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BAREC Question Headed to Voters

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Voters will get the chance to weigh in on the BAREC development plan approved by the Santa Clara City Council.

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters notified the Santa Clara City Clerk on July 25, that it had validated the signatures for both the petitions submitted on July 18. The final signature count was 5,157 and 5,027 valid signatures on the Rezoning Referendum and General Plan Amendment Referendum Petitions respectively.

"Based on the past five years of working within our community, we were confident that the citizens of the City of Santa Clara would support the referendum process to place these critical decisions on the ballot," said SaveBAREC spokesman David Ledesma in a July 26 press release.

At the August 21 Council meeting, Council Members will be asked to rescind the plan approved on June 21. Unless they do so, voters will be asked to vote on the rezoning and the general plan amendment resolutions that permit the development proposed by Summerhill Homes and Charities Housing.

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