Problems related to housing and transportation must be tackled on a regional basis, not county by county. The Silicon Valley Regional Fund supports collaborative regional solutions to creating more affordable housing and transportation across the three counties that form the Silicon Valley corridor: Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco.

Donations to the Silicon Valley Regional Fund will help SVCF lead the way on affordable housing, effective transit and other important regional issues – both now and for years to come.

Silicon Valley is home to some of the brightest minds and most important companies in the world. But the region’s successes have sharpened some already difficult problems.

From San Jose, to San Mateo, to San Francisco, housing prices are astronomical, traffic gridlock is chronic and public transit options are insufficient.

SVCF’s Silicon Valley Regional Fund can help.

LIFE IN SILICON VALLEY

High housing costs affect everyone, but low-income people are especially vulnerable. When forced to seek cheaper housing out of the area, workers typically endure long commutes to keep their Silicon Valley jobs, adding to traffic woes and eroding their quality of life. Did you know:

- **28,000 residents** from San Francisco commuted to Santa Clara County in 2014, up 28% from 2011.
- **16,700 residents** from Santa Clara County commuted to San Francisco in 2014, up 23% from 2011.
- **67 hours** on average were lost due to congested traffic by area commuters in 2014, in addition to normal commuting time.
- **870,000 dollars** was the median home price in the area in August 2015, up 13% from a year earlier.

SVCF is funding collaborative efforts to address regional challenges such as affordable housing and public transit opportunities:

**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS AT WORK**

**EXPANDING TRANSIT OPTIONS**

Among the first round of grants made from the Silicon Valley Regional Fund is a distribution to the San Mateo County Transit District to complete a feasibility study for a network of express buses on the congested U.S.-101 freeway corridor between San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. These areas are more interdependent than ever, and yet transit systems don’t currently offer effective service on this major artery.

**FAIR HOUSING POLICIES**

The Silicon Valley Regional Fund has supported the Mission Economic Development Agency to help develop and implement a “Fair Housing framework” that will result in more equitable housing policies in San Francisco. These policies will contribute to affordable housing goals and can be shared with other counties to benefit additional communities.

**GREAT COMMUNITIES COLLABORATIVE**

Since 2005, the Great Communities Collaborative, co-chaired by SVCF and The San Francisco Foundation, has nurtured a growth model for the Bay Area that enables residents to turn their cities into walkable, mixed-income neighborhoods with affordable homes near transit, jobs and services. GCC has influenced regional policies and helped align investments in transit-oriented housing developments throughout the Bay Area.

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