



September 17th, 2018

San Jose City Council
City of San Jose

Re: September 18 Agenda item 4.3:
PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR COLEMAN AVENUE PROPERTY

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council members,

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, the Committee for Green Foothills and the Native Plant Society Santa Clara Valley Chapter are surprised at the proposed facilitation by the City of San Jose staff of the conversion of open space in Guadalupe River Park to car parking, as stated,

- “Potential Parking Lease on Airport Property East of Coleman Avenue: The City will facilitate Earthquakes efforts to enter into a lease Agreement on Guadalupe River Park master planned land owned by the Airport for parking on up to four acres of land in support of Avaya Stadium operations” (Page 7).

In a time that parkland in San Jose is a scarce and precious resource, population is growing and expected to continue to grow, and the City is engaging in a global effort to curb emissions, it is surprising that San Jose is contemplating paving four acres of open space and parkland in Guadalupe Gardens. A commitment to work towards the conversion of parkland and open space to parking lot is premature, and the intent to do so should be discussed fully and openly with the community - including comprehensive and specific CEQA review.

We hope you direct staff to continue working on the Purchase and Sale Agreement but NOT to “work with the Developer to facilitate future conversations with staff from the Airport and the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy to discuss the potential for parking on land east of Coleman Avenue” (Page 8). Engaging in such “facilitation” would be, in our view, a disappointing step in the wrong direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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