



April 20, 2015

Dear Mayor Matthews and City Council Members,

The Winchester Orchard Neighborhood Association (WONA) enthusiastically endorses the Win6 development project and area plan. As one of the neighborhoods adjacent to the project, we are hopeful that Santa Clara will select a development proposal that creates a community of mixed incomes and multi-generations with agricultural open space as an activity center for both residents on the site and those within walking distance. The City's currently approved plan houses seniors in sterile apartment-like buildings with restricted access to outdoor living space. This is "old" thinking. Why not create a place where seniors can engage with other community members with sense of common purpose?

Hopefully your process will encourage innovation for this site. To this end, it will take leadership from the City Council to streamline the process by which a sustainable, green, and community friendly site can be built with all stakeholders in mind. Seniors, as well as veterans, neighborhood retailers, and the community, want to be engaged in this process.

As we progress in the future of senior housing in this country, the move is certainly toward a quality of life that recognizes the challenges of aging, while honoring the value and wisdom of what our aging population has to offer those of us who will one day walk in their shoes. What type of senior community would you like to be a part of when it's time to downsize?

The Silicon Valley has long been known for technological innovation; green technology is certainly the next wave. There is no better place to meld the orchards of the past with the sustainable living of the future, than this Valley. We can lead in land use innovation.

With urban density a certainty, let's create a sustainable model for the future!

Sincerely,

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