

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE INITIATIVE PETITION

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority for the purpose of enacting a parcel tax to provide critical funding to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority to reduce catastrophic wildfire risk by removing hazardous brush; protect our drinking water sources, including rivers, creeks, and streams from pollution; address illegal activity and vandalism and clean up pollution and litter in natural open spaces; and protect natural areas, parks and trails for future generations before they're gone completely. A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

The proposed measure seeks to safeguard, restore, maintain, and manage a growing network of protected open space, wildlife habitat, water resources, and agricultural lands across Santa Clara County that is essential to sustain the health of our communities and natural environment. These efforts would be funded by a tax of 2¢ per square foot of building area yearly, with a \$7,500 cap, which would be administered by the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. The measure would include annual audits and independent taxpayer oversight to ensure all funds are spent locally and as promised. A publicly available expenditure plan that breaks down how the money will be used would be provided as well.

This measure would provide continued investments to ensure Santa Clara Valley's natural resources are well-protected and maintained for the benefit of people, wildlife, and the natural environment. This measure would fund activities that:

- Reduce catastrophic wildfire risk by removing hazardous brush
- Protect our drinking water sources, including rivers, creeks, and streams from pollution
- Address illegal activity and vandalism in natural open space areas
- Help clean up pollution and litter in natural areas
- Protect disappearing natural areas before they're gone completely
- Protect our area's farms and healthy, local food sources
- Maintain and restore wildlife habitats and corridors
- And more

Later is too late, we need to act now to protect our natural open spaces from overdevelopment before they are gone forever, to protect our water sources from pollution, and clear out hazardous brush to reduce wildfire risk so we don't experience a catastrophe like what happened in L.A.

The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority has protected 30,000 acres of open space, natural areas, watersheds, and wildlife habitat in the Santa Clara Valley since 1993, and we need them to continue making sure these natural areas still exist for our children and grandchildren.

By initiating this petition process, we are helping take responsibility for securing a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable future for Santa Clara Valley.

We believe this investment in nature is vital to protect what we love about the Santa Clara Valley, for today and for future generations. And to ensure that all residents have access to clean air, water, and green open space.

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