

August 26, 2004

Dear Mayor Ron Gonzales, Vice-Mayor Pat Dando  
and Councilman Forrest Williams

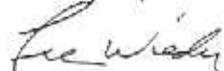
I address you as the three representatives of the City Council on the Coyote Valley Task Force Committee. I request that the Coyote Valley Alliance for Equitable Development be allowed a 20 minute presentation at the City Council's September 21 public meeting as part of the Task Force report. I make this request directly to you because we have received no response back from staff when a similar request was made for the August 30, 2004 Coyote Valley Task Force Meeting. In my August 20th letter to Laurel Prevetti and in which copies were sent to Mayor Gonzales and Members of the Coyote Valley Task Force (Letter attached), I wrote: "We request that we be given 20 minutes for a presentation and are willing to coordinate this presentation with Sibella Kraus with whom we met with today."

I concluded with "The plan for the greenbelt has yet to be defined and it is our position that defining the greenbelt and its appropriate land uses needs to be addressed now rather than waiting until the environmental review process commences."

This August 20 letter was delivered to staff and copies to the Mayor and Task Force the same day I and Ted Faraone (a member of the Alliance for Equitable Development Steering Committee) met with Sibella Kraus. As of this morning, Friday August 26 I still have not heard back from staff acknowledging receipt of my letter. I have learned from Sal Yakubu that the letter was not included in the package sent out for the August 30 Task Force Committee Meeting. I also learned from Sal that as of 8:30 Friday morning the Agenda for the August 30 Task Force Meeting was still not posted. He did tell me that he thought that the public comment time on the Agenda would be at 8:10 and that the meeting is scheduled to conclude at 8:30, even though it has been publicized previously from 5:30 to 9:00. Twenty minutes for public comments with a limit of 2 minutes/speaker will allow only up to 10 speakers.

It is the sincere hope of Coyote Valley Alliance for Equitable Development that under your leadership you will encourage rather than limit public input and that when an organization like ours which represents folks who live and work in the Coyote Valley Greenbelt and will be most impacted by these land decisions, takes the time to develop a coherent presentation, this request will not only be acknowledged but granted.

Thank you,



Lee Wieder

for Coyote Valley Alliance for Equitable Development

## Coyote Valley Alliance for Equitable Development

August 20, 2004

Laurel Prevetti  
City of San Jose Planning Department  
801 N. First Street, Room 400  
San Jose, CA. 95110

Re: For August 30, 2004 Task Force Committee Meeting/ Coyote Valley Greenbelt

Dear Ms. Prevetti:

During this month, the Coyote Valley Alliance for Equitable Development, LLC was formed. It is comprised of a significant number of property owners, farmers, residents and business owners in South Coyote who request to be part of the current planning for the Coyote Valley Specific Plan. The organization's *mission statement* and reasons for its formation were distributed at our organization's last community meeting in which there were over 60 in attendance.

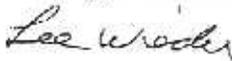
At your last Task Force Meeting of August 16<sup>th</sup>, a discussion on the greenbelt was included for the first time. By the time that we became aware of this it was too late for us to try to get on the agenda or to prepare any remarks. There was no mention that this would be on the Task Force's August 16<sup>th</sup> agenda at the Coyote Valley Community Workshop, just two days prior.

Therefore, we respectfully request to be a significant part of the current planning by being allowed agenda time on August 30<sup>th</sup> to introduce some of our ideas that we believe constitutes a "greenbelt community." We request that we be given 20 minutes for a presentation and are willing to coordinate this presentation with Sibella Kraus with whom we met with today.

We strongly believe that the selection of any of the three various plans that the Task Force is considering requires "planning information" on how 3300 acres of the greenbelt will be dealt with, which would include but not be limited to infrastructure financing. Even though most of the property in the greenbelt is in the County and the proposed Coyote Valley Specific Plan is a City plan, the fact remains that the Plan always has been comprised of 7,000 acres including 3300 acres in the greenbelt. **The plan for the greenbelt has yet to be defined and it is our position that defining the greenbelt and with its appropriate land uses needs to be addressed now** rather than waiting until the environmental review process commences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lee Wieder  
For Coyote Valley Alliance for Equitable Development

cc: Mayor Ron Gonzales, Members of the Coyote Valley Task Force