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ACT 25-004

IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO AND COMPLETE STREETS IN HAYWARD- REVIEW AND COMMENT

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Addressing the committee, honorable Mayor:

A group of long-time residents from City of Hayward and adjoining Unincorporated Alameda County wish to share our urgent environmental concerns that fall under several priorities set as a Strategic Roadmap for sustainability that will impact us all.

We understand that the City of Hayward holds direct ownership of the land that currently is leased to Hayward Executive Airport management group.

As well, we understand that the land which was formerly leased to HARD for the purposes of operating the Skywest golf course and clubhouse also is owned by the City of Hayward.

We are asking to have civil discourse with those agencies, staff, and departments who are responsible for future development of the Skywest property.

We feel the beautiful rewilded land needs to be preserved as a buffer from the adjacent airport. The acreage is a natural area for safe walking and biking paths. The land extends to the shoreline and fragile marshlands. Endangered species have returned, reappearing in the trees, ponds and burrows to overwinter or find protected habitat from the surrounding urban density.

Skywest is a beautiful green oasis in neighborhoods without natural spaces to explore or roam. We were saddened to learn from nearby Longwood school children how the airport noise and pollutants impacted on them both at home and at school. Worse still, the children didn't know about the creeks, the shoreline or the marshland just a short distance away.

We ask to enlist your support in protecting this space for environmental education. We ask you to refrain from any consideration of extending the airport operations, disturbing and paving over the earth and creating a barren industrial park on this land.

We respectfully request that you listen, learn, and keep transparency with us as we will continue advocating for nature and those impacted by living in this dense urban setting that is so damaging to life.

Of immediate and most urgent concern is the federal deregulation of critical environmental protections. We are dependent on our local government to defend our health, well being and quality of life from pollution.

Sandra Frost

- Friends of San Lorenzo Creek
- Defenders of Skywest
- Xerces Society, defenders of the Monarch butterflies

- Acrees Society, derenders of the Monarch
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