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Attachments: [Chris Bencher's Park Land Analysis - Cupertino City Council Presentation 2014_11_10.pdf](#)

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Subject: Significant impact on parkland for the east of Cupertino

The east side of Cupertino is already starved on parkland.
See attached for a parkland analysis done in 2014 by Chris Bencher. He concludes that

- North Blaney & Valco neighborhoods are at 16% of target allocation for parklands.
- The proposed Housing Element and General Plan Amendment will result in 33% reduction of park-land ratio.
- Result will be North Blaney & Valcoend at only 10% of target allocation for park lands.

Note that the analysis was based on the proposed General Plan in 2014, which includes maybe 600 units of housing at Vallco.

Impact PS-5: The project (and General Plan Buildout with Maximum Residential Alternative and Retail and Residential Alternative) would not require new or physically altered park facilities (the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts) in order to **maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives**. (Less than Significant Impact)

The DEIR should list the current parkland ratio per 1000 residents for the east side of Cupertino. Then, estimate the parkland ratio with the proposed project. Since open space, town square or green roof do not count as parkland, the parkland ratio should be estimated for real parkland. If you wish, you maybe also include a ratio with "alternative" open space.

But before you rush to conclude "less than significant impact", please provide data. What is the current service level? What will be considered "significant impact"? What will be considered "less than significant impact"? Simply giving vague description without any quantifiable data is not sufficient for the EIR determination.

Thanks.

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