

## **Feb. 23 Readers' letters**

### **From Mercury News readers**

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#### **Almaden Ranch project harmful to environment**

The Almaden Ranch Shopping Center proposal would increase dependence on cars in an already auto-oriented part of San Jose, which is inconsistent with the impressive Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan that seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A study conducted by the Institute of Transportation Engineers found that supercenters of 200,000 square feet or more generate an average of 42 percent more traffic. This project will increase greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. It would truly be a step back for the city of San Jose.

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