

June 21, 2005

Honorable Ken Yeager
City of San Jose

Dear Ken,

Thank you for contacting me about the City of San Jose's efforts to acquire new parkland for Council District 6. I have a great interest in providing the residents of Santa Clara County open space and park lands and have supported such efforts in the past.

In order to alleviate parkland deficiencies, the City of San Jose has been negotiating with a homeowner at Scott/Clifton avenues. Your office contacted me this June to discuss this project you had been working on for the past twelve months and requested my assistance in using Eminent Domain to acquire land within the boundaries of Santa Clara County, not the City of San Jose.

The Board of Supervisors has an existing policy that details a process and criteria for evaluation of any potential property for parks, recreation, and open space purposes. In the future, a formal evaluation of this policy by the City would be helpful and elevate any false hopes or expectations within the community.

I cannot support the use of Eminent Domain at this time. However, I am committed to moving forward together and collaborating on a successful effort that will bring additional park land to our mutual constituents.

Sincerely,

James T. Beall, Jr.

CC: BCA, BVNA, SONA, WSBA, NAC