

Email to CVSP Task Force

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Rather than endorsing the overall wisdom of planning development in Coyote Valley, our collaborative efforts are aimed at ensuring that the EIR addresses the problems of sprawl and loss of agricultural land and open space.

Jobs-housing imbalance a recipe for sprawl If San Jose is to meet its commitment to consider methods to minimize sprawl impacts, it must balance the jobs and housing in this new development and place them near each other. Coyote Valley fails on both counts because it supplies at least 10,000 fewer housing units than will be needed -- and that will increase sprawl in Morgan Hill, Gilroy and parts south and east.

Agricultural and open space lands need protection To ensure protection of the agricultural heritage in this region, we have asked that:

1. The City impose an immediate moratorium on development of agricultural lands within the Coyote Valley Greenbelt until the EIR has been approved;
2. The EIR establishes a target amount of agricultural and natural land for protection; and
3. The City collaborates with key stakeholders to draft an "agricultural preservation element" and preserve open spaces of the Specific Plan.