



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council Members

FROM: Lee Price, MMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
April 20-26, 2007

DATE: April 27, 2007

ITEMS TRANSMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION

- (A) Correspondence from Save Bay Area Research Extension Center (BAREC) to City Clerk Lee Price dated April 25, 2007 regarding the 17 acre BAREC property on Winchester across from Valley Fair.

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

- (a) Letter from Don Blankenship to Mayor Reed and City Council dated April 2, 2007 writing on behalf of the Senior Citizens Commission in support of the Coalition for downtown hospital efforts to secure a medical clinic to serve the needs of the downtown residents.
- (b) Letter from Don Blankenship to Mayor Reed and City Council dated April 2, 2007 writing on behalf of the Senior Citizens Commission in regards to several recommendations for improving bus service to the City's senior centers.
- (c) Email from Assemblymember Jim Beall, Jr.'s office to City Clerk Lee Price received on April 19, 2007 invitation to the 24th Assembly District Healthcare Town Hall on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

- (d) Letter from Dan Fenton President and CEO of the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Steven Van Dorn President and General Manager of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau to Mayor Reed and City Council dated April 23, 2007, in support of the current inclusive process underway to better understand how the proposed 49er football stadium will benefit the City of Santa Clara and the Silicon Valley region.



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*Item Transmitted to
the Administration A*

April 25, 2007

Mayor Chuck Reed and San Jose City Council
City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Urgent and immediate need to place on the City Council agenda and to vote to approve by May 8, 7 p.m. the following: San Jose must begin negotiating with the State and City of Santa Clara to make the 17 acre BAREC land a San Jose City Park

TO: Mayor Reed and San Jose City Council Members

The 17 acre BAREC (Bay Area Research Extension Center) on Winchester across from Valley Fair is probably the most important historically significant piece of public agricultural land on California's Central Coast. In less than two weeks there is a scheduled vote to turn BAREC into housing.

Following are some of the reasons the City and community have already noted that BAREC is important to San Jose:

A VISION FOR BAREC'S FUTURE: The Director of the 40-year-old UC Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (www.casfs.ucsc.edu) has offered to repeat their award winning urban program at BAREC. It will help San Jose citizens learn more about our dysfunctional food system which contributes to unnecessary health problems and expense and how to change our habits and markets to improve the situation just as it has done for Santa Cruz County.

1. On March 18, 2003 the City Council voted to support the City of Santa Clara to keep BAREC in open space.
2. The San Jose Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Commission wrote a letter to the San Jose Mayor and Council on February 16, 2005 supporting that the City Council support preservation of BAREC "on the basis of the historical significance and potential open space and recreational value of the property".
3. On April 24, 2007 the County Board of Supervisors approved the County Historical Commission's letter stating that the cultural portion of the BAREC EIR was inadequate and that BAREC was so historically important to the county and state that it should be placed on the State Historical Registry. An application for this status is being filed.
4. "The Californian" magazine (August 2005) considered BAREC so important that they devoted an entire issue placing BAREC on their front cover. This magazine is published by the California History Center Foundation at DeAnza College.
5. The Preservation Action Council of San Jose Board was one of the first organizations to support keeping BAREC as historical agricultural open space. Other local organizations supporting BAREC as open space are the Silicon Valley Water District Board, the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, the Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters, the California Garden and History Society, and the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.
6. It was unincorporated land until 1983 when a strange shaped San Jose/Santa Clara boundary was drawn placing BAREC into the City of Santa Clara with two of its boundaries in the City of Santa Clara and two boundaries in San Jose. However, the entire area including BAREC has always had San Jose addresses. Only after BAREC was closed in 2003 was BAREC's address changed to Santa Clara.
7. The City of San Jose received national and international credit for the historical research and activities on BAREC including the only drought sod research in the

world and the cultural strawberry research that brought back the Japanese after World War II and led to California supplying 95 percent of the nation's strawberries. San Jose's Green Waste Program was developed at BAREC.

8. In the fall of 2006 BAREC was placed as a "Possible Park" on San Jose's Greenprint.
9. District 6, which is adjacent to BAREC, is missing about 80 acres of open space. Since this is the last publicly owned large parcel of open space land for District 6 and since County District 4 (BAREC is in the middle of this district) is the only county district which has no county park, it is especially important to preserve BAREC as open space.
10. County Supervisor District 4 Councilman Ken Yeager, current District 6 Councilman Pierluigi Oliverio, and Vice Mayor David Cortese are on record as supporting keeping BAREC in open space.

Since this issue is a once in a lifetime opportunity, we urge that the City of San Jose aggressively and immediately begin the process of negotiating with the State and the City of Santa Clara to place BAREC into the San Jose parks system for the following reasons:

1. San Jose desperately needs open space and particularly large parcels of open space. San Jose's District 6, which bounds BAREC on two sides, is short approximately 80 acres of open space. There are far too many children in danger because they are playing in the streets and because the parks and school grounds are overcrowded. Also, neighborhood streets near the few existing open spaces are overcrowded with traffic and parking.
2. **Because BAREC is public land and because the law states it can be purchased for an open space price (State Law #11011b) and because San Jose needs open space and would otherwise need to buy open space at approximately \$2 million per acre, the city of San Jose would be fiscally irresponsible not to negotiate with the State to purchase BAREC and keep our public land public.**
3. \$200,000 from private foundations is already available for purchasing BAREC and more can be raised if the purchase price is known.
4. **The State is required by law to offer BAREC to San Jose and all local governments (State Law #11011a) before offering it to private companies and they did not do this.**
5. With the release of the BAREC/Santa Clara Gardens Final EIR a few weeks ago, it is now clear that the City of Santa Clara and the State have no intention of keeping BAREC in open space as the San Jose City Council had intentioned in their vote. The Final BAREC EIR shows plans to develop the entire 17 acres. BAREC cannot be sold until the Santa Clara City Council approves the Final EIR and changes its zoning from agriculture to housing. This is scheduled for the council's May 8th meeting. According to Santa Clara Councilman Dominic Caserta, the City of Santa Clara cannot build its senior housing without the money they would receive from the private developer. If San Jose does not immediately vote (by May 8, 2007 at 7 p.m.) to begin BAREC negotiations with the State and City of Santa Clara, this opportunity for much needed open space land will be lost.

Sincerely yours,

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Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

February 16, 2005

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
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San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Bay Area Research and Extension Center (BAREC) Property

The City's Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending that the City Council support, to the extent possible, efforts to preserve the 17-acre Bay Area Research and Extension Center (BAREC) property on the basis of the historical significance and potential open space and recreational value of the property. Parks and open space are vital and bring immense environmental benefits. This site is located in the City of Santa Clara, contiguous to the San Jose border on North Winchester Boulevard between Dorich Street and Forest Avenue as shown on the attachment.

The Regents of the University of California are in the process of selling this publicly-owned land for redevelopment as single-family and senior housing according to the reuse planning concept for the property adopted by the Santa Clara City Council in February 2003. This plan includes a one-acre neighborhood park that will serve residents of both cities. The proposed development of the plan is currently on hold pending resolution of the property surplus process with the State.

The site was originally used as a center for mentally disturbed children from 1886 to 1920. Part of the site was then used as a home for Civil War veteran's families from 1921 to 1963; and from 1928 to 2003 the remaining land was used as an urban agriculture/horticulture research/education center under the University of California until its closure in 2003.

Members of the community have appeared before the Parks and Recreation Commission, requesting that the BAREC be preserved as either agricultural land or parkland. They have presented information that indicates there is broad community support from individuals and organizations within the community.

The City's Parks and Recreation Commission agrees with the community that the site has significant value as a historical, horticultural and recreational resource, which could be of benefit to both Santa Clara and San Jose residents. Therefore, the Commission is recommending the

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San Jose City Council, in conjunction with the Santa Clara City Council, consider opportunities to work together to preserve some or all of the site for the use of future generations of both communities.

Your consideration of this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Helen Chapman, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

Attachment – Map of Area

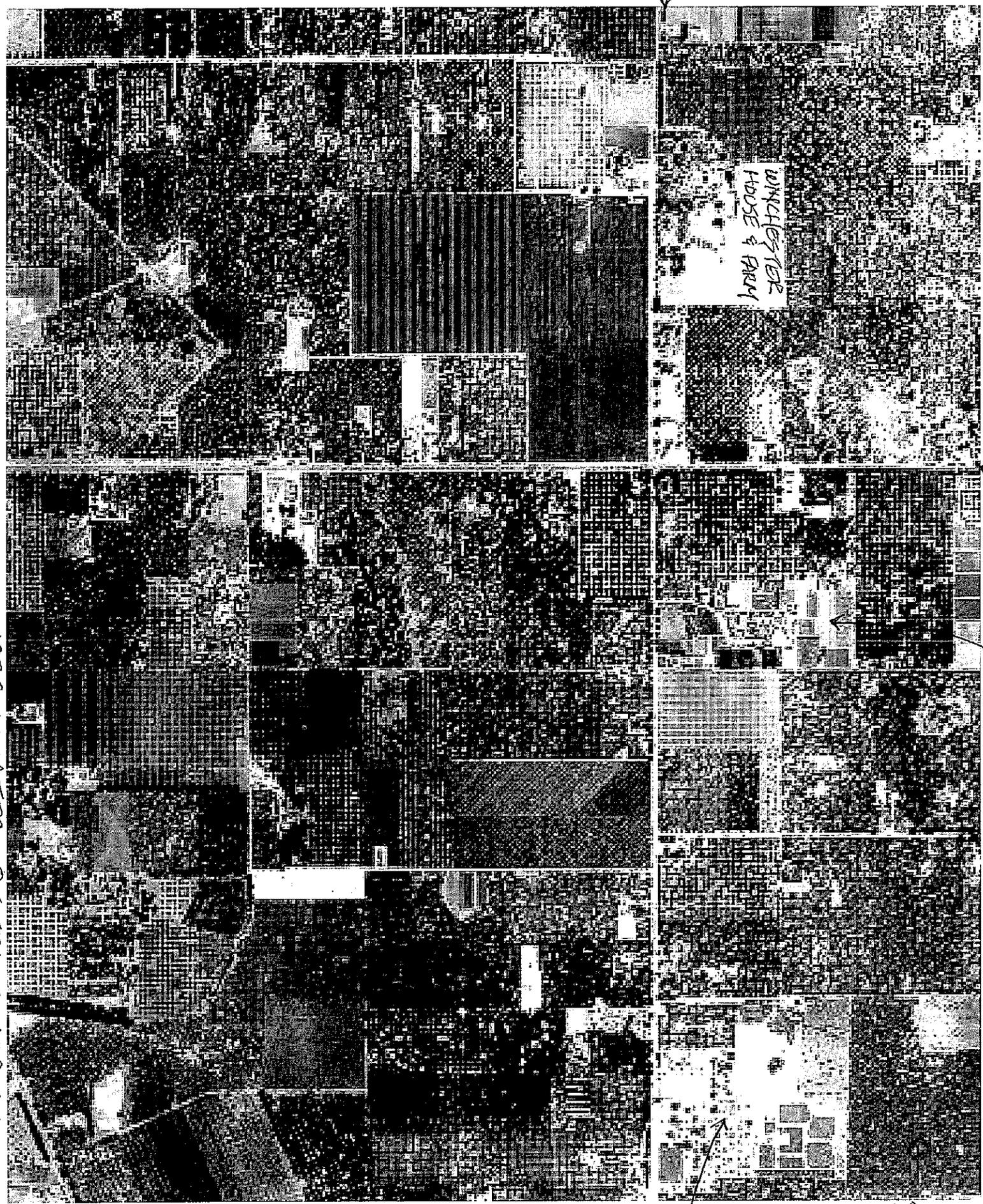
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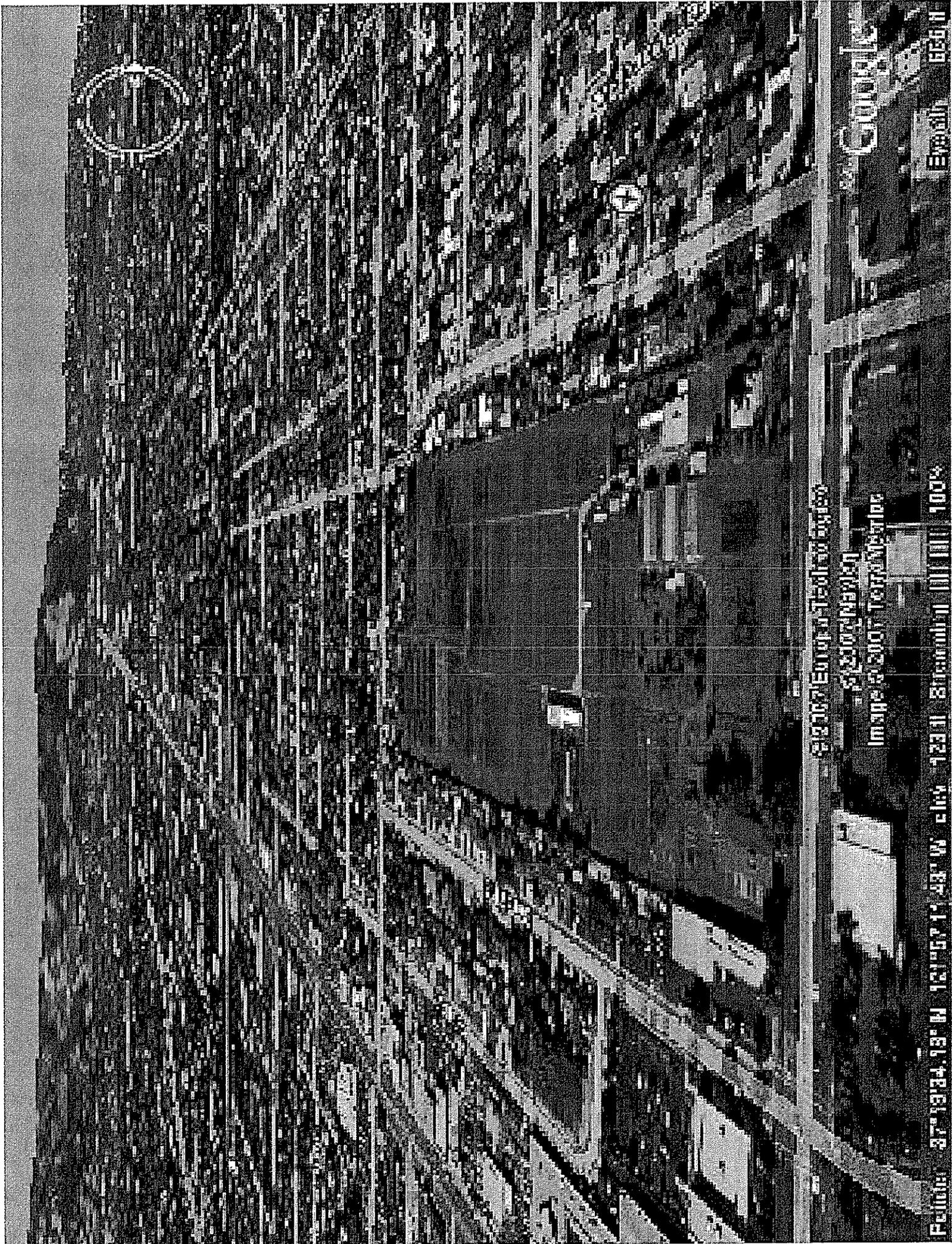
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Below is CA Government Code for sale of surplus real estate:

11011.1. (a) Land that has been declared surplus by the Legislature, pursuant to Section 11011, and is not needed by any state agency shall be offered to local governmental agencies. Except as authorized in subdivisions (b), (c), (d), (e), and (k), or any combination thereof, transfers of surplus land to local governmental agencies pursuant to this section shall be at fair market value. No surplus land shall be sold for less than fair market value, however, to any person or agency, whether public or private, unless the contract for sale provides for the reversion of the land to the state if the stated purpose for which the property is sold is not achieved.

(b) Where the land is to be used for park and recreation purposes and operated for those purposes by local agencies at no expense to the state, the Director of General Services with the approval of the State Public Works Board may, notwithstanding any provision in Section 11011, transfer the land to local governmental agencies at less than the fair market value of the land, if the transfer is in the public interest, under the following conditions:

(1) The local public agency has submitted a general development plan for the property that conforms to the agency's general plan pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Title 7, and which general development plan has been approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(2) The land shall be developed according to plan within a time period determined by the state but not to exceed 10 years. The deed or other instrument of transfer shall provide that the land shall revert to the state if the land is not developed within the time period so determined by the state.

(3) The deed or other instrument of transfer shall provide that

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the land would revert to the state if the use changed to a use not consistent with parks and recreation purposes during the period of 25 years following the sale.

(c) Where the land is to be used for open-space purposes, as defined herein, and operated by local agencies at no expense to the state, the Director of General Services with the approval of the State Public Works Board may transfer the land to local governmental agencies at fair market value of the land or at any lesser value of the land under any of the following conditions:

(1) The local public agency has submitted a plan for the use of the property that conforms to the agency's general plan pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Title 7, and which plan has been approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(2) The land shall be used according to plan within a time period determined by the state but not to exceed 10 years.

(3) The deed or other instrument of transfer shall provide that the land would revert to the state if the use changed to a use not consistent with open-space purposes during the period of 25 years following the sale.

(4) For the purpose of this subdivision, "open-space purpose" means the use of land for public recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, or conservation or use of natural resources.

(d) Where the land is suitable to be used for the purpose of providing housing for persons and families of low or moderate income, as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code, the Director of General Services, with the approval of the State Public Works Board, may offer the land to local agencies within whose jurisdiction the land is located. Provided, however, if the state has held title to the land for seven years or less and the land is not used for the purposes for which it was acquired, and the land is declared surplus land and is not needed by any other state agency pursuant to the provisions of Section 11011, the state, prior to offering the land to local agencies, shall extend to the individual from whom the land was acquired an offer to purchase the land at current fair market value. The offer shall extend for 60 days and if not exercised within that period shall be irrevocably terminated. The land may be transferred to local agencies at a reasonable cost that will enable the provision of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income. The cost may be less than fair market value. The Department of Housing and Community Development shall recommend to the Department of General Services a cost that will enable the provision of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income. All transfers of land pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The local agency has made all of the following findings:

(A) There is a need for the housing in the community.

(B) The land is suitable for development of the housing.

(2) The local agency develops a plan for the housing in accordance with criteria established by the Department of Housing and Community Development, which shall include, but not be limited to, criteria

respecting the financial condition of the developer, if the housing is to be developed by a private sponsor, and the cost of the project.

The plan shall be approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(3) After transfer of the property from the state to the local agency, the property shall be developed as housing for persons and families of low or moderate income. The local agency may lease or sell the property to any nonprofit corporation, housing corporation, limited dividend housing corporation, or private developer if the local agency determines a private entity is best suited to develop housing for persons and families of low or moderate income. In authorizing the private development, the local agency shall impose reasonable terms and conditions as will further the purposes of this subdivision, which shall include, but not be limited to, continued use of the property for housing for persons and families of low or moderate income for not less than 40 nor more than 55 years. A lessee or purchaser of land pursuant to this subdivision shall agree to limitations on profit in the operation of the property that will benefit the public and assure that the housing provided thereon is within the means of persons and families of low or moderate income. The agreement shall be binding upon successors in interest of the original lessee or purchaser and shall inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the state.

(4) The local agency shall assure that the land will be used for the purpose of providing low- or moderate-income housing and shall not permit the use of the dwelling accommodations of the project for any other purpose for not less than 40 nor more than 55 years, except as provided in this section.

In the event a local agency does not comply with the land use requirements prescribed in this section, as determined by the Department of General Services, the Department of General Services may require that the local agency pay the state the difference between the actual price paid by the local agency for the property and the fair market value of the property, at the time of the department's determination of noncompliance, plus 6 percent interest on that amount for the period of time the land has been held by the local agency.

If the local agency, with the approval of the Department of General Services, and in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, determines that there is no longer a need for low- or moderate-income housing within the jurisdiction of the local agency and another valid public purpose could be achieved by utilizing the land in an alternative manner, the local agency shall not be required to make any payment to the state for the difference between purchase price and fair market value or interest charges for the period of time the land has been held by the local agency.

(5) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall not invalidate the transfer, sale, or conveyance of the real property to a bona fide purchaser or encumbrancer for value.

(6) The project shall be commenced within 24 months of the original transfer to the local agency. However, the Department of

General Services, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, may for justifiable cause extend the time for commencement of development for an additional 36 months. The aggregate time for commencing development shall not exceed 60 months.

The deed or other instrument of conveyance shall specify that, if development has not commenced within that time, the land shall revert to the Department of General Services for disposal pursuant to this section or as otherwise authorized by law.

(7) As used in this subdivision, "local agency" means and includes any county, city, city and county, redevelopment agency organized pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000) of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, or housing authority organized pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 34200) of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code, public district or other political subdivision of the state and any instrumentality thereof, which is authorized to engage in or assist in the development or operation of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income and also includes two or more of those agencies acting jointly pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of this code.

(8) Up to 40 percent of the housing developed on land purchased at below market value pursuant to this subdivision may be housing that is not regulated as to price, rent, or eligibility of occupants only if the purchaser of the land demonstrates that the proceeds from the sale or rental of that housing, in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value and the actual price paid for the land, is used to reduce prices or rents on other housing units that are made available exclusively to persons and families of low and moderate income.

(e) Where the land is suitable to be used for the purpose of providing housing for persons and families of low or moderate income, as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code, and provided no local agency has acquired or is in the process of acquiring the land pursuant to subdivision (d), the Director of General Services, with the approval of the State Public Works Board, may lease or sell the land to a housing sponsor. The land may be sold or leased at a reasonable cost that may be less than fair market value. The Department of Housing and Community Development shall recommend to the Director of General Services a cost that will enable the provision of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income. All transfers of land pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all of the following conditions:

(1) The housing sponsor has submitted a plan for the development of that housing pursuant to criteria established by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, standards with respect to the cost of the housing development and the proportion of the housing development to be occupied by persons and families of low and moderate income. Insofar as is practical, the plan shall provide for a mix of housing for all income groups.

(2) The housing development shall normally be developed or be under development within 24 months from the time of transfer or lease

of the land to the housing sponsor. However, the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, may, upon finding justifiable cause, extend the time for commencement of development for an additional period of 36 months. The aggregate of all extensions for commencement of development shall not exceed 60 months. The deed or other instrument of conveyance shall specify that if development has not commenced within that time, the land shall revert to the Department of General Services for disposal pursuant to this section or as otherwise authorized by law.

(3) Transfer of title to the land or lease of the land to a housing sponsor shall be conditioned upon continued use of the property as housing for persons and families of low and moderate income for not less than 40 nor more than 55 years. In accordance with regulations that shall be adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, the Director of General Services shall require that any housing sponsor purchasing or leasing land pursuant to this subdivision enter into an agreement that (A) provides for limitations on profit in the operation of that property that benefit the public and which assure that the housing is affordable to persons and families of low and moderate income, and (B) does not permit the use of the property for purposes other than the provision of housing for persons and families of low and moderate income except as provided in this subdivision. Upon recordation of the agreement in the office of county recorder in the county in which the real property subject to the agreement is located, the agreement shall be binding for a period of not less than 40 nor more than 55 years upon successors in interest to the original housing sponsor and shall inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the state.

For the purposes of this subdivision, "housing sponsor" means a nonprofit corporation incorporated pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 9000) of Division 2 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code; a cooperative housing corporation which is a stock cooperative, as defined by Section 11003.2 of the Business and Professions Code; a limited-dividend housing corporation; or a private housing developer who agrees to the conditions set forth in this subdivision.

(4) Up to 40 percent of the housing developed on land purchased at below market value pursuant to this subdivision may be housing which is not regulated as to price, rent, or eligibility of occupants only if the purchaser of the land demonstrates that the proceeds from the sale or rental of that housing, in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value and the actual price paid for the land, is used to reduce prices or rents on other housing units which are made available exclusively to persons and families of low and moderate income.

(f) The Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Department of General Services and the Office of Planning and Research, shall make a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 1981, with respect to effectiveness of the program and shall recommend any necessary legislative changes to the

provisions of subdivision (d).

(g) Where the land is to be used for public purposes other than specifically set forth in this section, is to be operated by the local agency at no expense to the state, and the use and enjoyment of the public purpose contemplated will be of broad public benefit, and not a benefit basically of local interest enjoyed and used primarily by the residents of the area of tax jurisdiction of the local agency, the Director of General Services, with the approval of the State Public Works Board, may transfer the land to local governmental agencies at a sales price not less than 50 percent of fair market value. The transfer shall provide that if the land is not used for the contemplated purpose during the period of 25 years following the sale, the land shall revert to the state. The Director of General Services may provide additional terms and conditions which he or she determines to be in the best interest of the state.

(h) If there is more than one appropriate use and more than one offer for the use of a parcel of surplus land, the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Planning and Research, shall determine the most appropriate use for the parcel and the Department of General Services shall offer the land accordingly.

(i) Land that has been declared surplus by the Legislature, pursuant to Section 11011, is not needed by any state agency, is suitable for development for housing purposes, and is not in the process of being acquired pursuant to other provisions of this section, may upon the request of the Department of Housing and Community Development be retained by the Director of General Services for a period not exceeding five years, during which the Director of General Services shall continue to offer the lands for housing pursuant to subdivision (d).

(j) Transfer of state surplus lands under subdivision (d) shall be at a cost which will enable provision of economically feasible housing for persons and families of low or moderate income.

(k) Where the land is to be used for school purposes, the Director of General Services with the approval of the State Public Works Board and the State Allocation Board may, notwithstanding any provision in Section 11011, transfer the land to a local school district at less than fair market value of the land, if the transfer is in the public interest, under the following conditions:

(1) The land is suitable for use by a school district as a school site, school administration building site, school warehouse site, or other school use approved by the State Department of Education.

(2) The land is used by the school district for those purposes before a nonuse fee is required by Section 39015 of the Education Code or a later time approved by the State Department of Education, with a reversion to the state if not so used within the time prescribed.

(3) The deed or other instrument of transfer shall provide that the land shall revert to the state if the use is changed to a use not consistent with school purposes during the period of 25 years

following the sale.

(1) This section shall be inoperative for the period commencing with the effective date of the act that added this subdivision, until July 1, 2005.

Senate Bill No. 2099

CHAPTER 631

An act relating to state property, and making an appropriation therefor.

[Approved by Governor September 17, 2002. Filed
with Secretary of State September 17, 2002.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2099, Vasconcellos. State property: surplus.

Existing law requires each state agency, on or before December 31 of each year, to make a review of all proprietary state lands, with specified exceptions, over which it has jurisdiction, to determine what, if any, land is in excess of its foreseeable needs, and to report thereon in writing to the Department of General Services. Existing law transfers to the department jurisdiction of all land reported as excess.

The department is required to sell the land or otherwise dispose of the property pursuant to the authorization, by sending a specified written offer to sell or lease the property to certain local public entities. The department may not sell the land to a local governmental agency for less than fair market value. Any sale is subject to any other terms, conditions, reservations, and exemptions as the department may deem to be in the best interests of the state.

This bill would authorize the Director of General Services, subject to specified conditions, to sell, lease, or exchange a specified parcel of real property in the City of Santa Clara upon terms and conditions and subject to reservations and exceptions that the director determines are in the best interests of the state.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) (1) Pursuant to Section 11011.1 and notwithstanding Section 54222 of the Government Code or any other provision of law, the Director of General Services, subject to the following two conditions, may sell, lease, or exchange the real property consisting of approximately 17 acres in the City of Santa Clara, known as the Bay Area Research Extension Center, upon terms and conditions and subject to reservations and exceptions that the director determines are in the best interests of the state:

(2) The Department of General Services shall market the property referred to in paragraph (1) with the condition that the sale, lease, or exchange of the property cannot be completed until the appropriate local

governmental entity has granted entitlements for the buyer's or lessee's development project.

(3) The Department of General Services shall, prior to sale, lease, or exchange, perform preliminary studies to determine the presence of hazardous materials on the site referred to in paragraph (1).

(b) From the proceeds of the sale of property pursuant to this section, the Department of General Services shall be reimbursed for its costs related to the sale, including, but not limited to, any survey costs, title transfer fees, and department staff time.

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SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

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April 2, 2007

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Dear Mayor Reed and Members of the San José City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission, in support of the Coalition for Downtown Hospital efforts to secure a medical clinic to serve the needs of the downtown residents.

Redevelopment and new housing construction have contributed to the need for medical facility in this area, as District 3 is expected to undergo the greatest population increase in Santa Clara County over the next few years. The San José Medical Center Closure Impact Study Report indicated that the Downtown/East San José is the single area of greatest medical need in Santa Clara County and area is home to the highest percentage of low-income residents, including many medically at-risk senior citizens who need access to affordable medical care.

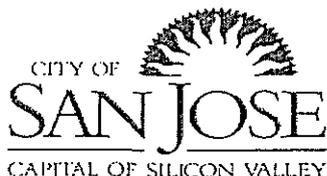
Healthcare is a critical need in this community, and options are limited for those who are on Medicare, Medi-Cal, or seniors who have limited transportation options. The Senior Citizen's Commission would like to ask for your support in retaining General Plan and zoning restrictions that limit the use of the former San José Medical Center Property to medical/healthcare services.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Don Blankenship, Chairperson
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Pete Constant
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, PRNS Director



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April 2, 2007

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Dear Mayor Chuck Reed and Members of the San José City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission in regards to several recommendations for improving bus service to the City's senior centers.

Commission's Health & Safety Committee conducted a study of bus stops and bus routes servicing San José Senior Centers. As a result of this study, the Senior Citizen's Commission is recommending that San José City Council work with the Valley Transportation Authority to advocate for the following improvements which would benefit elderly bus riders:

1. The bus service should be restored to the Northside Community Center. The route should run along either 6th or 7th street. The new City Hall could benefit from the addition of this route.
2. The bus stop servicing the Almaden Community Center should be relocated near the pedestrian crosswalk and handicap ramp (at Bose Court) and a bus shelter and benches be added to this location.
3. The bus stops serving the Evergreen Community Center, Hank Lopez Community Center and St. James Senior Center need both shelters and benches to improve accessibility for seniors with limited mobility and provide seniors with protection from inclement weather.
4. The bus stop servicing the Berryessa Community Center has benches, but would benefit from a shelter to protect seniors from heat and rain.

Transportation was the number one need identified in the City of San José's Aging Services Strategic Plan' "Community for a Lifetime". San José's senior population is rapidly growing and seniors over 85 are the fastest growing segment of the population. Transportation options are vital to ensuring that

our seniors stay active and engaged in their community. We believe these recommendations will improve access to the City's senior programs and the wealth of information/services they provide.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

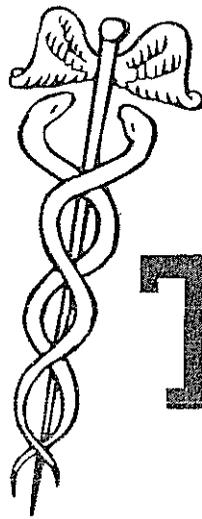
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Don Blankenship, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Pete Constant
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, PRNS Director

Assemblymember Jim Beall, Jr. would like to invite you to a Town Hall on Healthcare. The Governor and leadership from both houses of the State Legislature have made fixing California's healthcare system a top priority this year. This Town Hall will help educate and raise awareness about the various healthcare reform proposals that are currently being considered in Sacramento. The event will also provide an opportunity to meet with elected officials, learn how the Governor's May Revise impacts the proposals, and express your thoughts on which proposals you think would work best in California.

Bring your family and friends to learn and enjoy!



24th Assembly District
Healthcare
Town Hall

Thursday, May 17, 2007

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Camden Community Center

Multi-Purpose Room

3369 Union Avenue

San Jose, CA

(Free parking available on site)

For more information, please call (408) 282-8920





April 23, 2007

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

The Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau and the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau support the current inclusive process underway to better understand how the proposed 49er football stadium will benefit the City of Santa Clara and the Silicon Valley region. The process to date has provided various opportunities for the general public, community leaders, business leaders, residents and decision makers to provide input and share their feedback about the proposed stadium.

The review and validity of the economic impact study completed by the 49er management and consulting firm, Conventions, Sports & Leisure is an important step to determine the overall benefit the proposed stadium could have on the City of Santa Clara. In an effort to assist the City in developing a regional, independent evaluation of the proposed stadium's economic benefits we are working in partnership to fund a study to be completed by Dr. John E. Connaughton, a professor with over thirty years of economics and finance policy experience. Dr. Connaughton currently is a professor of Economics with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The scope of work includes a review of the economic impact of a stadium built in Santa Clara and will go beyond how the stadium might benefit Santa Clara, by evaluating County specific direct, indirect, induced and total impacts. This study will include an in depth look at impacts associated with the operations of the stadium, local spending, economic impact, and various taxes generated as a result of the proposed stadium. It will also look at other events at the stadium besides football games that would benefit the community and region.

Completing this study will provide a better understanding of the positive benefits of a stadium in Santa Clara and how it might support Santa Clara County and the region.

The Santa Clara and San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureaus look forward to working with you to make our region a great destination to live, work, play and visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dan Fenton", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Dan Fenton
President and CEO, San Jose Convention
and Visitors Bureau

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steven Van Dorn", written in a cursive style.

Steven Van Dorn
President and General Manager, Santa Clara Chamber
of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau

Cc:

Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of San Jose
Jennifer Sparacino, City Manager, City of Santa Clara
Les White, City Manager, City of San Jose