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**From:** Virginia Smedberg  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** BoardOperations  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Updating County general plan

Dear Board Members:

In reference to the memo from Supervisors Simitian and Chavez requesting County Staff move forward with specific items related to implementation or update of the Stanford Community Plan (part of the County's General Plan, now being updated) and 1985 Land Use Agreement:

Makes good sense to me to update these areas with current data, esp data discovered in the Stanford GUP process which is now terminated but which created a lot of research.

Virginia Smedberg  
Palo Alto

**From:** [ReneSpring](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 6:23:02 AM

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Sincerely,

Rene Spring

Morgan Hill 95037

**From:** [CandiceTibaldi](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Candice Tibaldi

Morgan Hill 95037

**From:** [Craig & Jan Edgerton](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

Craig & Jan Edgerton

San Jose 95138

**From:** [DeborahStJulien](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Deborah St Julien

San Jose 95136-2323

**From:** [StevenBerman](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Steven Berman

Berkeley 94703

**From:** [MargaretPetkiewicz](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

Margaret Petkiewicz

San Jose 95125

**From:** [VirginiaVan Kuran](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 6:11:20 AM

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The Stanford Foothills constitute some of the last grassland habitat on the Peninsula. Protecting this habitat is critical for wildlife. This habitat is also a component of carbon sequestration and helps to keep the air in the Bay Area clean.

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Sincerely,

Virginia Van Kuran

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Palo Alto 94303-3606



**From:** [LoriChun](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 7:03:02 AM

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Sincerely,

Lori Chun

Burlingame 94010

**From:** [LaRitaDesimpel](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 7:05:11 AM

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Dear President Chavez and Supervisors,

As a member of Green Foothills, a long time resident of both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and a strong advocate of open space needed for connectivity for our plants and wildlife, I urge you to please vote to support the extension of the Academic Growth Boundary for 99 years with the 4/5 vote requirement.

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Sincerely,

LaRita Desimpel

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Los Altos 94024

**From:** [ChristinePielenz](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Christine Pielenz

Half Moon Bay 94019

**From:** [KermitCuff](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Kermit Cuff

Mountain View 94041

**From:** [MichaelDopheide](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Mike Dopheide

Michael Dopheide

San Jose 95159

**From:** [JamesStamos](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

James Stamos

Saratoga 95070

**From:** [JoanBrackett](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 8:14:06 AM

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Dear President Chavez and Supervisors,

Please support extending the Academic Growth Boundary for 99 years with the 4/5 vote requirement.

Stanford Foothills, a lovely grassland habitat on the Peninsula. Protect this habitat for wildlife and the public.

Support protection for our foothills open space.

Sincerely,

Joan Brackett

San Jose 95120

**From:** [AllisonLevin](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

Allison Levin

Sausalito 94965



**From:** [ChristineNagel](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

Christine Nagel

San Jose 95126

**From:** [norma jeanGaliher](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

norma jean Galiher

mountain view 94040

**From:** [CarolynStraub](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 8:25:43 AM

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Dear President Chavez and Supervisors,

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Besides, Santa Clara County needs open space because it is getting well populated.

The university can also take advantage of other property in order to build that is not in the foothills.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Straub

San Jose 95111

**From:** [KathleenTarlow](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

Kathleen Tarlow

Kathleen Tarlow

Palo Alto 94301

**From:** [Craig Britton](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Craig Britton

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Los Altos 94022

**From:** [SusanBryan](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 9:11:02 AM

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Dear President Chavez and Supervisors,

I have been following the issue of possible development of open space in the foothills that Stanford owns. I think it would be a very good idea for you to vote to use the 4/5 vote requirement for this important large area of open space. The 4/5 vote does not mean they cannot develop the land. It just means they must convince 4 of the 5 supervisors that it's crucial that they develop and their plans will benefit everyone on the Peninsula in a way that overrides our all-too-human need for open space. The vote requirement would stay in place for another 99 years.

We have just seen how Stanford wanted to do development deals behind closed doors, baiting the Palo Alto School District with promises of money.

We now have a national government that is all for short-term gains for big corporations. We have to be especially valiant in our local areas to protect valuable open space for future generations. Once it's gone, it's gone.

Please renew the 4/5 vote requirement for the next 99 years. I am a Stanford Ph.D, English 1986.. I am against the academic institution spreading out over what little open space remains available.

They, themselves, should make use of the open space for open space research -- as they do at Jasper Ridge. There are on-going studies there that cannot be replicated elsewhere. Let's ask Stanford to use their land to help us all understand the totality of the environment -- and how to sustain it -- rather than putting up more buildings.

THANK YOU! - Susan Bryan

Susan Bryan

Menlo Park 94025-2706

**From:** [StephenMcHenry](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
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Sincerely,

Stephen McHenry

San Jose 95111

**From:** [ErinRedfern](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 10:00:41 AM

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Dear President Chavez and Supervisors,

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I've lived in the Bay Area all my life and have been heartbroken to watch our golden hills and chaparral valleys get eaten up in sprawl. The Stanford Foothills constitute some of the last grassland habitat on the Peninsula. Protecting this habitat is critical for wildlife--but humans are a kind of wildlife, too, aren't they? This habitat feeds our need for clean air, belonging, and beauty.

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Sincerely,

Erin Redfern

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San Jose 95117



**From:** [KARENSTEPHENSON](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Karen Stephenson

KAREN STEPHENSON

SAN JOSE 95128

**From:** [MonicaDonovan](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Monica Donovan

Sunnyvale 94087

**From:** [JoanScott](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Joan Scott

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Portola Valley 94028

**From:** [AnnieBelt](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Annie Belt

San Jose 95126

**From:** [KarenKirschling](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
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Sincerely,

Karen Kirschling

SF 94117

February 7, 2020

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors  
70 West Hedding St.  
San Jose, CA 95110  
*Via email*

**Re: Agenda Item 19 (2/11/20) – Stanford Community Plan Update.**

Dear Supervisors:

I encourage you to support the recommendation put forward by Supervisors Simitian and Chavez to move forward with an update of the Stanford Community Plan and 1985 Land Use Agreement. The Academic Growth Boundary should be extended for at least 99 years, and the possible future school site should be relocated.

I refer you to a paragraph from an article published in *Stanford Magazine* in January/February, 2001, following the 2000 GUP and Stanford Community Plan update.

Andy Coe of Stanford's community relations office said the calls for open space were difficult to counter because most people, including most people who work at Stanford, support the principle of preservation. "Open-space preservation, that's Mom and apple pie," says Coe. "We've done several public opinion surveys over the past several years, and when you ask an open-ended question, 'How long should Stanford's open space be preserved?' a lot of people, 50 percent at least, are going to say 'forever.' I mean, why not? If you give me the choice, sure, I would just as soon have them open forever. And the University would, too."

Preservation of the Stanford foothills is of tremendous importance to Mid-Peninsula residents and employees, both on-campus and in the surrounding communities. We enjoy exploring the open space or simply appreciating the foothills while traveling on Highway 280, Page Mill, Junipero Serra or Alpine Roads. However, we know we can't take the scenic vistas, recreational trails and wildlife habitat for granted. The open space protections established under the current Community Plan are set to expire in 2025.

The County's supplement to Stanford's Sustainable Development Study addressed maximum build-out scenarios for the campus. It made clear that development in the foothills is unnecessary. The study determined that the University could conceivably triple in density without sprawling outside of the core campus.

Stanford's land use designations are unique in Santa Clara County in that they don't include density limits. Under the 2000 GUP, the Stanford foothills were re-designated from "Academic Reserve" to "Open Space and Field Research," which was a positive

step. However, this is not true zoning, and there are no long-term density restrictions – such as under “Hillside Zoning” elsewhere in the County, or through an established floor-area ratio (FAR) – that provide a sense of Stanford’s overall development rights.

Had the Stanford foothills been zoned for density, the County would likely have pursued a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) long ago, shifting Stanford’s right to develop in the foothills to the core campus. Extending the Academic Growth Boundary for at least 99 years would help compensate for this lack of past action.

Regarding the possible school site in the foothills west of Junipero Serra Blvd., I don’t believe Stanford ever considered this a serious option. The site would encourage the exact opposite of smart growth. Every student would have to be driven to school, adding to the commute-hour congestion on Page Mill Road. Permitting construction on the site would prove to be a monumental task given that it is prime habitat for red-legged frogs, a threatened species. The possible school site should be moved to the east side of Junipero Serra Blvd.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Peter Drekmeier  
Former Director of the Stanford Open Space Alliance  
Former Mayor of Palo Alto  
Advisor to Students for a Sustainable Stanford

**From:** [CarolRuth](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 12:29:53 PM

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Dear President Chavez and Supervisors,

Please vote to support the extension of the Academic Growth Boundary for 99 years with the 4/5 vote requirement.

The Stanford Foothills constitute some of the last grassland habitat on the Peninsula. Protecting this habitat is critical for wildlife.

Extending the supermajority vote requirement for 99 years does not mean that Stanford can never develop in the foothills, but merely requires a higher threshold for development approval. I ask that you afford this protection for our foothills open space.

Sincerely,

Carol Ruth

Stanford 94305



**From:** [Susan Neville](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protect the Stanford Foothills - YES  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 12:52:24 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

The recommendation from Supervisors Simitian and Chavez to require a 4/5 affirmative vote for any development project in the Stanford foothills for the next 99 years is one to be supported. The foothills in their current protected state are a welcome contrast to the huge amount of development taking place on other Stanford owned property. Please ensure that they remain this way!

Warmest regards,

Susan Neville  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

**From:** [Ellen Smith](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Update to Stanford University Academic Growth Boundary  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 3:53:02 PM

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I write in support of the recommendation by Supervisors Joe Simitian and Cindy Chavez that the Stanford Community Plan be updated to extend the Academic Growth Boundary to protect the Stanford foothills from development for 99 years.  
Ellen Smith

Palo alto

**From:** [PatriciaBlevins](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor Simitian](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Cortese, Dave](#); [Wasserman, Mike](#); [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please protect the Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 2:55:07 PM

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Sincerely,

Patricia Blevins

San Jose 95118

**From:** [Bill Miller](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stanford/foothills boundary  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 2:45:16 PM

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Sincerely,

Bill Miller

Palo Alto

**From:** [Monica Stone](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] updating the Community Plan for the Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 2:15:49 PM

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To Whom it May Concern

I'm writing to state my support for updating the Stanford Community Plan recommending that the plan be updated to extend the Academic Growth Boundary that helps protect the Stanford foothills from development for 99 years.

Even though we were unable to agree on the GUP plan it is so very important to protect the foothills that we all love and enjoy.

Sincerely, Monica Stone

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Monica Stone

Palo Alto, CA 94303

**From:** [Bill Hilton](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stanford Community Plan  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 2:08:26 PM

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I urge all Supervisors to update the Plan to extend the Academic Growth Boundary and protect the Foothills from development.

Thank you.

*Bill Hilton*  
*Sunnyvale*



**From:** [rwm836@gmail.com](mailto:rwm836@gmail.com)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Cc:** [Peter Dreke](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] STANFORD land  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 2:03:38 PM

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Hello

Fantastic that you are thinking of enlarging the boundaries of undevelopable Stanford land for 99 years. That will be a terrific public service to the Bay area.

Congratulations if you are able to do that.

Prayerful in Palo Alto  
Bob McIntyre  
Stanford '58

Sent from my iPhone

Robert McIntyre

**From:** [Linda Anderson](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stanford  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 1:55:57 PM

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Please extend the Stanford Academic Growth Boundry that protects the foothills from development for 99 years.

Linda Anderson  
Palo Alto CA



**From:** [Phyllis Butler](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stanford Hills!  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 1:39:27 PM

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Yes. I support no more development on Stanford lands!!

Thanks.

Phyllis Butler

Menlo Park

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Holton](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protection of Stanford Foothills  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2020 1:11:11 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the proposal by Supervisors Simitian and Chavez to extend the Academic Growth Boundary at Stanford for at least 99 years. As a former student, neighbor, and worker in and around Stanford, I know the value of the open space to the broader community. It is a gem that helps make this area unique. If this space is lost to development that would permanently harm everyone in the area. I ask that you all vote to update the Stanford Community Plan and Land Use Agreement to keep all development out of the area west of Junipero Serra.

Cheers,

John

**John Holton**

Los Altos, CA 94024



February 7, 2020

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors  
70 W. Hedding St.  
San Jose, CA

Re: Update of Stanford Community Plan (agenda item 19)

Dear President Chavez and Supervisors,

The undersigned organizations respectfully submit these comments related to the proposed update of the Stanford Community Plan. Our organizations represent thousands of members in Santa Clara County and the surrounding region. We have a strong interest in protecting open space, wildlife, native plants and other natural resources.

We support the recommendation to pursue updates to the Stanford Community Plan, particularly with regard to the extension of the Academic Growth Boundary (AGB) for 99 years subject to the 4/5 vote requirement to modify. The Stanford Community Plan dates from the time of the last Stanford General Use Permit (GUP), 20 years ago, and is in need of updating. In particular, the 4/5 vote requirement to modify the AGB is set to expire in the year 2025 if it is not extended.

At the time the previous GUP was approved, the expectation was that a new GUP process would be initiated in around 10 years. Instead, it took closer to 20 years before a new GUP process began, and now that that process has been withdrawn by Stanford, it is unclear when this discussion will be re-opened. Thus, the 4/5 vote requirement for the AGB might expire before a new GUP is approved.

Fortunately, the County has the authority to undertake amendments of the Stanford Community Plan independently of a GUP application. There is no need to wait for a new GUP process to be initiated for the County to address updates of its own land use policies. In fact, with the County General Plan (which the Community Plan is part of) due to be updated in 2020, to deliberately leave the Community Plan stuck in the past and outside of the updating process makes no sense.

Extending the 4/5 vote requirement for 99 years does not prohibit Stanford from developing on the lands outside the AGB. Rather, it simply continues the slightly higher barrier to modifying the AGB that has worked well and caused no conflicts ever since it was first enacted. In our era of climate change, and with the Board's recent vote to declare a climate emergency, the need to protect open space in order to achieve our climate goals is more important than ever.

The 4/5 vote requirement is an obvious example of a procedural rule that is entirely within the Board's discretion to determine. A requirement on the number of votes needed by the Board to take action on an item is an internal Board procedural issue. It does not adjudicate the rights of any landowner or other entity. It is merely an instance of the Board determining how best to go about internal Board business.

We note that at no point during the GUP process did Stanford raise any objections to the County's recommendation to extend the 4/5 vote requirement by 99 years, even though this recommendation by County staff was made public in March 2019 and Stanford submitted extensive comments on several occasions over the following months. In fact, when responding to County staff's recommendations for amendments to the

Community Plan, Stanford specifically stated that they did not have a position on this issue. (See “Stanford response to Stanford Community Plan Amendments proposed by the Santa Clara County Administration,” dated June 21, 2019.)

We urge the Board to approve the referral to move forward with the proposed updates to the Stanford Community Plan.

Sincerely,



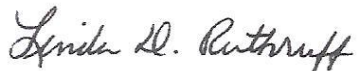
Alice Kaufman, Legislative Advocacy Director  
Green Foothills



Katja Irvin, Conservation Committee Co-Chair  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter



Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate  
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society



Linda Ruthruff, Conservation Chair  
California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter