

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN RAMON WITHDRAWING SUPPORT FOR A NEW CEMETERY IN THE TASSAJARA VALLEY (CREEKSIDE MEMORIAL PARK)

WHEREAS, the City received presentations in 2004/5 about a proposed cemetery project situated in unincorporated Contra Costa County on APN 223-020-005 and 223-020-007 located on Camino Tassajara near the common Contra Costa county/Alameda county lines; and

WHEREAS, the City passed, approved, and adopted Resolution No. 2005-81 on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005 "supporting efforts to develop a new cemetery in the Tassajara Valley (Creekside Memorial Park) to serve the Tri-Valley"; and

WHEREAS, the 2004/5 presentations did not include a sufficient analysis of the need for a cemetery of this particular size or scope; and

WHEREAS, neither the 2004/5 presentations nor the then-City Council considered the impact of the proposed cemetery on the ongoing/future development in Dougherty Valley or on its residents, despite the Dougherty Valley neighborhood's proximity to the proposed Cemetery location; and

WHEREAS, the 2004/5 presentations did not include consideration of the water issues/risks that would contribute to the "significant and unavoidable" environmental impacts to the area as described in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports for the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the 2004/5 presentations did not consider the visual impacts associated with placing structures on a prominent ridge on those driving through the Tassajara Valley or on Dougherty Valley residents and others who use the Hidden Valley trail; and

WHEREAS, the 2004/5 presentations did not include adequate discussion of the proposed cemetery's impacts on the biological resources located on the site itself or in the "Habitat Preservation/Conservation" areas and "Open Space" areas within the City of San Ramon near the Project location; and

WHEREAS, neither the 2004/5 presentations nor any subsequent traffic analyses considered traffic impacts including possible traffic accidents and risks to pedestrians as well as additional congestion during critical school hours when parents are picking up and dropping off children; and

WHEREAS, the 2004/5 presentations did not include any consideration of the negative impacts of the cemetery and funeral processions on the quality of life in nearby neighborhoods in San Ramon including Windemere and Gale Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the 2004/5 presentations did not consider the cultural sensitivity against near-by cemeteries that could lead to the loss of a large fraction of potential housing buyers for homes in the Dougherty Valley, adversely affecting property values and the tax base of the City of San Ramon; and

WHEREAS, Corrie Development Corporation is seeking approval of a Conditional Land Use Permit from Contra Costa County to allow for development of Creekside Memorial Park at 7000 Camino Tassajara.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Ramon does hereby withdraw any previous support of the proposed Creekside Memorial Park cemetery.