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Hello, Council Member Scharf

As I said, I (along with others) appreciate your thoughtfulness with regard to Cupertino's issues. Therefore, as a private citizen, I offer you a few Vallco thoughts for your consideration.

1. Transportation.

- Some of the trip reduction tools suggested by the consultant Patrick Siegman show real promise. I especially like his ideas for reconfiguring Stevens Creek Boulevard.
- The upcoming Junipero Serra bike road is the greatest opportunity we have for connecting Vallco via foot and bike. Let's make sure it ties in well with the final design.
- Pedestrian and bicycle access through the perimeter wall is vehemently opposed by some neighbors, but such access would serve the greater good.

2. Trees. I know that there is a lot of support for large trees, but I want to underscore my support of large species planted in abundance.

3. Parks. The 30-acre living roof is okay, but smaller ground level parks are also important - for convenient multigenerational recreation, youth socialization, and perhaps even solitude.

4. Height. I know this is a hot button issue, but when there is an opportunity to create ground level open space by adding height to a building next to a major freeway, I favor the open space. Since the City Council can approve a specific plan and a general plan amendment in one single action, if such an action would result in a better long-term solution, let's do it!

5. Beauty. Ground level approachability and less massive tall buildings (pyramid-like) are design elements that have stood the test of time. In some cases, a great deal of time.

6. Environmental innovation. As one who is concerned about the environment, I would hope that you are able to help shape Vallco into a development that is truly innovative with regard to transportation, carbon sequestration, energy efficiency, and the like.

I look forward to great things for Cupertino.

Regards, Geoff Paulsen

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private citizen



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