



Re: June 9 Council Item 5.1, Charcot Avenue Extension Proposal Next to Orchard School

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Unless we tackle transportation, we can't meet California's climate goals and solve climate change since 50% of GHG emissions in Santa Clara County come from the transportation sector. **So, please move forward only alternative E, bicycle and pedestrian-only, for the Charcot Project proposal or alternative D, no project.** We must find alternatives to the automobile to reduce traffic congestion and protect the health and safety of youth and of the planet that we will inherit.

In addition to GHG emissions, Orchard School K-8 students, 93% of whom are of color, who are so often the most exposed to pollution and subjected to environmental inequities, would in our opinion be hurt the most by the Charcot Project. Children, the elderly, people with existing diseases, and minority and low-income communities are particularly vulnerable to adverse health outcomes and economic impacts from exposure to air pollution.

Children should be able to walk and bike to school in a safe environment rather than be required to be driven to school by their caregivers. The Charcot project would also in our opinion create a new road hazard with commuters cutting between the neighborhood and the school in their rush to work.

Please find an alternative to introducing automobiles into this sensitive area as a way to reduce traffic congestion.

Sincerely,

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10. Hoai-An Truong, Mothers Out Front South Bay Leadership Team, Turnout4Transit - Silicon Valley, San José resident
11. Nick Cortez, South Bay Progressive Alliance
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16. James Zetterberg, South Bay Resident, Perpetual Transit Fan, West Valley College Student
17. Justin Gee, Santa Clara Resident
18. Gladwyn d'Souza, Co-Chair, Conservation Committee, Loma Prieta Chapter, Sierra Club
19. Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Mothers Out Front South Bay Co-founder, San José resident
20. Carole Gonsalves, San Jose resident
21. Annie Belt, San Jose resident
22. Anne Hu, Sunnyvale resident
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24. Mark Grossman, 350 Silicon Valley
25. Arya Raghavan, Cupertino resident

26. Annika Gaglani, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Strike Logistics Lead
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28. Rachel Minden, SVYCS Outreach Lead and Mountain View resident
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33. Nicole Dioquino, SJSU student, Sunnyvale resident
34. Bhuvika Kedia, High School Student
35. Megan Liu, High School Student
36. Louisa Hahn, High School Student
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45. Kristel Wickham, Mothers Out Front South Bay, Sunnyvale resident
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64. Hunter McDivitt, Homestead High School student
65. Bruce Preville, Transformational Catalysts
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