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Madame Mayor, Santa Clara City Councilmembers and City Staff, thank you & good evening. I'm Bill Bailey and I have lived in Santa Clara for 21 years. I'm the Treasurer of Santa Clara Plays Fair<dot>org. All of us are volunteers.

The massive 49ers stadium subsidy includes the \$20,000,000 you intend to charge to Silicon Valley Power for the relocation of the Tasman electric substation.

We note that this Agenda Item was withdrawn before public comments were offered on April 27, for the given reason of Councilman Kornder's absence.

This evening we now hear that it's now being deferred to the June 15th Annual Budget Meeting, for the given reason that this \$20 million relocation is suddenly about to be added to the Capital Improvement Project budget.

Let's be clear: Try as they might, "Stadium Boosters," on this City Council and off, can point to no reason for this relocation other than its proximity to a 14-acre NFL stadium crammed onto a 17-acre site. The public record of May 29th, 2007 and Dec. 8th, 2009, makes this quite clear.

There is no reason to defer the substation move to the June 15th meeting, for the simple reason that there's no reason to add it to the CIP.

All that is necessary is for the City of Santa Clara to submit the bill for the Tasman substation move, in the amount of \$20,000,000, directly to Dr. John York, owner of the San Francisco 49ers, instead. That is because the substation is being moved strictly for the benefit of the 49ers and for no one else's.

Show us Santa Clarans decrepit utility infrastructure, and we'd pay for its replacement at once – but Tasman does not qualify.

Yahoo! is paying for their own substation – the 49ers can, too.

Thank you.

From Agenda Report for Item 5A-2,
City Council Meeting of May 29, 2007.

Other Factors

- **Five Year Plan for substation upgrades and rebuilds**
 - Other substations have higher priority
 - Does not contemplate moving or replacing entire substations
 - Major rebuilds at Tasman probably not scheduled for 10+ years
- **Value engineering and coordination w/other Projects**
 - Could reduce costs by 10 to 15%.
- **Business climate for procurement and contracting**
 - Could increase project costs by 10 to 20%
- **Value for replacement of old substation with new**



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Conflict of Interest Pledge:

May 15, 2007

May 11, 2010

I pledge that neither I nor a member of my immediate family will take a paid position with the proposed *Santa Clara Stadium Authority, the SF 49ers or any other company/agency that benefits from Measure J*; and I also pledge that I will not accept the endorsement of, or contributions from, The Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, from the York family or the 49ers, or other organizations with a majority of their membership residing outside the City of Santa Clara, or individuals outside the City, who would benefit directly or indirectly from the construction of the stadium, for a campaign for State Assembly or other elected public position.

Patricia M. Mahan, Mayor

Dominic J. Caserta

Will Kennedy

Kevin Moore

Joe Kornder

Jamie Matthews

Jamie McLeod