



San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Benito Counties

June 1, 2021

Dear Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee Representatives,

The pull of jobs and demand to live in Santa Clara County is high, resulting in particularly acute stress on our families who need affordable housing. As San Jose updates its General Plan housing element and housing policies to address the problem, we need to be mindful that how and where we place housing will affect community development in many ways, including environmental impacts.

Changes to existing single family home zoning need to align with the Climate Smart San Jose objectives:

- *“densify the City to accommodate our future neighbors”* with transit-oriented villages in order to reduce vehicle miles traveled and therefore transportation related greenhouse gas emissions
- facilitate creation of *“high-quality, accessible public transit infrastructure”*
- *“create local jobs to reduce vehicle miles traveled”*
- *“create affordable, efficient homes for our families”*
- *“create clean personalized mobility choices”*

Please ensure that proposals for opportunity housing do not unintentionally undermine the planning underway to promote land use policies that create walkable, bikeable, and equitable communities that reduce climate changing greenhouse gas production.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Eggers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James Eggers  
Executive Director  
Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristel Wickham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Kristel Wickham, Climate Action Leadership Team Chair  
Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club