

City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Ave
Santa Clara, CA 95050

RE: Endorsement of The Greens at Pruneridge



To whom this may concern,

For over 60 years, Greenbelt Alliance has helped create cities and neighborhoods that make the Bay Area a better place to live—healthy places where people can walk and bike; communities with parks, shops, transportation options; homes that are affordable and resilient to the impacts of climate change. Greenbelt Alliance’s Climate SMART—Sustainable, Mixed, Affordable, Resilient, Transit-Oriented— Development Endorsement Program provides support for projects that advance the right kind of development in the right places. By promoting climate-smart development we can create thriving, resilient neighborhoods with ready access to transit and housing choices for all of the Bay Area’s people.

After careful review, Greenbelt Alliance is pleased to endorse the Greens at Pruneridge.

The Greens at Pruneridge is an exciting new project that will reimagine a historic golf course into a multi-use space that will include 316 units of new multi-family housing! With 47 units set to be affordable, the project provides a modest allocation of 15% of new homes to lower income tenants. Furthermore, the Greens is well situated in the heart of Silicon Valley and will provide residents easy access to workplaces and the Pruneridge Shopping Center.

Sustainability & Resilience

We believe that allocating part of the land to become housing is a step in the right direction to reduce resource usage and promote sustainability. The Greens at Pruneridge will help the golf course reduce its water usage by 33% and improve energy efficiency by using HVAC. The inclusion of the 1.7 acre public park and planting drought tolerant native plants further adds to the project’s sustainability. This is on top of the fact that The Greens is neither in wildfire nor flood hazard areas as documented by CalFire and FEMA, respectively.

According to [GreenTRIP](#)—a free online tool created by Transform that models traffic and greenhouse gas impacts of residential projects in California—the Greens at Pruneridge project development will result in:

- **245 fewer miles** driven every day compared to the Santa Clara County average.
- **2% fewer GHG impacts** every day compared to the Santa Clara County average.

We believe that The Greens at Pruneridge is a beneficial new project in Santa Clara that will introduce new and much needed climate-SMART housing to the city. Greenbelt Alliance hopes the project will inspire cities in Santa Clara County and around the Bay Area to be audacious and redouble their efforts to grow in more sustainable ways.

Sincerely,



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