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City of Cupertino and County of Santa Clara Sign Agreement on Future Planning for Lehigh Site

CUPERTINO, CA – The City of Cupertino and the County of Santa Clara have signed on to a joint agreement that clarifies how the two agencies will approach future development proposals that may come forward at the Lehigh site. The agreement is in anticipation of the permanent closure of Lehigh’s cement kiln operations and an end to new limestone extraction in the unincorporated hillsides just outside of Cupertino city limits.

“The City of Cupertino is pleased to be in a collaborative conversation with the County about the next steps of the Lehigh property,” said Mayor Hung Wei. “Our City and residents have lived with the impacts of an industrial neighbor for many decades, and we’re feeling hopeful about a cleaner, quieter future that is safe, healthy, and more compatible with our community.”

In April of this year, County Supervisor Joe Simitian requested for City of Cupertino and Santa Clara County staff to develop a set of guiding principles to use when considering and evaluating future uses for the Lehigh site.

“With Lehigh stating its willingness to close the cement plant, there’s no better time for our jurisdictions to work together to come up with a mutually agreed upon policy framework for how we intend to consider future uses on the site,” said County Supervisor Joe Simitian. “It’s incumbent on us to be good stewards of this land. A joint agreement ensures that restoration and development of the Lehigh property takes place in a way that protects public health and the environment.”

The joint agreement, unanimously approved on June 21 by the Cupertino City Council and on June 27 by the County Board of Supervisors, stipulates that the City and County will work together to ensure that any future development of the Lehigh site benefits the surrounding community. The agreement ensures that Lehigh and any future owners of the property prevent and eliminate any conditions that could be considered a nuisance or pose a danger to

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public health or the environment (including exposure to hazards such as pollutants that currently exist on the property or may be generated or released through reclamation, restoration, or remediation activities). The agreement also requires that in order for development to proceed, reclamation, restoration, and environmental remediation of the site must be moving forward in compliance with all applicable laws, policies, and regulations.

For more details on the future planning for the Lehigh site and additional information, view the [County's full press release](#).