



SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT ON A 2-ACRE SITE ON WINFIELD BLVD AT ALMADEN LAKE DRIVE

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On August 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association voted to support a proposal to change the San Jose General Plan Land Use Designation on 2 acres of a 20-acre site on the corner of Winfield Boulevard and Almaden Lake Drive from Open Space to Residential Neighborhood (City File #GP 16-003). This vote of support is contingent upon 1) the applicant transferring the remaining 18 acres of the subject property to a public entity such as the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority to be used as public open space, and 2) the applicant constructing a public trail across the entire property.

The Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association is comprised of roughly 4,600 residences located between Santa Teresa Boulevard on the north, the foothills on the south, Cottle Road on the east, and Winfield Boulevard on the west. Since its inception in 2000, a key goal of the Association has been the preservation of the Santa Teresa Foothills as public open space and the creation of the east-west Coyote-Alamitos Trail connecting the Coyote Creek Trail and Santa Teresa County Park on the east with Almaden Lake Park and the Los Alamitos Trail on the west.

The proposed General Plan Amendment is an important step in this objective because, in exchange for a small number of residences on 1-2 acres, the remaining 18 acres goes from private open space to public open space and the first segment of the trail gets constructed. This public-private partnership creates a win-win situation for both the public and the property owner. It is noteworthy that the subject property is adjacent to an 8-acre parcel that was recently purchased by the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority.

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