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VOTERS TO DECIDE BAREC'S FUTURE AUGUST 21, 2007

On August 21, 2007, the Santa Clara City Council voted unanimously to place the Rezoning and General Plan resolutions of the BAREC property on the February 5, 2008 ballot (Councilmember Moore was not present at the meeting).

For years, the community has been advocating to the Santa Clara City Council to save BAREC's public land from private development. On June 19/20, 2007, SaveBAREC and hundreds of community members pleaded with the City Council to preserve the historic agriculture zoning of BAREC. The council did not listen. Instead, they unanimously passed seven resolutions to privatize the land.

On June 20, 2007, SaveBAREC with the support of the Santa Clara residents, created two referendum petitions to stop both the zoning and general plan changes. In the following three weeks, the required petition signatures were gathered, demonstrating the overwhelming public support for preservation of this property.

On August 21, 2007, the City Council was forced to either rescind the Rezoning and General Plan Amendment resolutions (07-7432 and 07-7430 respectively), effectively stopping the development project, saving the City of Santa Clara significant ballot costs or to place the resolutions on the February 5, 2008 ballot, costing the City of Santa Clara over \$173,000.

After public comment from the community and SaveBAREC, the City Council unanimously voted to place the two resolutions on the February 5, 2008 ballot. Once again, the message of the voters to save BAREC at the City Council meeting fell on deaf ears and will now cost the City of Santa Clara over \$173,000.

SaveBAREC continues to offer a win-win solution. We support saving the 17 acre BAREC land from private development for open space and locating senior housing at an alternate site.

The community will now decide the future of BAREC with their vote.

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