

Members of the
Jewish Community of Solano County
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As members of the Jewish Community of Solano County, we are aware of and very concerned over the proposed development of the Glen Cove Waterfront Site.

Having learned that this site is a Shell Mound, therefore a cemetery, we are very interested in its preservation as such.

Judaism has a profound understanding and respect for burial sites since we see them as holy sites. In our biblical history, our Forefather Abraham bought a cave from the local people to bury his wife Sarah in what was to become Israel. Moses returned to Egypt to recover the bones of our Forefather Joseph, and carried them for 40 years in order to bury them in the Holy Land of Israel. Today, these sites are still preserved and protected, and are visited every day by thousands of people from all over the world. These examples show the importance we place on the sanctity of burial sites.

We strongly advocate building our town as a place accommodating the sensibilities of all our citizens. We strongly oppose disturbing or desecrating any burial sites, regardless of whether or not they use headstones. We wholeheartedly endorse the effort to find alternative locations for the development under consideration for the Glen Cove Waterfront Site so that we can keep the Shell Mound burial grounds intact.

Please let us know how we can help you preserve this precious site.

Sincerely, (Signed below by permission)

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