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Mr. Mayor and City Council:

It was thrilling to read the article about the San Jose Sharks wanting to invest in Merced and build a youth skate rink in Applegate Park. There are several things that stand out in my mind about the proposed project:

1. How fortunate for Merced to have public entities wanting to invest in Merced. That speaks volumes for the reputation being developed about the future of Merced and the difference our leaders are making today. .
2. The possibilities of what this Skate Park could provide for the youth of Merced is beyond imagination. I could envision street hockey tournaments held in Merced. What a boom that could be to local businesses and the area.
3. Frequently it is said there is not enough activity for our youth, what a wonderful opportunity for all kids and young adults right here in our town.
4. In looking at the transformations that are taking place in our community I believe this is just one of many opportunities for future growth and ideas. It is an opportunity for the private investors to encourage others to invest here especially if this groups finds working with the City staff and Council welcoming and helpful.

Please do do not let this opportunity pass, let it be your legacy as the Council with a positive future in their vision and made something unique work. Your support is wanted and needed.

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