Our pastoral valley is only 3 miles wide from hillside to hillside. But imagine more massive, trucking-intensive, distribution centers throughout our city, intermixed with housing, hotels and businesses. Unfortunately there are developers planning to turn our charming, family-friendly city into a regional distribution hub. A few of our City Leaders also believe this is the way to bring big business to Morgan Hill. **We have a better idea!**

**Announcing Our “Responsible Growth for Morgan Hill” Initiative**

You can’t miss the huge sprawling distribution center visible along Hwy 101. This project is very significant, first of its kind in Morgan Hill, yet it slipped past the normal Planning Commission and City Council approval process. We are proposing important changes to our City’s decision-making authority to **allow residents to have a voice in all future large-scale development projects**, to prevent this from ever happening again.

We also discovered that Morgan Hill Zoning Code is behind the times with the rapidly changing e-commerce and distribution industry. We dug deep into the outdated zoning code, found what needs to be addressed, and thanks to our generous donors, hired legal counsel to **define and prohibit Fulfillment/Distribution Centers** as a type of land use within City limits. At the same time, we consulted with local businesses and developers, and we were careful not to jeopardize zoning code that encourages advanced manufacturing, research and development, traditional manufacturing with warehousing, or other businesses that could thrive here and bring higher-paying jobs to our city.

Our proposed zoning code amendments are a win-win approach to enable responsible growth of job-generating land use in Morgan Hill while preserving our health, safety, and unique quality of life here. We are circulating a petition for signatures to qualify our initiative to move forward, either to be adopted by City Council or to be presented to voters in an election. **Look for signature pop-up events** in downtown, at the farmer’s market, and in neighborhood parks and other locations. All volunteers are trained to Covid19-safe procedures. We also have a print-at-home-and-mail-in option.

Learn more at [www.mh-rgc.org](http://www.mh-rgc.org) or call 408-465-9588 for signature options
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The PPA Application and map are posted on the City’s website (‘Approve Application to Bay Area Metro for a new Priority Production Area and a modified Priority Development Area’ right after agenda item #17) http://morganhillca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1826

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