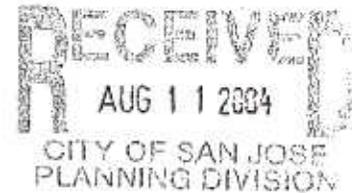




Santa Clara
Family Health Plan

The Spirit of Care

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Coyote Valley Taskforce Members
c/o Sal Yakubu, Principal Planner
San Jose Planning Department
801 North First Street
Room 400
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Coyote Valley Taskforce Members:

On behalf of Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP), I am writing to express our strong support for the development of at least two new health care clinics to serve the projected 80,000 community residents anticipated for the Coyote Valley area. The Santa Clara Family Health Plan is our community's major health plan that provides health coverage to San Jose's Medi-Cal and Healthy Families members, as well as the only health plan covering undocumented children, through our Healthy Kids program – thanks in good part to funding from the City of San Jose's Neighborhood Venture Fund. We currently have close to 100,000 members in Santa Clara County, with almost 80% of those in the City of San Jose.

As the City of San Jose engages in the planning process for the Coyote Valley project, SCFHP urges that at least two health clinics be incorporated into the final development plan. The Coyote Valley is conveniently located in close proximity to a large population of low-income residents whose need for health services is increasing at an alarming rate. Furthermore, reasonable modes of transportation are often a challenge for low-income families who must rely on public transit to take their children to distant health care facilities that are already overburdened by their own surrounding communities. The addition of two health care clinics would not only fill the current need for access to medical providers in the South Valley, but also would meet future demands caused by the influx of new residents projected with the expansion of 25,000 new housing units.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leona M. Butler".

Leona M. Butler,
Chief Executive Officer