



TransForm and Greenbelt Alliance Endorse Proposed Ohlone Development in Midtown San Jose

Leading Bay Area Environmental Organizations Urge City of San Jose Approval This Fall

San Jose, Calif., September 27, 2010 – Today TransForm and the Greenbelt Alliance jointly announced their support for The Ohlone development proposal. This project will bring 700 new homes to Midtown San Jose as part of a transit-oriented, mixed-use development on 8.25 square miles of land at the corner of West San Carlos and Sunol Streets.

“The Ohlone represents a development project that truly looks to the future of planning in San Jose by building around existing and proposed public transit to reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions while using innovative parking strategies on-site. In addition, all Ohlone residents will be receiving deep discounted VTA Eco Passes, providing a clear financial incentive for taking transit,” said Ann Cheng, Program Director. “As a result, we are proud to award this project the first GreenTRIP certification in the Bay Area.”

TransForm and Greenbelt Alliance both review and endorse development proposals in the Bay Area that meet their strict standards around vital issues key to sustainable development. Through its Compact Development Endorsements program, Greenbelt Alliance endorses and advocates for residential, mixed-use and commercial developments that are pedestrian-oriented and transit-accessible, use land efficiently, and provide affordable homes. TransForm’s GreenTRIP program is their new Traffic Reduction and Innovative Parking certification program for new residential and mixed-use developments. Just five projects have earned certification under this program to date.

“Greenbelt Alliance is pleased to endorse The Ohlone project, as we believe it sets a standard for high-quality development that others should follow. We have been pleased to see the project evolve into one that is climate-friendly and prioritizes pedestrians and transit riders. Public input has really made this development what it is today,” said Marla Wilson, Sustainable Development Associate. “This is a wonderful opportunity to turn a fenced-off, vacant site into a lively new community.”

The Ohlone recently submitted an addendum to its Planned Development Zoning application based on feedback from City of San Jose Planning staff, the community and the Architectural Review Committee. This plan increased the density on site by adding increased height at the corner of Sunol Street and Auzerais Avenue. The Planning Commission and City Council will hold hearings and vote on the application this fall.

“The Ohlone Development Team is honored to have received endorsement from Greenbelt Alliance and TransForm’s GreenTRIP certification for the project. We are very proud of the work we have done to embrace the principles of sustainable design and development and really believe this will be a marquee

project for the future of development for the City of San Jose,” said Michael Van Every, Green Republic LLLP Project Executive.

Extensive information about the project is available at www.greenrepublicsj.com, including key planning process documents released by the City of San Jose.

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About Green Republic LLLP, Inc.:

Green Republic LLP is a joint venture by Barry Swenson Builder and Republic Urban properties that is developing The Ohlone project. *Republic Urban Properties LLC* and its family of affiliated companies, represents a privately owned, fully integrated, full-service real estate investment, development and management organization that concentrates on institutional grade real estate over all property types. *Barry Swenson Builder* was created in 1977, and is one of Silicon Valley's most recognized names in construction. The company provides the highest quality service for a wide variety of project types, including multi-family residential, office, hospitality, medical, senior living, industrial, research and development, retail, mixed-use and historical renovation.

About Greenbelt Alliance:

Since 1958, Greenbelt Alliance has been the San Francisco Bay Area's advocate for open spaces and vibrant places, with offices in San Francisco, San Jose, Walnut Creek, San Rafael, and Santa Rosa. www.greenbelt.org

About TransForm:

TransForm works to create world-class public transportation and walkable communities in the Bay Area and beyond. We build diverse coalitions, influence policy, and develop innovative programs to improve the lives of all people and protect the environment. <http://TransFormCA.org>

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