

## **Rebuttal to Argument IN FAVOR of Measure B (rezoning)**

### **TIMES HAVE CHANGED OVER THE LAST 8 YEARS**

When this land was being looked at for sale in 2000, terms like “global warming,” “peak oil,” organic food, and thinking “green,” were not part of our common vocabulary. They are now. This land can be purchased with local corporate and foundation funds to continue to lead the area towards a sustainable future.

The opponents’ arguments are false, from beginning to end. Their misrepresentations and scare tactics attempt to create fear and doubt to get you to vote in support of the proposed housing projects. A **NO Vote** ensures your voice, the citizens of Santa Clara, will be heard in future land use discussions.

Some of the key misleading statements are:

- **Propaganda:** A “comprehensive environmental cleanup” will occur  
**Fact:** The citizens were forced to file a lawsuit against the City concerning inadequate soil testing and improper soil cleanup.
- **Propaganda:** State of California “owns this property”  
**Fact:** The people of California, **YOU**, own this public land!
- **Propaganda:** Site is plagued by “graffiti, vandalism, and toxic pesticides”  
**Fact:** The property is a “priceless jewel,” and with proper cleanup, the highest quality soil in the State of California.
- **Propaganda:** Developers say they create open space  
**Fact:** Less than 6% of this land can be used by the Public
- **Propaganda:** State “would” use this site for “another institutional use”  
**Fact:** The State never said this. It is a scare tactic.

Vote **NO** on Measures A and B.

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