

Good evening, Mayor Mahan and Council members. I am Jackie Moore and I have lived on Catherine Street in Santa Clara for over 40 years. I can remember orchids and tomato fields along Scott Blvd. There was open space and our quality of life was good.

But, through the years these orchids and agricultural lands have been covered with housing and concrete. Throughout our city we see condos crowded onto small lots. Variances are granted so parking spaces and set-backs are reduced. Monster houses have been built in neighborhoods composed of small homes and single story housing. These are destroying the neighborhoods and our quality of life.

In January 2003, our respected Planning Director, Jeff Goodfellow stated at a neighborhood Outreach meeting that the City of Santa Clara loses money with housing as it is costly to maintain.

Housing should not be built on the 17 acres of land on Winchester Blvd. We do not need housing on this contaminated soil which would be very expensive to clean. Keep it zoned agriculture and use it for one of many options. This land can provide gardens and vegetables for students.

Orchard Supply is seeking school sites to help our children become acquainted with the gardens and orchards their parents knew and loved. Can we do less! This is a wonderful opportunity to allow our children to participate and learn about our Valley of Hearts Delight. **SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY! Keep Barec zoned AGRICULTURE.**