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Local Agency Formation Commission
of Santa Clara County (LAFCO)
70 West Hedding Street
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San Jose, CA 95110

RE: Request for Reconsideration: Morgan Hill Urban Service Area Amendment 2015.

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing to express our support for LAFCO's earlier decision regarding various annexation proposals for Morgan Hill considered on March 11.

At that meeting, LAFCO upheld its mandate to encourage cities throughout the county to concentrate growth within existing city boundaries. We encourage the commission to continue that policy direction by adopting the staff recommendation regarding the reconsideration proposal currently before the commission.

The planning process begun by the County Planning Department and Open Space Authority has the potential to provide a comprehensive framework for how to concentrate growth while preserving as much of the county's remaining farmland as possible. For that reason, we encourage to the commission to refrain from approving proposals that would expand city boundaries until the results of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Policy Framework process can be considered.

Sincerely,

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Food and Agriculture Policy Director

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