



## Board and Commission Study Issue Form

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process. *Board members or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.*

**Date Submitted to Staff Liaison:**

**Board/ Commission:**

**Submitted by:** David Kesting

**Study Issue Working Title:**

Assessment of Underused City-Owned Real Estate Parcels for Optimized Use

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?

The City of Sunnyvale owns several real estate parcels that appear underutilized, particularly in the areas surrounding the Caltrain parking lots along Evelyn Avenue. Parcels of concern include APN 165-14-046 (101 S Mathilda Ave Evelyn at Charles Street East), APN 165-14-045 (Parking Lot & Off Ramp, under Mathilda Overpass S/O Evelyn), APN 165-14-018 (Evelyn at Corner of Charles), APN 165-15-055 (Evelyn at Waverly), and APN 165-15-020 (Evelyn between Pastoria and Waverly).

A comprehensive study should assess the current utilization of these parcels and explore opportunities to maximize their public benefit. Potential uses include, but are not limited to, Small parks, bike and pedestrian gathering areas, food truck lots, pickup fields for sports such as ultimate Frisbee, under-bridge dog parks, or affordable housing.

This initiative is modeled after the success of the DPW24-08 study, which is currently evaluating the repurposed use of city-owned lots near the PG&E property in Cherry Chase.

The proposed study will similarly aim to unlock greater utility from the city's underused real estate.

2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: [Staff Use Only]

See attachment

### Staff Comments

This study would look at small, City owned parcels of land in the vicinity of the Caltrain Station, Plaza Del Sol and South Murphy Avenue. The purpose of the Study would be to explore the possibility of developing these small parcels, particularly in the area surrounding the Caltrain parking lot and other lots along Evelyn Avenue, into usable space for the community. Potential uses include small parks, fenced dog parks, food truck lots, and other open space uses. Also, the Study would look at the possibility of affordable housing in those areas. The Study would assess the current utilization of these areas and explore opportunities to maximize their public benefit.