Notice of Intent to Circulate a Petition

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate a petition within the City of Santee for the purpose of putting before the voters a proposed General Plan Amendment to require voter approval for land use zoning changes if such changes would increase the density or otherwise intensify the use permitted by law; or change, alter or increase the General Plan Land Use categories. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

WHAT IT DOES: The Santee General Plan Protection Initiative protects Santee from overdevelopment, and prevents resultant traffic gridlock. It does so by amending the Santee General Plan to require a vote of the people for development projects that would increase density or otherwise intensify land use over that currently permitted by law.

WHY WE NEED IT: Santee streets and highways are experiencing significant congestion and gridlock. Over development occurs, in major part, due to General Plan amendments granted to development projects by the City Council that increase density or otherwise intensify use of the land, which in turn exacerbates traffic congestion and gridlock.

Without the Santee General Plan Protection Initiative, there will not be any requirement to place approval of a massive traffic-generating project on the ballot for the consent or rejection by resident voters. City Council members potentially influenced by campaign contributions from special interests will make the decision. Santee citizens need and deserve a greater voice in order to maintain Santee’s quality-of-life.

WHO’S SPONSORING IT? This Initiative is sponsored by preservewilsantee.org, the organization that sponsored a successful referendum that overwhelmingly defeated a massive project on Fanita Ranch approved by the City Council in 1999. This Initiative is sponsored by Van K. Collinsworth, Preserve Wild Santee Geographer/Director and also by Santee City Councilman Stephen Houlanah, who worked together to defeat the Quail Brush power plant and to designate a segment of SR-52 through Mission Trails Park a California State Scenic Highway.

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