

For Immediate Release:

The South Poway Residents Association and the Green Valley Civic Association announced today a joint effort to promote parkland and open space within the City of Poway. The two organizations, which together represent over 2000 residents from different areas of the City, have pledged to cooperate in areas of mutual interest to their membership, and believe that preserving and acquiring open space and parks is critical to the future quality of life in Poway.

The two groups announced that their initial efforts will involve the Slough property development proposed for the South Poway Planned Community and the Sunroad development in the Old Coach Specific Plan area of north Poway. The groups have expressed opposition to the loss of open space in the Slough project and are requesting the transfer of 8 acres of private open space to City ownership in exchange for approval on the Sunroad project.

In addition, GVCA and SPRA have also agreed to discuss cooperation regarding the new Poway Town Center proposal and the acquisition of additional parkland south of Poway Road.

GVCA President Bruce Tarzy stated that "We believe we can better serve our respective memberships and all the citizens of Poway by coordinating our efforts on areas where we have agreement. Parkland and open space is a major issue for both organizations."

SPRA Chairperson Joe St. Lucas added: "Our groups can enhance the Quality of Life for the people in Poway and benefit the area ecologically by working together to maintain open space and acquiring parkland."

In the future, the Associations intend to cooperate and coordinate their efforts to enlighten the public and encourage civic leaders to protect the tenets of the General Plan and adopt positions that promote parkland and open space.

The two leaders plan to meet together with the City Manager to discuss these issues in February.

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