Resolution in Opposition to Proposed Evergreen Senior Homes Ballot Initiative

WHEREAS the proposed Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative would enact sweeping changes to the San Jose General Plan that would apply to many parcels throughout the city and would exempt developers from requirements for pedestrian and bike connections, walkable communities, and multifamily housing, instead allowing these developers to build single-family market-rate houses in gated communities (which are not allowed under existing law);

and WHEREAS the proposed Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative poses a particular threat to the open space of North Coyote Valley, as it would create a "Senior Housing Overlay" that would allow for single-family residential development on all "underutilized employment lands;"

and WHEREAS the proposed Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative, while claiming to provide affordable housing for seniors and veterans, in reality weakens the existing affordable housing requirements, and provides no guarantees that any veterans would ever live there;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party opposes the proposed Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the appropriate City, County, State and Federal officials.