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>> First we have an announcement from Sam.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Yes, you're all being videotaped. Perhaps beyond your will. But apparently we're being filmed tonight. And so if you have anything to say, please are sure you're talking into the microphone. So that our television viewing audience at home, the millions -- it's not live? It's for posterity. For the millions in posterity will be able to hear exactly what you have to say.

>> That means they can edit it. Okay. Let's start out by review and approval of the August 22nd, 2011 task force synopsis. Judge move for approval.

>> All those in favor? Opposed? I like that we're moving. Responses to task force comments, updates and announcements. Andrew.

>> Thank you. So just a few things to follow up on. First, in terms of the EIR status, we're continuing to work on preparing the First Amendment that would respond to the comments received. There's no change in the schedule on that so nothing really to report. We should have the amendment out ten days 12 days before the Planning Commission hearing. And second item there was a question about pipeline projects. So to follow up on that, in the packet, there is a list of two that we were able to identify in looking through projects on file. That had lands use transportation diagram designation that the -- under the 2020 general plan they would be consistent with it, potentially would not be consistent with in 2040. So those are the two projects on file at this time. It is still possible that other projects would come in and be filed prior to the city council action date at this point there were two with all that we could identify. So there are some questions, we'll be asking about how many will we be talking about. There may be more. If we keep searching and looking under every rock those are the ones that came up. Just wanted to mention we did find two that would benefit by the proposed general plan update, there are two projects that could find conformance under 2020, but it's more clearly that they were consistent with the 2040 plan. Two commercial projects. Also, would like to at this point, point out to the task force that there are several letters that were received, couple that came in made it into the packet and then tower more that came in Friday or today. To walk through them, one is the university neighborhoods coalition, it's a re-submittal from March it was in

your packet previously but I just wanted to reiterate that the concern that we plan adequately for health care in the downtown. We have a letter from Pat Colombe chair of the landmarks commission that is generally supportive encourages us to just continue to recognize the importance of historic preservation as part of the general plan. We have a letter from Brian Schmidt of the committee for green foothills in a similar vein, mentioned there are several positives about the general plan and just encourages us to further stretch in terms of our environmental leadership and I know one of the uses there is the uses out of the urban growth boundary that we had previously indicated we take options to the city council when we do our referral on the update. And then also there is one from Michael Pierce who I believe would want to speak here today that's really region new policy. This just arrived this afternoon. So we haven't had much time to look at it but my understanding is that there is a site with residential general plan designation that they would like a higher density than what the current general plan supports and sort of looking at some policy language that would allow more flexibility to further intensify residential under the current general plan designation. So those are what we have for our updates and if there's any questions or comments at this time.

>> Any questions about any of the updates? Okay. Our next segment -- did you have something else you wanted to ask?

>> I was just also asked to nuance we have cupcakes over by the water cooler and there may be some other snacks around. Let people know to help yourself.

>> I have mine here. We should have them at everybody's place. You also have some nice little trinkets. Do we get to take these home?

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Who should we be thanking for cupcakes an legos?

>> The efficient team.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: The efficient team, fabulous, thank you.

>> We're going to go around -- I'm going to start with Pat and we're going to go around and ask each of you for any comments that you have. And I would like you to try and keep it for about a minute, so that we also have time for the public comment and then for the discussion and final recommendation. So Pat, did I give you adequate time?

>> Good, what was that, ten seconds?

>> You still get your full minute.

>> One, I was going to say exhaustive process but would I say it's been a very thorough process. Had you asked me six months ago, I would say exhaustive. Now when I look back on it, it has been a very thorough process, really impressed that the time that the public has had the time to participate. Especially going out into the neighborhoods. If you couldn't make it to City Hall in these meetings there was ample opportunity to have some input. With regard to the business community, I believe I was the one at the last meeting that asked about the pipeline projects. Because I worry about, as we are making decisions for the next 20, 30, 40 years, whatever this might lead to, that we can be conscious of how quickly the economy changes and land use drives the economics of not only this city but every city in America. And I hope, as I said several times, is this a business-friendly policy? And are we looking at this in a business-friendly manner? And there are some areas that I still worry about but I think overall, I think it is -- will be a good plan to live by. And finally, when -- when we're making plans that are so far out, it's, you know it's almost like throwing a dart at a dart board. Because our world has changed so much in the last three years. And who would ever thought that we would be where we are now in this city and again across the country and the world. The one area that I think we are weak on, is that we have limited the options of how people can live in San José. I say that because we were told at our first one or two meetings that the demographics that we will see in the next -- till 2040 will be the very young and the elderly. And so I hope that we provide -- provided the adequate types of housing that will serve their needs. But overall let me say it's a commendable job by staff and certainly our co-chairs. Thank you very much for the opportunity to participate.

>> Teresa.

>> I'll get us back on time. No kidding. I just want to say that I think the product is really reflection of a great process. We've engaged the community extensively, the staff has been great at providing us with case studies and examples from other areas which I've appreciated, and I think we have a great task force. People that are really committed to this city and will continue to be involved with it on an ongoing way as will I, thank you very much, it's been a pleasure to serve with you.

>> Nancy.

>> I would like to take this occasion to recognize someone who is not here and that is Janet Gray Hayes who some 35 years ago began this whole process by saying, let's make San José better, before we make it bigger. And I want to thank everybody who has been in this process here, and over those 30-some years, to make it a huge change in this city. But it had to be to stop something, which was the continued extension of the city beyond its core. And now, we see, in this document, a beginning of another 30 years, where we turn our attention to the urbanization of the core area. And I think it is a pivotal step not just for San José but for the Bay Area, which is recognizing that this is our future. And we are showing the way. I am very proud to have been a member of this group, and all the members for 30 years before in the community, the chairs of the committee, the council, who have worked on this. And who will continue to be a tremendous force for the City of San José.

>> Linda.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair. First I want to give the universal thank you to staff. Those that are here and those who were here before and have gone on to bigger and better things and to our three chairs and co-chairs. I think you've done just a tremendous job. So many things I wanted to thank staff for was listening to all our comments and I think you really did an excellent job of trying to capture what was a consensus and making sure that that was what was in the plan. You also moved the discussion along when we got off, you know, on tangents without you know I never felt like you were cutting people off which I think is really, really important in a group this

large. The format for discussion was great, particularly when we had the little breakout sessions. I think going out in the community, having the community workshops were great. I think that was just tremendous. I want to thank everyone on this committee who came prepared to discuss items. Because so often you get a group like this and one or two people are engaged but I think everyone here was engaged and I think that made it very beneficial to all of us and I really like that. With regard to the product itself I'm really glad to see measurable sustainability goals. We're not just using the Green Vision but we're using the urban environmental accords with regard to climate change and water and energy stability I think that's really important. I think the way we've addressed water conservation and water recycling goals particularly happy since I worked on the original guidelines or whatever they were called on the riparian corridor. Having the 100-foot setback as a standard, and having an action item that the council actually developed a riparian corridor based on that standard. Having measurable VMT goals I think is really, really important product. The village concept I think is just terrific. I just hope that going forward, the future councils actually do what we're suggesting. As I know all it takes is six votes on any given Tuesday. I still have a concern, and about the jobs-housing balance. We had a wonderful process to get through the numbers that we did but I think that the housing numbers are just unrealistic but that was -- you know like I say we had a great process to get to it. And I'm thankful to the members who were successful in including access to health care for all San Joséans in the plan. I think that was very, very important. Mostly I want to say that although it was four years I think it went along pretty quickly. I'm going to miss these meetings I actually am but I am sort of a policy wonk.

>> Thanks, Pierluigi.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Or the general plan and life after the general plan. Yeah. So I as well enjoyed serving and I'm happy to do so. It sort of did fly by. I would say that whoever's in the room that's still involved in city government I would be happy to serve ten, 12 years ago, in the future when the next general plan is going to be done as a private citizen. In hindsight I would think looking back at the path we took over four years in hindsight of course sticking just to really land use and not trying to be everything to everyone could have got us out of here a little faster but it's the way it went so that's no problem. To Linda's point I will be keeping score to see where we are able to stay on task versus not the task. There will be temptations for future councils to do

something different and we'll just see how that goes. And I am glad the plan has the notion of finance and economics meaning how are we going to pay for the services to provide the residents. And that surely could be through how we grow as a city. And then finally you know this is a big plan. It's like a lot of things and there's multiple people on this committee and multiple people have differences on how the plan is put together, what if final outcome is and I myself wanted to see some slower growth but in the end we're going to see what happens in San José. But I clearly think this is a good product. Really appreciate the planning staff and also the reality of you know planning staff is only funded through certain amount of time and there's also the economic reality hits the planning department after this plan is adopted so I really appreciate all the hard work that everyone did in your professional planning staff to make our city a great place. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Pierluigi. Judy.

>> I want to add my thanks to everybody else's. It has been a long and patient period for those of you on staff and those of you directing the process. I just want to give you my top five things I like about it. I like the idea that once again, we're trying to change the job-housing balance to get us more jobs. And not less housing. But concentrating on jobs. I like the fact that it's very committed, I think, to trying to retain employment land, which has been a problem in the past, but hopefully, this will help it not be so much of a problem in the future. I like the emphasis that is on retaining the essential character of given neighborhoods, you know, that you try and define what makes them what they are and then you try not to mess it up. I like that piece a lot. Obviously, I like the historic preservation concepts, I think they're good and I think they're strong. And I like the urban village. So that's my top five.

>> Thank you, Judy. Jackie.

>> Yes, thank you. I also want to start off with thanking the staff. I've been in the role of staff to large bodies, and decisions, and I thought the staff did a good job of listening and capturing what individual task force members had to say. And to bringing us really good speakers on topics that we had to deal with as well as the written materials. So kudos to staff for a job well done as well as for those who were in the chair and the co-chairing

positions. You did an excellent job of keeping us focused so appreciate that. Some of the other things that I enjoyed about the process, this was my first time, number one. And as I said, I've been involved in other planning groups, not one quite so long. But I think we did an excellent job given that this is a big project. And this is an important work that we needed to do. And give careful consideration in terms of what we've come up with because we all want San José to be a place of great place, a city of great places where not only we can live but future generations can be here. I have an 18-year-old son and I'd like him to be able to live here in San José and a 28-year-old son so I'd like them to be able to stay close to mom. And I like the fact that we planned for people and not cars. Because I'm in my car quite a bit and I love to be out of my car more. I'm beginning to ride my bike more so I really appreciate that bicyclists and pedestrians were considered as well. I like the urban village concept and I'm looking forward to see those actually come to fruition. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Jackie. Erik.

>> I just want to thank the city council and the staff for giving me the opportunity to serve. I'm -- my family's been involved with every general plan that's been prepared for the city and I'm proud to continual that tradition.

>> You're preparing your kids.

>> That's right. At the rate we were going, I thought that we would still be going on this one when my kids were old enough. But anyway the plan is very progressive and I think the vision and the themes and the goals that are in the plan are very good. And on the cutting edge of what cities need to be doing. I think the challenge that I foresee is having the private sector, meaning developers, investors, understand the plan. This general plan trying to know what it says is about ten times more complex than the last general plan. You have to look through sections and sections and sections to know what really is allowed and whether a project is feasible or not based on all these policies that we're putting forward. So I think that's the challenge going forward, is seeing how the private sector reacts to the plan and is able and willing to implement it. Because at the end of the day, we need the investment to get the jobs or the housing. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Erik. Harvey.

>> And I too would like to thank the mayor, council and particularly Councilmember Oliverio, recommended me for the position on this team. I'd like to thank the chairs for their patience. I know I talk a lot. And I often had positions that were held very dearly by many members of the community and neighborhoods often felt left out of earlier decisions. So I thought it was very important to bring them forward. I want to particularly thank staff for creating a process that really brought the community into the process. Having the number of neighborhood meetings that we had over the last four years, with the great participation that we had, so that people felt that they were actually a part of the process and they could speak and the stragglers continuing to come four years later shows that we did a good job in that respect. I particularly like, as an older person now, I was a young person when we started of course, the fact that we are trying to create a more urban city. I think that as I get older, I may not be able to live in the historic neighborhood which, by the way, I'm very happy that we put some good language in to help preserve the character of the existing neighborhoods. But also, I think that as people alluded to as we age we will need different kinds of neighborhoods. And I look forward to a more dense, walkable, urban environment that will have all the resources I need nearby.

>> Thank you. Frank.

>> Thank you. I'd also like to express my gratitude for the privilege of being on this panel or this task force to the mayor, the city council, and certainly to the chair and co-chair, and a huge gratitude to the staff who really did support us all the way with excellent materials, always made sure we had copies of everything. So huge thank you there. Main things that I want to emphasize that I think we did extremely well on, as a process, is being able to create not only a plan that has the potential for the economic goals, but very importantly, that we provide for housing, education and transportation to attract the business community. Specifically on housing that we were really thinking of all segments of the housing so companies would have a set of choices for their workforce, that we embrace neighborhoods which can help build education, because community builds -- it takes a community to really build a solid environment for kids to grow up in. So the emphasis on neighborhood was really fantastic. And then also recognizing the economic realities of transportation. So being able to achieve these goals was a highly

inclusionary process with the community was really extraordinary so I thank you very much for the privilege of being on this group.

>> Thank you, Frank. Neil.

>> Well, I'd like to thank the city council and the chairs, and for putting me on this committee, at least I think so. I'm glad that I'll have my Monday nights back. I apologize for not being at every meeting, I spent some time in Sacramento but I did so knowing that this -- my colleagues here on the task force are well up to the task of dealing with the general plan. It's been a long process. Some of you actually served on the Coyote valley plan which I did too, so this has been about seven or eight years I've been on something similar like this so I'll be glad to get my Monday nights back. You know much like Frank said and others, I think we should apples try to set the bar as high as we can and never compromise. That does create some challenges but I think we should try to make the best community we can. We know that the city council will be tasks with difficult decisions. They can always reevaluate at that point but we should set the bar high and shouldn't be afraid to do that. I want to thank my colleagues on the task force and those that committed their time we did that without great pay and we appreciate, I assume this is for us to take or not.

>> That's yours to take.

>> That's a bit of a downsize but I understand the economics of our situation since the Coyote plan but this will be right on my desk. Thank you.

>> Thanks Neil. Sam.

>> Want to take this opportunity to thank the work for the other staff who's done a great job in terms of preparing materials and recap of the committee meetings and communication has been completed in a very well done manner. I appreciate that very much and of course the leadership of this task force, I appreciate the opportunity to serve on this committee. On this task force here. And the priorities that we place for city, it's been said people

don't plan to fail, they fail to plan. I don't think people will fault us for not planning and try to look into the future as much as best as we can with the conscientiousness of healthy leading, of the quality of life of the city, such as the mixed city that we have here, certainly that's very important in terms of transportation and certainly employment and housing. And environment and all those areas are really critical that we do think ahead of time and then plan accordingly. And I think those are great track that we created and we want to be sure that we can stay on track as best as we can, certainly knowing that there's always room for improvement. So I do certainly appreciate the quality of time that we have together. That we've learned through the process. And we had the opportunity to be a part of building this great city that we live in. So thank you all for your time. And everybody's work.

>> Thank you. Shiloh.

>> I, too, want to thank staff and the council for appointing me. I would note that I have a perfect attendance record for these meetings. [applause]

>> Thank you. That's all I needed, thank you. Two things that I love about the plan. I love the aggressive mode shift goals, getting more people on bikes and on transit is absolutely fabulous and also I love the concept of the villages and making sure we have great places in San José. I also wanted to say that throughout this process, I learned a whole lot and I feel like after three, four years we should all have a bachelor's degree in urban planning from San José State so maybe you guys can work on some kind of credit that we get. And related to that I think what's important here is that we created this cohort -- that's a great ring tone -- but we've created this great cohort of folks who, going forward, can hopefully serve to continue to hold whoever's in charge their feet to the fire, and really work on the implementation piece of this. Because that is where the work begins. And that's the exciting part of the work. Maybe we can call it like friends of San José or something, friends of the San José general plan or something like that. But I think we should all continue to be working together, and implementing the general plan together. One thing I wanted to say also, I love the legos. I have to let you all know that staff, I'm sure it was no accident, my lego thing has a bicycle on it.

>> So does Sam's.

>> Yours have a bike too? That's great. Does yours have a loaf of bread in the basket in the back?

>> Councilmember Liccardo: No, I want to trade.

>> And then one last thing, I made banana bread so I'll pass around banana bread for folks.

>> Thank you Shiloh. Judy.

>> Yes, I would like to thank staff, and the leadership for over the four years, continuing to educate and move us along. Somehow, during the four years I managed to hair, lose my hair, and then to grow it back. So I don't want you to think it's been a long process at all. But I take great pride in the fact it was such an inclusive process and when I first saw a room with I think it was 36 people, I think in the new language of our day it was OMG! How do you get a committee of 36 to come to decisions? But the staff and the leadership took the time to allow for the task force to discuss issues, and if they weren't comfortable with it, they allowed us the extra time that was necessary. It's exciting to have a real vision for the future of San José. And I'm looking forward to seeing it realized. Having been on council when the old general plan was getting a little tattered at the edges, I know how difficult it was as a councilmember to make decisions when our general plan needed to be updated. And brought into the future. So I'm excited to see that reality. And it's really wonderful to have partnered with everyone that's at this table. As well as all of those that have sat in the chairs out there. So thank you to everyone.

>> Thank you, Judy. Gary.

>> I'd like to add my thanks with everybody on this side of the room, and I'm sure that side of the room soon to thank staff for all the hard work that you've done to provide us all the information to allow us to continue to move forward. To come up with the little exercises that we could do, and the exercises that we could include the community with. I'd like to thank the leadership of this committee for keeping us on track. Holding the meetings on

time. And kind of ending mostly on time. And last October allowing us to watch the Giants win the World Series. When Judy asked me four years ago --

>> You promised.

>> I had to thank you too. To join this 18-month process, I've been logs hair, too. So yeah, thank you. I've learned a lot. I've learned a lot about our city, I've learned about places and parts of our city that I didn't know even though I've lived here more than 30 years. One of the key things that I like about this general plan is the fact that we have concentrated a lot on jobs and job growth. In my 30-plus years of living in San José I've only had the luxury of working in San José for four of them. It really does make a difference to your work-life balance when you work close to home. And so I want to do that again because now I'm driving to Palo Alto and I don't like it. One of the concerns I've had from the very beginning is we set 12 goals and we tried to accomplish those and I think that's one of the things we talked about, there's lots of things there, and that is going to be difficult to balance. I think it will be interesting to see how we go forward with that and I want to go along with Pierluigi to say that a plan is only as good as its follow-through so time will tell. Thank you very much.

>> Thank you Gary. Enrique.

>> (inaudible) for Shiloh was for the banana bread not for her attendance. I add to the repetitive on the reality of we've been blessed with a staff that, through all this journey, have taken the time to listen to each and every one of us and they have done a tremendous job. Personally, I also have to thank each and every one of the task force members, because I learned a lot I came here I guess with personal goals and I learned a lot from other task members' goals and the dialogue and the communication has been wonderful. As well I have to thank also the members of the community that we have seen every Monday. And while we have seen different members of the community, we have seen faces that came every Monday like us and their input always in my view has been great. A couple of comments on the draft. I think that when I came here, I, in the first few meetings, I had no idea how we were going to be able to achieve one of my goals, was to come out with a plan that will include a way to bring up, you know, future that is not as polarized as it is today. And I think that we have been able, again with the

help of the task force, able to achieve that. I think that we have a draft that includes a healthy community. So I'm very pleased and I thank everybody for allowing me especially the city council to participate. And that's it.

>> Thank you, Enrique. Karl.

>> Like everybody else, I do appreciate this opportunity involved here and all the input from the members of the public and chair, staff, and the committee. This has been my first involvement in a project as comprehensive and far reaching as this is. And it's definitely been an education for me, probably more so an education for me, than the contribution I think I've brought to the process. I think through this process I have a different perspective about the city and different neighborhoods in the city. And I've lived here pretty much all my life. And I've also gotten a better appreciation, understanding of different perspectives. And that's one thing I think was very positive out of this process. There is a lot of different voices on this community. In this task force I think we did a great job of reflecting that. And to it's been amazing to see how we've been able to pull all of those perspectives into different components of the general plan. Like many that's already said, I think the village concept is very exciting. I've talked to a lot of people in my sphere of influence about that concept, and kind of across the board, it's been very positive. So I'm excited to see how that actually does get implemented and see it come to fruition.

>> Thank you, Karl. Jim.

>> Thanks. Again not to sound too repetitive but I want to thank whomever and everyone for the honor to serve. I want to thank the chairs and the staff and really recognize the staff for the fact that over these past four years they've probably suffered such a huge hit with the economy and having to do so much more with so much less resources, and people. And that's highly commendable and I really appreciate their ability to keep us on target and to really keep the level of excellence so high. I want to especially thank the colleagues on the task force for their dialogue for their frankness their openness their honesty in serving with the utmost of integrity. I think this task force really put it all together. And like Judy and others, when I heard there were 36 people going to be sitting at a table together I was expecting it to be an animal house food fight or something like that. But I really appreciate working with this team. And learned a tremendous amount even when I started I was on the Planning

Commission, I learned more on the task force than I did on the Planning Commission on what needed to be put together for a workable plan. I learned -- I actually agree more with Erik Schoennauer than I disagree. That says a lot because I was on the other side of the table with Erik and there really are a lot of common threads for those who sit here. Whether you're here for the environment or for development or for livability whatever, I think there's lots of common threads. I think that the test is really how many GPAs we're going to see over the next ten years, that's the test of how we did. I agree that we will need a primer for the people to use this general plan effectively. I think the next task is going to be to put together some sort of a digested primer, so that people could say, okay, this is what it means, this is how to go through the process, these are the things we need to incorporate for a good plan. Again, thanks to all. And everyone. And I just appreciate the honor to serve.

>> Thanks Jim. Ryan.

>> Great. And I'm not going to break the streak. I want to say thank you to everyone for opportunity to council and staff for the opportunity to share my perspective on the task force and really wanted to commend Andrew, Joe, Laurel, Susan, Depa, John, as well as Michael Brio and Stan Ketcham from the earlier days, and Lee Butler and really the entire staff team for an incredible job putting together this plan. And I think Jim really made the important point that staff was having to work at a time when they had dwindling resources which is really an opportunity to do good planning but it is sort of a catch 22 because you in a bad economy you have less money coming in so you got to be cutting back staff but staff was able to still while there wasn't a lot of development happening not only complete this plan but do it in a way that's really visionary and is very thoughtful and thorough and comprehensive. I just want to commend staff. And I think they've also won awards in terms of community outreach. I can't say enough about how much work staff has put in. Thank you for the co-chairs. This is a large unwieldy group at times and you really kept us focused. Your attendance record may also be perfect.

>> I missed one.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Shiloh wins.

>> The other thing I want to say is land use change is really a long process. This is a microcosm of how slow land use change can be. And it reflected the patient steps that's required and the energy that's actually required to achieve change in the land use arena. I want to say I've been encouraged by the ongoing level of engagement on the committee, even though they're not on the task force and giving thoughtful comments. And to the task force everyone who's here for four years. This week marks our first meeting was four years ago this week so we really did, we barely made it under four years so congratulations to us. And I think again that level of engagement through a long process bodes well for us in terms of not only passing a high quality plan but also, implementing its vision. Which was going to create a new future for the city or we hope that's a little bit more sustainable environmentally, a little bit more sustainable in terms of our fiscal sustainability a little bit more -- and creating a little bit more healthy community as well. And I just wanted to say a couple of things about specifics in the plan that are of particular interest to me and some folks have covered these already, but I think the village planning concepts and just the overarching strategy to focus most future growth around transit corridors and stations is critical and is we have a lot of underutilized sites there and I think really focusing growth is one of the key parts of this plan and letting the development community know where we want to grow, I think the aggressive targets for reducing the vehicle miles traveled and policies to provide folks more options than just driving is a real signature part of the plan. I applaud the plan for establishing social equity as a planning goal in the early stages but I'd say maybe the most exciting part of this plan is the inclusion of health as a major theme for the first time in the general plan. And I've been told by staff that public health and policy which they actually gave a presentation here a couple of years back I think, right in the middle of our four year process. And they do work all over the country in the connection on land use and health and what their staff had told me is this plan the San José plan is really one of the strongest statements for health community that they have seen anywhere in the country. And so I think we should know that that is really a landmark achievement and there's not a lot of cities up to this point who have started incorporating health into their general plans but there's this growing body of research that shows there's a massive connection there and more and more cities are starting to do it and I think it's commendable that San José is on the front end of that trend and our plan can be really seen as a model for other cities when they are looking to try to plan for healthy communities. Sorry for going over my one minute.

>> Thank you, Bryan, Alofa.

>> Good evening, everyone, can you hear me? Well, first of all, you know, I'd like to apologize for coming in a little late. My husband is ill but I didn't want to miss this very important meeting. You know, that's how committed I am, you know. I didn't want to miss this meeting. But before I start why don't you know I wanted to ask or to you know let all my colleagues to please, turn around and shake somebody's hand. And pat somebody on the back you know for the great work that we did. We finally make it to this day! You know! Thank you! You know, you know this is very important. You know this is very important for all of, you know finally we're here in this final day. To me, it feels like we've been here for eight years. And when I'm here looking around, across you know, I feel like it's graduation day. You know? You know we're finally here in this day, and that's how I feel! And you know and I like to you know to thank the staff, you know for the overall quality work that you guys been you know preparing for us in each meeting and each month. And I like to thank all of you. I know Stan and Michael, they're not here, but I'd like to acknowledge them.

>> They're in the back.

>> Okay, I didn't forget you guys.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Guest appearance by Stan and Michael in the back.

>> But you know, it's really a privilege and honor for me to be part and serve you know in this task force. You know this is what it's all about. I'm seeing the diverse, you know, in all of us over here. Coming together, and share you know our ideas. What do we like to see of this great city in the next 20 or 40 years? And then it takes all of us, you know how it says it takes a village to raise a kid. It takes all of us, all of us over here, I'm looking around and seeing nothing but great people, you know citizens of this great city. I am so proud you know living here in this great City of San José. I'm telling you, you know, I do whatever it takes and you know I've been volunteer tirelessly. You know I will give my time you know to anybody that needs you know help to volunteer for our city. Whether it's litter pickup or painting of graffiti, we all part of this and I believe in all of us working together. We can make this city a great city. You know for our children to enjoy in years to come. And what I like

you know, when we start you know this task force, is the you know open lands. Such as Coyote valley, and I like to thank you know the college kids from De Anza college that we come and really happy to see the young ones come and voice their opinion. That is very, very important to us. And looking at all of us over here, we're making a way, we are leading the way you know for this great you know city. So this way, our kids and our grand kids they don't have to come and go through all the mess and all the stuff, you know, you know I know it's a hawk. Sometimes we can agree and disagree. And we can be very aggressive. But it was all for good cause. You know we want owed to make a difference and we wanted to make sure all of those what we said is in the documentation. And you know I know I'm going to miss everyone over here. But I know when we started, oh my goodness how can we this group of 36 people is going to you know we're going to be able to you know to do this because as we all know, as big of this group it's going to be hard to come into any consensus you know. But you know we did pull through. We did pull through and you know, this is a great day, I feel like you know like I said this is a graduation day. And I didn't wanted to miss it for anything and thank you so much for the chair, thank you so much. For everything.

>> Thank you, Alofa, thank you. Dick.

>> Yes, well, it was a great opportunity, a lot of people complain today they didn't get an opportunity to participate, and that's what it is all about and they all want to make San José a better place to live and prosper and of course get jobs. Had a good opportunity to meet a lot of people. Some I didn't know, some I got to know better. Met this nice sweet lady here, and we had a chance to always talk. So great opportunity. I really appreciate the staff, and the appointment and everything, and very thoughtful, they put a firefighter here, really -- it was really nice. And maybe a little picture of Alviso might have been proper too. But I think there's times that it got complicated and didn't follow along, but we seemed to work it out. I was hoping we could have more tours. I learned a lot in the tours. But meeting everybody, I learned so much about other people's opinions and ideas and so on. It is a great group, it is collaborative. It is an easy word to use today, but you have to do it. I do have a concern, though, because I did serve on plans before. And then after four, five years or even seven when I've served before, then all of a sudden the council comes together four months from today or a year from today and things change. What do we do? Do we have a process? Because everybody wants to do the right thing, but I don't want the four years

to go without the recognition of what we have done. So to everybody here, you have been very kind to me, appreciate the staff and hope we can get that process so we have something that we have worked hard for to make sure it carries on and if it doesn't how do we go about at least giving some input. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Oscar.

>> Well, I didn't make all the meetings. But the ones that I did make, I was glad to have little snacks and things that Shiloh was thinking of us.

>> She took care of us.

>> She did. And I might add that, when -- how I got selected, I guess, was, I was doing a lot of complaining. And I was in the mayor's office and doing press conferences about how the city hates churches. And you know, I was having the hardest time getting a certain space for our -- I mean you know, we had lawyers and everything, ready to spend our investment money on lawsuits against the City of San José. And Mayor Reed asked me, you know, because I looked at all the city planning notes about churches. And it just seemed like that no one was sitting around saying you know what, somebody needs to make sure there's a church right here or a church over there. And he said well why don't you come and sit at the table and can you see how this stuff is done. And well, somebody else can do it. He said that's probably what everybody said, you know. And so I decided I wanted to be at the table. And man, this is heavy duty. [Laughter]

>> I have a brand-new respect for especially city council and professional policy people. The staff, the co-chairs, and I remember Pat Dando and Ms. Linda several of you sat and presided over our church and getting -- and thank God it was approved and now I realize this is work. And I have a brand-new respect for the kind of work that you do. And some of you are just so brilliant as your comments and your insight, and man, I felt so ill-equipped to sit at this table. But I would call Andrew, and e-mail back and forth, behind the scenes so that I wouldn't sound too stupid when I got ready to make my one comment. And what day are you guys talking about churches. And so -- and I kept calling and making sure of that. And I'm so glad that I did. In the process of this time, I had two major

heart attacks. I had seven stents. I couldn't walk for about six months and I would ride my scooter and it wasn't because I just wanted to have fun. And somehow miraculously, my legs came back. This is all in the last four years. I'm kind of excited about, everybody especially the last heart attack I had was very severe, I was in ICU for a long time and they did not think that I was going to survive. And so I think that every day after that is like bonus! And so when I get a chance to come in on a Monday, and sit around all these brilliant people, I'm just excited. Even just to hear the debate between people that are development oriented versus environmental. And just the argument between trying to preserve historic spaces. And then I guess Brian wanting to have quality jobs, and you know, just the things that are out there is just -- I find it so very, very great to be involved. I said my piece about churches. I felt that staff gave it just a perfect way of trying to create that balance. No one at my church wants to take jobs away from the city. No one. As a matter of fact, they wish they had jobs right here in the city, many of them. And so I just learned so much about that. I want to thank Laurel, particularly, she was very friendly and nice to me, as she's so -- you know, everybody is just so nice, so sweet. And I appreciate their contributions, all the staff. And I guess that's it. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Pat.

>> Well, obviously, I want to say how much I appreciate staff our co-chairs, my fellow task force members and also the community that have continued to come, share their thoughts, share their opinions, and have engaged in the process. I want to thank all of you, and I do want to thank the community for that. You know, we have had -- I chaired horizon 2000, was involved in a couple of master planning projects but I have to say that this has probably been one of the biggest efforts to engage the community, to be, you know, the word that is in my opinion terribly overused today, transparent. But there has been a yeoman's effort to be out to engage the community. And I think what's happened is the community has also learned throughout this process that it is not easy, that it is not easy to plan the future. I know we were out in the community meetings and I was just looking at the pictures up there and we had all of the legos and you had so many housing units and so many jobs and trying to fit all of those in. And just watching people from the community scratch their head like, how do we do this, how do we fit it all in there? And I think today, I think back to horizon 2000, and I think Nancy, you mentioned Janet Gray Hayes and very much in the beginning. And the truth of the matter is it's more difficult and challenging and

complex today than it ever was before. You think with all the new technology and all the computers and all this it would be easier. But the reality is, it's a lot more difficult. And so I have to take my hats off, because I think that the plan before us has been a huge effort to try and take the complexities of today, and as best as we can see the complexities of what we're going to see in our foreseeable future and try to create a tool kit, a land use planning effort tool kit, to enable the city as best as possible to implement an economic development program to attract jobs, to provide housing, and to maintain a quality of life, and to be there from not just San José, but in the whole region, that perspective of how do we put the right foot forward to be successful in all that we want to do. Because no matter what the plan is, it's going to be a very tough job for the staff, of today, the staff of tomorrow, and our elected officials and our community members, today and tomorrow. So I do want to thank everyone. I think good hearts and good minds went into this. It's not perfect, but it's not going to be perfect. It is going to be, to some degree, a living document. And life rolls on. And I think what we've learned, you know, particularly yesterday and the last decade, in watching some of the remembrance footage from ten years ago, the world can change very quickly. And I think that having a document like this puts San José in a much better position to be prepared. And I think that's the most that we could hope to deliver is that San José is prepared.

>> Thanks Pat. Leslee.

>> I too want to start by thanking the co-chairs. I think that you folks did a lot of interpreting between these meetings and working with staff. Also want to thank staff, current and former. Really, provided tremendous amount of information that allowed us to really come together and I think coalesce. I want to also thank the members of the community, especially District 6 out there always representing the strong. And also I think I see Ru out there, and she called me four years ago from the mayor's office and said that the parks commission had a spot on, and would I like it. And so I know we are supposed to deaffiliate, but I'm putting my hat back on and saying, from a parks perspective, I'm really excited about the riparian corridor issues, about the acknowledgment of trails connectivity, just connecting spaces by connecting communities by connecting trails. And just makes me want to live in San José. The notion about a quality of life, things are really hard right now but I think having a plan like this and being involved in this process makes me want to stay here and see it realized. I share some other concerns about implementation. That's always the challenge. I know there was an example recently where

Mountain View, google came forward with a proposal to build two at grade crossings over the Stevens Creek trail, Google brings in a lot of money to the city of Mountain View, but Mountain View said no. This is our crown jewel, no. And so I hope that San José has that kind of fortitude to keep the big picture in mind and really fight for our quality of life and not settle, but keep shooting for the stars.

>> Thank you, Leslee. Dave.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair. I do thank each of you for the honor of working with you for these four years. It has been a long journey, we I think have a very aspirational plan. It's anything but conservative, I mean, it's really out there, and because I know that's the case, I can say that our work is just beginning. And that's always true when you formulate a plan because the implementation, it's all in the implementation of the plan. But I think that we have some incredible, there's two incredible achievements in this one that I've not seen before. First of all, you all know and you've heard my sermon on this more than once. That I think a major achievement is that we have put on equal footing fiscal and economic, with -- with the environmental and sustainability of our city. That is a crucial step and we need to work hard. This is a big part of the job going forward, to make sure that our council doesn't lose sight of that. And that we work in the community to achieve that -- those goals. And in this general plan, we have for the first time major reviews. So that we can through these major reviews ensure the success of this plan. And if we're not succeeding with this plan we can make mid course corrections to make sure that we do succeed either with the original intent of the plan or change the goals of the plan to reflect changing times. And that's very important. I mean all of this in this room I think most of this in this room have seen GP 75, the plan in 1980, the plan in 1996, we go through this incredible effort to come up with a plan that sits on a shelf. I'm hoping this one will not, that we'll succeed because I think it's a good plan for our city. And I, too, I'm a long time San Joséan. I hope to be around for a lot longer time and I hope to see the plans that we -- this vision that we have for our city come to fruition. Continued growth for our city only makes sense if we see measured improvement and implicit in this plan, improvement. That's not a general term, we think improvement means it gets better as it goes forward so let's work for that, thank you.

>> Thank you Dave. Michele.

>> So when I started on this general plan task force four years ago, I was very -- still very new to land use issues, so this has been an absolutely fantastic learning experience for me. I've definitely learned from everyone arounds the table and from the people who have spoken up and given public comments and staff has been absolutely wonderful because I know I've sent he e-mails and called and it's amazing how responsive you have always been just to people one on one and then to the questions that come up at task force meetings. So I can't thank staff enough. I imagine it's just a tremendous amount of work. And the co-chairs also for making sure the meetings run very smoothly. I think there's a lot of really fantastic things in the plan so I'm very excited about the emphasis on pedestrians and bicycling. And I think that we will definitely see an increase in the next few decades in the number of people who walk and bike, thanks to the general plan. I think it's fantastic that the urban reserves are off limits to development and that there is language about Coyote valley as a wildlife corridor. I think that's just excellent. And also the urban villages, I think that's very exciting and I wanted to echo what Brian said about public law and policy. The health language in the general plan is fantastic and so I think there's a lot to be really excited about and that this plan is a model to other cities in many different ways. And I think the hard part is ahead as we implement the plan, and I think there are a lot of people who are very committed to working with the city to ensure that this vision actually gets translated to on the ground quality neighborhoods. So I think it's great and I want to thank you again.

>> Thank you, Michele and our vice chair, David, who I don't know how many of you know that David participated in all the planning meetings with us along with staff so he, too, was a major factor in keeping everything on track. So thank you David.

>> Let me just start off by a personal thanks to Mayor Reed. We were opponents in the mayor's race. But Chuck's the kind of person who is very open to different points of view and we all can see it right here, right? So I wanted to thank Chuck in particular, for putting me on this, not just to participate, but to participate with the staff, and Sam and Shirley even though I had a different point of view than he did about the City's future. But what I think I can say about the point of view that we've developed here, it is a common view. And from time to time, I'm sure all of us are asked, well, what have you been doing for the last four years? Or what is this plan about? Or you don't

have the ability to talk about four years of meetings, right? Nancy talked about an old vision, better before bigger. There was another vision another mayor had about growing up, not out. When I think about this plan, I think about it as a renewed vision. A renewed vision where I think really, all of us can find great things in it. Streets that are turned from vacant shopping centers to vibrant places. A city where the solution to transportation isn't roads and highways anymore but bikes and river walks and height rail. A city that, although like all cities, faces uncertainty about its future, there are certain enduring natural things that we have said we treasure in this plan, the hills, the open space, and the need for more open space and parks, and parklets in the city. And there are a renewed vision in this plan and that's what I tell people when they ask me, well, what is it about? It's a renewed vision and a vision that I think is going to not depend on any given Tuesday. Because the values that are in this are values that the council shares, the values that the community shares, and values that we all share.

>> Thank you, David. Sam.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I wanted start by thanking the lego artist. I got a guy with a green San José As hat that's pretty cool. Just four years ago that was just a pipe dream and today -- [Laughter]

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I do also want to join in the chorus of thanks to staff. We are fortunate to have the most diligent, devoted staff in the United States of America. I mean, this is an incredible group of professional people who are very, very bright and very committed to doing great work and I think we'll have a moment of thanks for them, I think at the end of the meeting, is that right Teresa? Okay. Teresa has been working hard on a little plan. Teresa will be singing for us. I won't be dancing. Okay, I really want to thank each one of you, though. We share the great fortune and also the great responsibility of living in the most wonderful place in the planet. Certainly the most wonderful place to grow up, to work, to raise children, to retire. And with that great fortune I mentioned comes great responsibility. To whom much is given much is expected. And as I look around the room, I think you've all risen to the challenge. I think we all have and you've acquitted yourself well. We face the task not simply of preserving a great city. And preserving the status quo. That may have been the job of prior task forces. But we had I think David put it well, in terms of renewal. We had the task of renewing a

city. Renewing a city amid very rapid change in a world where status quo is simply not an option. We have to plan for change that we can't entirely see. And so I'm grateful for your great insights, your dialogue, very constructive dialogue I think, it was incredible how respectful the dialogue was as deep the differences of opinion often were, your determination to stay with this very lengthy process and your vision. I think every member of this task force can look at this plan and say they had some part in this vision and that is a great gift. We need, though, your continued commitment and leadership. It's been said several times, I think Linda mentioned that on any given Tuesday, six councilmembers can conspire at least five of them can. To undo your great work. And Jim mentioned will be the test how many general plan amendments occur in the next ten years. We need you to be advocates for this plan. The warnings are all fair. And we need to ensure that what gets implemented is this plan. And not somebody else's plan. Certainly not the plan of those who might have less altruistic spirits than the people around this table or those with less lofty ambitions. I would like to see this plan implemented because this is a great vision for the city. So throughout this process I've sort of changed in my view of the city as I ride my bike around the neighborhoods and drive along the freeways. More and more I've started to see the city as an eight-year-old would, recognizing that we really are working on a city for another generation. And that's certainly a great responsibility but a great honor, as well. And I think as I look around the room I recognize that people have really taken that honor and that responsibility to heart. Thank you.

>> Well, when the mayor asked me to co-chair this I said I was honored to do this 18-month process. I started with a birthday. I've ended with a birthday. So I've actually had five birthdays while we've been through this process. I have a great grandchild who couldn't walk when we started and is now starting kindergarten. But it's been worth it all. Now that I'm -- the best gift you give me is today is the last day. Great present. So but you know, I really -- everybody said about the contributions that everybody's made, and I think every -- you know you all need to really pat yourselves on the back for your taking the time and the commitment. I think asking anybody in our busy times to give up their time for four years is an extreme sacrifice. And I think you all need to be commended for hanging in there. I also -- there are people in this audience who were here for just about every meeting, I think some of them have perfect attendance. And they need to be commended. And not only our planning staff, but our transportation staff, our park staff, our economic development, the budget staff, so many of them participated in there. And I think that some of those presentations were really what inspired us to go the

directions that we took. I particularly remember our transportation presentation, which I think, I'm sorry Hans is not here tonight. But he really -- but when -- I mean he gave us a whole different vision. And I think what's really unique about this, I mean we're a major urban center. We are the 10th largest city in the world. And yet what we focused on was taking the focus away from the automobile, which California has been built on, and this city was certainly built on. And putting that focus on moving people. And really changing how we view the city, I think we talked about the interconnections, the boulevards, you're seeing the changes happen already. I mean I'm watching the conversions of our streets, which is just fascinating because we started that process in here, when Hans came in and made that presentation. And it's already happening. I think there are -- it's going -- we have still a lot of work to do. I'm getting lots of calls because you know I'm in the title business so I do get calls from a lot of developers trying to figure out how do they find out all the implications for villages, they're trying to understand villages. I think we probably need to put together some presentations for and invite the development community in to better understand it. I also think we could add an alphabetical index I'm adding things to show people I'm having a hard time going through. I think you could better index it. Erik as you commented it's hard to find where all the sections are. If you want to for example look at the urban villages, the villages how many sections and let's identify where all the pieces are. The -- the other thing is, the real emphasis here, not just on protecting our hillsides and our -- and the green line and all. But the real greening of this city. The constant focus on making this as environmentally sound and a healthy city. For a city of our size to take that focus, I think, is very, very unusual. So I think there's a lot of good things. I think there's still a few things that we're going to have to work on. I feel we still have some isolated parcels of industrial land that, as much as we don't want to see a lot of J. P. changes I still find there are parcels out there that aren't going to work because they're surrounded by housing and they're not going to work. So I think there will be some adjustments we'll have to make along the way. Like I think Pat said it's not perfect, it won't be perfect but I think we've laid the groundwork where it's pretty solid in the directions that we want to take the city. I think one of the greatest testimony to me of this process was to see what happened with the fives wounds process. To see the community come in, and follow the lead that we had set out there, and develop what I just think is a fabulous plan. And that came from the ground up. And that's -- there's real ownership in it. And when we have that kind of ownership it won't go away. It just won't go away. So my compliments to everybody that's participated to every single one of you out there. And we had a lot of changes that went on in staff. I don't know how you guys survived. But it's been an incredible process and as happy as I

am to see it end I'm glad I was a part of it. And now we're going to go to the public! So it's jury chance now to tell us how we screwed up! Look who's standing up first, please identify yourself for the recording record. Go ahead Trixie, it will come on. Start talking. Start talking and it will jump in. Whoop, maybe it won't.

>> I've been working with the league of women voters on this process. I have a longer history I think than even Erik. I served on GP 75. I chaired the '90s effort. I served on the Coyote study committee for the '80s general plan. I've been on Planning Commission and city council. So I've kind of been in a lot of your shoes before so I know what effort you have gone before and it's impressive. I didn't have anything quite so prodigious to go through. Every plan I think reflects to some degree its time, the politics of the time, the state of urban planning and other city services. And to a large degree what the community is looking for and willing to accept. Each plan somewhat improved on the one before it but I think you've been very fortunate in the time you've he served because the political environment the community involvement everything seemed to go together so you could make quite prodigious improvements with this plan and you're to be congratulated. Particularly congratulations to all of you sitting through all of this and doing all this work and to the staff you have done amazing work present and past and I know the co-chairs have been in extremely important reason why this task force as large as it is has been successful. I haven't commented often for the league, because most of the time what you were doing comported with our positions and there wasn't any need to just say, rah-rah all the time. I particularly am pleased with the taking of the urban reserves off the plan horizon something we have been working for, for many years. So again congratulations and I think this is a good step forward and who knows how long it will be to the next one but it will be a great base onto which to build even the next general plan.

>> Thank you, Trixie.

>> Terry Bellandra District 6. I applaud and thank you all as four years out of your life is a precious gift you have given to our city. The plan has lofty goals but I hasten to remind that you this city has a history of poor implementation and heavy pressure from special interest development and union groups. The community has found that no matter what the plan or guideline policy that's on the books it can be circumvented by six plus votes of the city council that recycles every four to eight years. As always it's the community stakeholders many with 30

year mortgages who are ultimately left living in these special interest exceptions long after the developers and city officials are gone. The community has found that in this city's developer fee based Planning Department, city planners in attendance seem reluctant to encapsulate valid community concerns that development public outreach meetings. Many of us feel that this reluctance is hindering developer community agreements that are made at these public outreach meetings, as there seems to be no planning department mechanism in place to facilitate these agreements. There also seems to be no Planning Department mechanism in place to check on these developments after completion. To make sure that the developer and Planning Department promises match the on the ground reality. Especially if the city and developer are selling TODs based on frequent and connected transit and that critical transit and connectivity component is missing. My sincere hope is that this envision 2040 plan is not compromised by a city council who is easily swayed by special interest and votes for developer wishes over the new 2040 plan. In the past this city has always chosen short term construction jobs, developer profits, and Planning Department fees versus long-range good community planning. We must all work together as equal stakeholders here together to maintain this new plan's integrity. Again thanks for all your efforts.

>> Thank you.

>> Hi, Larry Aimes. As I said at the last meeting and also as I put in writing for the EIR, congratulations. It is a wonderful and wonderfully comprehensive plan. I really appreciate how you've faced the challenges of accommodating the anticipated growth and the changing demographics while preserving historic districts and riparian habitats and the quality of life in the city. I really like the bike-able walkable villages rather than the car centric suburban sprawl. Now you have to follow up on the plan and watch that you don't deviate from the worthy goals. Speaking as an individual who is on the San José neighborhoods commission I think it would be excellent task for our commission and also for all the many neighborhood associations and volunteer groups to help follow and promote this thing. We have to help you follow the progress of this plan. I really enjoyed participating in this process, and am sharing my Mondays with the staff and all of you guys here and I hope you will continue to be involved with this and to volunteer to work on this thing so thank you, and well done.

>> Thank you, Larry.

>> Good evening. My name is Rob smiley I'm the director of operations with the Evergreen school district in East San José. And I briefly wanted to bring up a few of the developments it looks like development V-53, V-54 and V-55 are slated to be within the boundaries of our school district and I wanted to touch on the developer fees that we are currently through statutory are able to impose on the developers. Right now we receive about \$2 per scare foot or if you had a 1200 square foot dwelling it would be about \$2400. I'm guesstimating based on the ten story 400 unit development that would be about the square footage for the residents. Unfortunately these fees for our district do not adequately cover the cost to build new housing for the students that we have come through the system. We're typically looking at about a .55 student generation rate so if you were to take 100 homes we would have about 55 students come out of the homes. To break it down on a per residence basis we look at about a 6500 to \$7,000 per residence cost to accommodate housing for the new students. Please don't take this in the wrong way we are happy to have new students, that is what we do, we love having new students come to the district and I'm assuming as time goes forward based on the fact you are all leaders you will be involved in future development and approval of plans as we go forward so I would like to ask that you guys do talk to the developers and make sure that they have reached out to us and the housing needs that we need for the students are going to be adequately met. Because that is a -- there can be a huge burden on the district so I do ask that you guys think about that going forwards and I definitely appreciate the work you all have done and thank you for the time and the opportunity to speak this evening. Thank you.

>> Thank you Rob.

>> My name is Michael Pierce with the Progresso property group. I'm the author of an e-mail that was circulated out and included as part of the communication and as I stressed in my e-mail I want to apologize for the late arrival of this. I work in property management and I'm an owner and manager of apartment buildings in San José work with a number of clients and I'm a long time member of the tricounty apartment association serving on a number of their committees a past president of that organization as well as the California apartment association. On the apartment and housing side we know one of the biggest issues that causes rents to continue

to rise and has brought about the needful years ago for rent control in San José a lack of supply. Supply is really the only way to bring down the upward pressure on rents and we were work with a client of ours on a proposed addition of six units in an 83 unit building off of meridian in San José and went to the planning staff in July when this -- when we began working on this project. Mike Enderby shared with us that this process was going on. I was ignorant of the process at that point being engaged just in property management. And he shared with us that under the plan what we were proposing would be rather difficult to accomplish. And suggested that we talk with some other members of city staff and engage the architects we were working with already on what we were planning and came one draft wording. Again I apologize for the late arrival but what we have proposed is creating a mechanism that would allow you to overlay some additional density on existing projects so that you're allowing just an additional density increases in place wrest housing exist that doesn't create a conversion of commercial property to some other use, taking those potential revenues away from the city and allow those resources to be a little more heavily utilized in those areas. And would allow all other mechanisms to stay in place. So I thank you for allowing us to step forward and speak. I understand the late nature of the arrival of the suggestion and know that it may fall on deaf ears but again I thank you for that opportunity.

>> Thank you, Michael.

>> Good evening, Michael's tall. My name is Dean Gunderson and I wanted to take a moment and express to staff, be consistent with everyone else around the table but I probably traveled the farthest to extend that thanks since I took a flight out of Boise Idaho to come down. I spent several days actually going through and reading the entire envision 2040 document and as a member of the Congress for the new urbanism I would encourage staff actually to consider submitting several of those components especially the urban village component for a charter award to the CMU. So I'm also sort of getting paid by Michael to be here. And had after rooting through the documents, through the envision 2040 plan realized that not only was the urban village language extremely tight, I mean it was a very good document, there were also areas within your community that are on the verge of becoming urban villages already. And so that's why this particular policy with these -- or this particular goal with these five policies are -- has been termed the proto-urban village document. And the idea is to enable the private sector to be able to meet the intent of the goal. And we understand it's a very late addition for you to

consider. Because this is the night where you're to congratulate everyone, and sign the document and make the recommendation. But we wanted to take a moment, expressing an interest not just from the private sector but also from the professional planning community, that it is a wonderful document. It's also a living document. And it will change over time. You want to make sure that it's consistent with the underlying motive, the underlying intent. So if any of you have questions I would encourage you just as your co-chairs have to stay involved in the process. Contact Michael or any of us. And ask questions. Because there is no such thing as a bad question. So. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Councilmember Herrera.

>> Good evening, Councilwoman Rose Herrera. I just wanted to come down here tonight and say thank you for all of you for four years of really hard work and producing an excellent product. You've made our job easier on council, given a vision and a direction. I'm especially appreciative of the village concept, have been actively using that concept in district 8 in looking at things that we have been doing out there. And I just think it's incredible that you have all committed to this for four years. You know you're basically like councilmembers, dedicated on a four-year basis to a project. So my hats off to all of you and to the staff, to Sam Liccardo in our team and Councilmember Oliverio over there, who have been part of it and Shirley for running this and I just think you've done a tremendous job and also thank you for keeping the jobs component in there a strong commitment to jobs in this city. So thank you very much.

>> Thank you, Rose for taking time to come. We really appreciate that.

>> Hello, my name is Bob Leninger. A lot of familiar faces there I worked with over the years. I just have a few comments I wanted to make. I have only come to three or four meetings over the last four years but I've tried to follow it pretty closely online, I've worked with Brian dare row and others on health care issues. I just have a few comments. I want to thank you for a great document. One of the best welt written documents I've seen out of the

Planning Department for decades really to tell you the truth and I think open space in particular is a favorite of mine and I've been working recently in the last few weeks here on this rancho Del pueblo with the threat of losing that very valuable recreational open space asset up there in the east side of town, and I appreciate a lot of the commitments I see through this document towards open space and recreation. I think we have to go in the right direction and stand firm and make hard decisions just in the implementation of a general plan because without that implementation standing firm I don't think it will stand the test of time. The other comment I'd like to make is the coalition for a downtown hospital. We're very appreciative of the work with the planning department, Brian Darrow has been very helpful for us. There's a lot of fine health services policies there. We still feel that it's going to take a proactive implementation proper. We think what's in this document is a good starting point but we'll be coming back to the council to ask for a little more proactive work in terms of site selection, implementation. Funding for some ongoing analysis working with the county and some others as we feel that's going to -- facilities like this whether it's a hospital or something short of a hospital is only going to happen if we give that proactive resources that it is going to take, it won't happen on its own. The other thing I would like to comment on is I'm also very appreciative of what's in the jobs, of course all the comments about jobs-housing imbalance. We know the very dire statistics as applies to San José but you know is the city really at the crossroads right now. This goes beyond be the work that you did, this is really for the city council to stand up as some people have said here not change their minds stand firm on housing and not jobs. It is really a city at the crossroads when you look at the jobs-housing imbalance. I will really recommend I probably will make this recommendation to the council, I think you should do the same, it's critical not to just have the words in this document, we need more jobs. But we need a funded financeable and aggressive economic development strategy on the books in place before this plan is adopted. There will be too much pressure on the council to do the stuff that they -- developers want to have done and we'll lose again we'll go into another cycle on the jobs housing imbalance. We need to have a fundable financed and aggressive economic development strategy before this is adopted. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Bob.

>> Danny Garza, chapter chair for MAPA, the Mexican American political association. I would like to express our support for rancho Del pueblo, it is open space which the city supports which the body supports. But for the youth and the seniors also that this body and the city supports, this is a jewel on the East side. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Good evening, Carey Hamilton for CEJ, and that is C-e-e-j, not S-e-i-g-e, we are not anarchists, so I want to make that clear, since sometimes it gets printed up that way. It stands for citizens for economic and economic justice. And we are very happy with this process and with what we see in this general plan. We hope that implementation is reflective of the plan and it's something that has been on the minds of those of us that have been involved in San José planning for so many years, since we saw what happened during the last housing boom but that was before the framework for the preservation of employment lands was implemented. And became much stronger. It's hard to believe how long this process has been, and all of us have been together, and following it, and our community has been very engaged in it, which makes me very happy and excited to see these plans. And at the same time, you know, kind of depressed to see what's going on in our economy, and wondering how those two things will intermarry. And I hope that we'll all stay engaged and fight for the values that we've put in this general plan and stand up for building the community that we want to build. I also support retaining rancho Del pueblo in open space at this time. It's a very open space deficit part of the city. And I think it would be short sighted of our city leaders for many reasons to move forward with packing up to 570 homes in East San José on this site without even giving the community the respect of any kind of draft plan, or conceptual on anything, and just push it through no get a line item off the budget. We know that the budgetary situation in this city is pretty dire like it is in a lot of other places and I think the best way we can deal with that is to create great plans and follow them and have a long term vision and bring other people along to follow that vision. So thank you very much for all of your service. And thank you to a great staff who's worked under really difficult circumstances for so long, both here in this process and during that building boom where we were in meetings until 1:00 and 2:00 and sometimes 3:00 a.m. and sometimes watching their recommendations get ignored and still they retained their dignity and kept moving forward and more and more people got involved so thank you so much.

>> Thank you. Okay. To the one request that was made about saying it was a late request, even though your request is late, actually, it is a subject matter that we have discussed. So that was looked at very carefully. I think the task force clearly decided where they would allow increased densities and where not. I don't know that staff wanted to add anything to that.

>> We didn't have a lot of time to look at this, we did look, it is a residentially designated side and as you said there are policies in the draft plan that address where flexibility is appropriate, the task force did spend a lot of time discussing where the villages should be and there are -- there's always the future general plan amendment process that we can look at modifying the boundaries of villages or village like development through that process.

>> Yes, right. Okay, any other -- Leslee.

>> I wanted to ask is the general plan as it exists now show rancho Del pueblo going away?

>> No.

>> Got that.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Rancho Del pueblo remains open space park under the current designation.

>> That is our recommendation.

>> That's what I thought, I know it's coming before the parks commission next month.

>> What the council does will decide. We'll see. Okay now it's our time to decide whether we want to forward our recommendations for this, or do we want to just say now? David.

>> I move the recommendation.

>> Second.

>> Is there a second?

>> Second.

>> Second. And discussion? All those in favor? [Ayes]

>> Congratulations, wow! [applause]

>> So we now have, I think, a signature ceremony. Oh, by the way. I want you to know what they gave me. My little thing, I'm a zoo keeper. [Laughter]

>> Do you think there's any meaning behind that? And there's a monkey and bananas. So all right. No, I'm a zoo keeper. So I think we now have a signing ceremony. So that you want each of our signatures.

>> Correct.

>> In our best palmer handwriting, right?

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Be for posterity so make it good.

>> This will come around. Be sure that each and every one of you sign it. And I guess --

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Please sign above your name.

>> Above your name.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Not below, above.

>> And what else do we need to do? Go.

>> Really, this is our final action for tonight. But I wanted to say that a few years ago when I was in graduate school when we looked at general plans one of the first things we looked at was the -- who signed the document. And so it was very important to us, as staff, that we have every task force member's signature on the general plan to show that really there was very much a process that was grounded in the participation and leadership of this group, as well as the community members. And we heard a lot of thanks to staff which we appreciate but we were at least paid to be here. Generally for these meetings, whereas you know I really had a lot of respect for the amount of time that everyone here volunteered to be part of this process and our community members as well. We really did what we could to try to bring community into the process. And so we were very happy to see anyone and everyone that came and took part. And that was a very important part of the general plan update for us. I wanted to, at the risk of speaking too much say, too, that I joined this process about a year and a half in, so I benefited from the staff that worked that had gone on before, and I realize pretty quickly that this task force was tremendously well educated in terms of what we were trying to accomplish with the general plan update. And I think that there was a lot of good work that had been done, speakers brought in and so forth. One of the other lessons I had way back when in graduate school was that really to have successful community participation, you needed to have a community to some degree that understood what they were trying to accomplish and what that could be done. And so I think on behalf of staff I could say that we are all feeling very fortunate to have been a part of the general plan update envision task force process over the last few years and it's been a very rewarding professional experience for us as well. So with that -- I have a couple other business items. I don't have one to hold up but there is a pink sheet that is in your packet that is an evaluation of staff work. We've received two so far out of 33. So I hope that we get more -- three, we're up to three. So appreciate that. And just to let folks know, this Wednesday we have a study session with our Planning Commission scheduled. We've had -- we started with three Planning Commissioners and we're down to one that are on the task force. But the other two, Jim and Lisa have agreed to come back and help us with the study session along

with Frank who will also be joining us as a panel representing you as ambassadors of the task force and help you try to catch up the Planning Commission on some of the things that have happened over the last four years with this process. And then, in two weeks, following that, we'll have the actual Planning Commission consideration of the general plan update for recommendation, and they will be asked to certify the environmental impact report. We have tentatively scheduled the city council study session, still needs confirmation but the date that we're looking at it would be October 17th. And then city council hearing at this point scheduled for October 25th.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Tentatively.

>> Tentatively as well and looking at some questions around, if that's the best schedule or not for us.

>> They'll send notices out on those meetings to the task force.

>> We will send e-mail notices out to the task force as those dates are finalized.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: We invite you to the city council meetings either one of them to get your two minutes if you haven't had enough here. Before we adjourn I believe we have some gifts to provide for our departing guests.

>> Sam, if I could step down here a bit out of turn, hey what's new. First of all let me say thank you to Teresa for helping coordinate the gifts that we wanted to be able to offer to staff and to the chairs. And each of you I think want to make sure that you contribute. Teresa has footed this on herself, and so far she has only heard from three people. If you would see her before you leave I'm sure she would appreciate it. Thank you. Five.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: All right. [applause]

>> Thank you, Teresa for doing that. That was very thoughtful of you. Well, I guess I get to say it. What are we doing with the signatures? Because I don't want people to move without getting everybody's signature.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: It's coming down.

>> It's coming down. Do we still have cupcakes over here?

>> Councilmember Liccardo: We do.

>> Okay. So maybe we can stick around while we get all the signatures, and you can enjoy the cupcakes. And the meeting -- the meeting's adjourned.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Alofa.

>> Madam Chair, would it be nice if we could take a group picture before we adjourned?

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Yes, it would be. Does anybody have a camera worthy of this group? Perfect, John comes through in the clutch. And Joe Horwedel regrets he couldn't be here. I think he was concerned he would get tearful.