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Item:

5.A. Study Session: Youth Soccer Park process.

Comment:

I have been a resident, taxpayer and voter in the City of Santa Clara since 1991. Lately I have been following the proceedings with respect to use and disposition of City owned land. I believe that now is the time to take a careful, longterm look at these important issues.

I offer the following with connection to the Youth Soccer Park process:

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR 49ERS-SOCCER PARK ISSUES**

1. **PROCESS** – All consideration of any proposals shall be conducted in public with sufficient notice to allow for meaningful input from the public. The 49ers shall not make partial, preliminary or even package offers to the Mayor, Council members, City Manager or staff except through the public process.
2. **VALUE** – All real estate transactions must conform to City Charter and be for Fair Market Value. Replacement cost may be deemed fair market value; i.e. the 49ers may acquire privately held land and develop it into a soccer facility to be dedicated as a City Park. Full acquisition and all development costs may be considered in determining the Fair Market Value in any transfer of the YSP to the 49ers.
3. **PRESERVATION OF CITY PARK LAND** – the City will not consider any transaction that results in the net reduction of City Park land; i.e. the new Soccer Park cannot be placed in any existing City Park or Open Space.
4. **LOCATION** – The new replacement facility should not be located near the Stadium (north of 101), should not adversely impact residential areas, should not be within a 500 ft. radius of any parcel owned by a current Council member or the Mayor.
5. **TIMING** – No agreements may be approved until after a viable relocation site has been located and received zoning approval and full CEQA clearance.