

Our transcription of comments made by Abram Wilson, former mayor of San Ramon, at the San Ramon City Council meeting on April 10, 2012, during the Public Comment period:

Link: <http://www.pbtech.org/clients/sanramon/sanramoncc04102012.html>

(Mr. Wilson is the fourth speaker, starting at time stamp 15:44. Note that the audio is intermittent for the first thirty seconds or so of his comments.)

Project . . . I believe that . . . will benefit . . . a cemetery. About six months ago, the owner of this property came to the city, and proposed that the city, hopefully in conjunction, if not by themselves, with a partnership with the rest of the cities in this area to take over this cemetery, and to possibly purchase the land and have a turn-key operation.

We're looking at, I've lived in this city for 35 years, and realize that we have all the amenities, and that one amenity that's missing, and I almost did something that I've always chastised, look at the council, not at the residents, so I - pardon my back as I do this. But that's always been a bone of contention here in this valley, the lack of cemetery space, this is an opportunity to purchase the land.

And I will pass out to the Council a project site, so that everyone is familiar with it. (He distributes handouts). It's approximately 221 acreage, and 70% of that's open space, and it's right in the Tassajara Valley.

I think the most important thing that we're looking at: what it won't do. It won't increase traffic, it won't impact the schools, and no pun intended, people will be dying to get in it. But again, it is a amenity that is needed in this area.

And we're talking about funding and how important this is, and having a resource, a funding resource, I think this would be, would pay for itself. If it's a public private, we can either do that, public private project, or a bond issue. But the main thing it's not to be a burden, a financial burden on the city.

When you look at the city, as Colma, the income coming in approximately ten thousand, unfortunately to low end to incarcerate someone, or put someone in the ground.

But again would like to work with the city, San Ramon, and the other cities in the Tri-Valley, to see whether or not this is feasible or not. Again, basically understanding that the cost, the need for the facility itself.

So in the next couple of weeks, would like to work with the city as I said with the other, and I'm going to be talking to the other cities in the Tri-Valley and in the San Ramon valley to see whether or not this project makes sense. And so I would like, as I said, to introduce this to the Council and hopefully get together with the Council to see whether or not this can become a reality.

With that, and I think I did it in three minutes, so thank you.