

A STATEMENT OF REQUESTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE
CITIZENS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH STANFORD
UNIVERSITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT VITALLY AFFECTS

Preamble We appreciate Stanford's need for funds. We also recognize the unique land heritage of Stanford which, if it did not have, would necessitate the raising of funds in other ways.

We deeply feel Stanford has a responsibility to the community in which it is situated and must act upon this responsibility.

It has seemed to us Stanford has never concerned itself with the impact and change upon the lives of the people living near its industrialized areas which this land use has caused. To wit: the intolerable traffic with the increased pressure for roads, with resultant noise, air pollution, delays, frustration, tension and destruction of the natural beauty of the area.

Palo Alto's, Stanford's and Los Altos Hills's beautiful foothill backdrop is too precious to lose to development. Care must be taken to preserve it now. Therefore, we request:

1. A "green buffer strip" of at least 200 feet (sometimes a bit more or less, depending upon the terrain) surrounding the entire area bordered by Foothill Expressway, 280 and Arastradero and Page Mill Roads. This would protect: Deer Gulch and Matadero Creek areas and along Foothill Expressway and Page Mill corner. (This was promised on Arastradero Road two years ago during a meeting with Stanford University and Los Altos Hills officials.)

2. The proposed golf course as a meaningful green open space area.
3. An undisturbed natural open space border from the left side of Page Mill Road driving west to the crest of the hill from Foothill Expressway to Frenchman's Tower. A similar border along Arastradero Road to Highway 280.
4. We request, further, protection of Coyote Hill so that buildings and parking areas do not cut into it and spoil it as it stands out for miles around. (The devastation already done is tragic enough.)
5. A realistic residential plan: Rather than the proposed industrial development which always requires devastatingly large parking areas with thousands of garish cars to look upon all day by surrounding residents adding further to the already intolerable traffic and air pollution, much less destructive would be:
 - A few residential towers placed low -- not on any rises or on top of hills but back of Coyote Hill.
 - Car parking should be "tucked away" in as inconspicuous places as the terrain affords, providing a minimum of grading, and some space provided under the residences.
6. We request also that Stanford display its short and long-range plans affecting the natural beauty of the area for the public to see and comment upon before they begin the development. This should include future roads and other development.

Finally, we seek a Citizens Advisory Committee to work with Stanford University on land use plans which would have as its members:

Stanford University alumni

Los Altos Hills residents

Stanford University faculty

Palo Alto residents

Students

As to the development now before the Palo Alto Planning Commission, we ask for an interim period of study before any further development and devastation to the land, pending policies coming from the Palo Alto Environmental Study (of the foothills) and the updating of the Los Altos Hills General Plan.

7 We appreciate Stanford's recognition of the need for low and moderate income housing, but it should not be misplaced in terms of traffic congestion and destruction of certain areas of natural beauty.