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**RE: BOS Item 11:  
Referral relating to Measure A Housing on County-Owned Land**

Dear Supervisor Chavez:

We write today on behalf of our members in support of your referral and Agenda Item # 11 relating to Measure A Housing on County-owned land. We commend the County's efforts thus far in leveraging 2016 Measure A dollars to fund the production of over 1,400 new homes to assist some of our most vulnerable residents.

As County Administration inventories county-owned properties for potential development of Measure A housing, we recommend that the Civic Center property continue to be considered as a potential site for affordable and permanent supportive housing much like currently proposed for the East Santa Clara development project. We applaud your efforts requesting the Administration to look into maximizing the residential housing capacity at the East Santa Clara site to deliver 800 to 1,000 new homes. We hope that maximizing residential housing capacities will also be replicated at other potential sites like the Valley Health Center in Gilroy, the St. Louise Regional Hospital and De Paul Health Center.

Long-term, we also recommend that County Administration begin considering the Reid-Hillview Airport property for potential mixed-income, mixed-use development. As we envision a San Jose and Santa Clara County for all, we believe that the Reid-Hillview Airport site has the potential to serve as a critical housing and economic engine for the East side.

As the region grapples with a housing affordability crisis, we appreciate the County's leadership and willingness to bring forward effective solutions.

Sincerely,



Michael Lane  
Deputy Director

Cc: Supervisor Mike Wasserman, Supervisor Dave Cortese, Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Supervisor Joe Simitian