

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT STORER*
TOWN OF DANVILLE*

Dear fellow Danville resident,

Danville didn't happen by accident. It has been carefully planned.

As you may recall, **the Town Council and I voted to approve Magee Preserve last July — we did it unanimously and with deep consideration for what the project would mean for the future** of our unique and special community.

It has taken a concerted effort by the Town to protect and enlarge our open space over the past few decades. The East side of Danville was developed on the premise of preserving as much open space as possible. The solution was to **take the inherent developable property rights and ask that development be kept off the hillsides and located on the least impactful portion of the property and donate the remaining land as open space.** I'm proud that Danville currently has **42% dedicated open space.**

I am writing today to tell you that this is exactly what a YES vote on Measure Y does.

One of **the most important considerations that I took to heart in approving this project was the downzoning that would allow us to permanently protect the hillsides and ridgelines and reduce the number of homes that can be on this property – from 69 homes down from 78 –** and make sure they are put on the least impactful part of the property, utilizing only 29 acres of the 410 acres.

This isn't Hidden Valley or Magee Ranch with 220 to 250 homes. This isn't a property with a large development or with General Plan amendments. This is just 69 homes on 7% of the flattest, least visible and the least environmentally impactful portion of the property.

The tradeoff? **YES on Y converts 381 acres of the currently privately-owned property into new permanent public open space, opening it up to the public for the first time.** Current zoning designates only 6% of the property as open space, but this preserves 93% of the property as open space.

Since the land is currently private property, the public does not have access to it. The Magee Family has held onto this land when they could have sold it. They protected it and they kept it natural. Only by passing Measure Y will the public will be able to touch this beautiful land. That public benefit alone is enough to pass the measure and for me to vote YES on Measure Y.

Yes on Y also provides us with the opportunity for something all of us agree we need: an alternative safe path to get bikers, hikers, walkers and their dogs safely off Diablo Road. This project provides the Town with a 50-foot easement along Diablo road so we can finally fill the missing gap in the bike and pedestrian pathway. **It didn't have to, but we got it. Only YES on Y will make the path extension a reality.**

We all love our local environment and Danville's outdoor way of life. **YES on Y adds over 5 new miles of trails and protects and restores 1.5 miles of Green Valley Creek.** There's a reason, that the highly respected environmental protection organization, **Save Mount Diablo, says that in its 50**

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years of existence, they have never seen a project with such a large amount of public benefits. That's saying a lot and the reason I'm voting YES on Y.

Lastly, YES on Y **generates over \$1.6 million in new annual property tax revenue for our schools and public safety.** All paid for by new homeowners on Magee Preserve, **and not one penny by you.**

We **started to work on this project in 2011** – that's nearly ten years. We have paid attention to the details and weighed the options. Since then, **we have crafted this project into something that is truly within the character of our Town and that benefits not only us, but generations to come.**

Please join me in voting YES on Y on Tuesday, March 3.

Sincerely,



Robert Storer
Mayor of Danville, 2014 and 2019
Current Councilmember*

P.S. Danville did not happen by accident. YES on Y means **downzoning that would allow us to permanently protect the hillsides and ridgelines and reduce the number of homes that can be on this property – from 69 homes down from 78** – and make sure they are put on the least amount of acreage. This project protects the **character of our Town and benefits not only us, but generations to come.** **Please vote YES on Y.**

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