

Report on Cupertino, copied from our Listserv archives – by task force leader Rod Brown:

“With all precincts reporting unofficially, Cupertino measures A, B, and C were all defeated. Two of the three Cupertino city council candidates supported by the chapter won seats, and the only city council candidate who supported the measures came in last.

Thank you very much to all the SLU and Sierra Club members who made this victory happen! Defeating the measures is definitely a huge win for livable communities and our environment right here in Santa Clara County and the Bay Area. The support of groups like the Sierra Club was key to showing that voting no was the right thing to do. We've definitely set an example for the rest of the Bay Area.

I'd especially like to thank

- Irv, who shepherded this whole issue through this new subcommittee and through the chapter
- Karen and Melissa, who consistently support this through the sometimes-skeptical chapter
- Shiloh, who did just about anything and everything that needed to be done

Great job, everyone! Thanks again for your support!

Report on San Mateo:

On November 7, the City Council of San Mateo unanimously endorsed the Bay Meadows Phase II 'development agreement'. The next day, neighborhood activists who are opposed to the redevelopment plan were gathering signatures to place that approval on a referendum. While our task force, which includes Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo, as well as Club activists, are writing letters and op-eds urging residents to not sign the referendum petitions, as well as working with the Bay Meadows Land Company to mail our literature to San Mateo households, we do anticipate the referendum sometime in the spring. So we are working hard to develop strategy and grow our coalition.

We also have a separate “Recycle Bay Meadows” webpage, thanks to Rafael:
<http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org/BayMeadows.htm>