus Group Subcommittee. The HAC believes that the affordability targets proposed in the housing program will create an economically diverse community in Coyote Valley, and they reflect the recommendations made by the HAC in November 2005. The proposal provides for a balance of truly affordable housing. However, the Commission also indicated that Housing staff should continue to find methods of filling the financing gap for extremely low-income units that will not threaten already existing housing programs.

We urge the Coyote Valley Task Force and the City Council to adopt the recommendations made by the focus group and to ensure they are incorporated into the final development of the Specific Plan. We appreciate your attention to our recommendation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



TOM FINK
Housing Advisory Commission, Chair