Introduction to Green Foothills
Our Mission

To protect the open spaces, farmlands, and natural resources of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties for the benefit of all through advocacy, education, and grassroots action.
What does our advocacy look like?

- Engaging in local land use issues
- Holding decision-makers accountable
- Empowering community members
Farmland
Morgan Hill
83% of farmland parcels in the county are 40 acres or less
Percentage of Parcel Size Range

- >40 acres: 17.0%
- 11 to 40 acres: 31.0%
- 10 acres or less: 52.0%
FARMLAND PARCELS ABOVE AND BELOW 40 ACRES IN SIZE:
Small parcels make up the majority of farmland in the County, especially between the cities of Morgan Hill and Gilroy.
Small farms are viable, worth preserving, and critical to local climate resilience but additional efforts are required to ensure their future.
Public Benefits

- Climate resilience
- Ecological services
- Resilient urban food supply
- Local food economy
- Food access and health
- Sense of place
Recommendations

1. Facilitate access to land
2. Preserve contiguous agricultural areas
3. Foster a supportive public environment for farming
4. Streamline burdensome regulations
Recommendations

5. Invest in ecosystem services and technical assistance

6. Increase access to diverse markets

7. Grow youth knowledge of agriculture and the local food system
What You Can Do

- Support protection of farmland
- Purchase local food
- Spread the word
San Carlos
Devil's Slide (between Pacifica and Montara)
Coyote Valley
What is Veggielution?

Veggielution is a 6-acre urban farm that connects people from diverse backgrounds through food and farming to build community in East San José.
Veggielution gathers people around three types of connections essential for humanity:

• TO OUR LAND AND FOOD

• TO EACH OTHER IN COMMUNITY

• ACROSS BARRIERS THAT DIVIDED US
VEGGIELUTION GATHERS AND CONNECTS PEOPLE FROM EAST SAN JOSE AND BEYOND THROUGH PROVIDING THREE VENTURES OF PROGRAMS:

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
Deliberately engaging in relationships of respect and empathy with others who are different.

**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**
Organizing East San Jose residents to shape and define their local food system.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**
Increase a sense of purpose around the connection between local environmental issues, youth, and inequity.
Our Farm

- Emma Prusch Farm Park
- Mayfair Community
- Farming Model
- Distribution Methods
Urban Farm
Thank you

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Buena Vista
Burbank
Cambrian
Campbell
Rose Garden
Santa Clara
Shasta Hanchett
Sherman Oaks
West San Jose
Willow Glen
1. ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE FOR ALL

Support the childcare provider workforce
Identify and support additional facilities for equitable access.
Promote and encourage businesses to offer options to all of their employees

2. ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Food security
Literacy
Family support systems
EARLY WIN, BIG IMPACT

2019: $35,500 for Summer 2019
5,836 Caregiver Meals
14 Priority Sites in Santa Clara County

2020 Proposal: $106,000 for Summer 2020
20,000 Caregiver Meals
14 Priority Sites in Santa Clara County
“There’s definitely an observable difference in how engaged the kids are. They’re not hungry, so they’re able to concentrate.” – Marla Sanchez, Campbell Union School District