

CITIZENS AGAINST THE WILLOW EXPRESSWAY

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POSITION ON STANFORD LAND USE POLICY/PLAN

The Stanford Land Use Policy/Plan prepared by Livingston and Blaney is a blueprint for the destruction of our precious foothills, and, incidentally, our neighborhoods in Menlo Park. The Willow Freeway (or Expressway, as some call it) is an important part of this blueprint. The 98,000 daily trips projected by Livingston and Blaney for the Willow Freeway in 1990 will come mainly from industrial overdevelopment, especially in the foothills, and especially from a new industrial park to be created at the Sand Hill SIAC site - between Sand Hill Road and the Linear Accelerator, west of 280.

CITIZENS AGAINST THE WILLOW EXPRESWAY has taken the following positions on the Stanford Land Use Policy/Plan. We intend to develop these positions in more detail before the Menlo Park Planning Commission on April 5.

- 1) There must be no development, industrial or otherwise at the Sand Hill/SIAC site. This area must be left as open space.
- 2) There must be no further industrial development in the foothills. Any future industrial development in the midpeninsula should be located in the black community east of bayshore, where jobs and tax base are needed most.
- 3) Stanford must correct the traffic bottleneck created by the Stanford Shopping Center by constructing a four lane road (not a Freeway) from the Sand Hill/Santa Cruz/Alpine intersection through to El Camino.
- 4) We ask Stanford to join us in the effort to have State Highway #84 west of the Dunbarton Bridge removed from the State Freeway and Expressway system by state legislation.
- 5) If the Guernsey Field site is developed (site bounded by Whiskey Hill Road, Sand Hill, and 280), it should be developed as a balanced residential community. Housing should be sold or rented at levels which include all wage levels of those employed in the midpeninsula. This housing development would help correct for previous overdevelopment and provide housing for people already employed in the area.

We call upon the people of Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and East Palo Alto to join us in opposition to the destruction of the foothills through industrial overdevelopment. We call upon environmental and housing groups to join us in support of the above positions. We call upon the voters of Menlo Park to support these positions by electing Bob Stephens to the City Council on April 20. We hope that a broad coalition of groups and individuals will join us in the fight against overdevelopment and the Willow Expressway/Freeway.

WILLOW EXPRESSWAY NEVER!