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To Whom it May Concern
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Dear Sir or Madam,

For twenty four years, Canopy has played an increasing part in the growth and protection of the urban forest of the Santa Clara Valley through our tree planting and care, education and advocacy programs. Working closely with city governments in the north Santa Clara county and other jurisdictions such as school districts, as well as a large array of partners, we typically (in non lockdown years) engage at least one thousand residents in our programs to plant hundreds of trees and raise awareness about the multiple environmental and public health benefits of trees not only in the general public and youth but also within various groups of policy and decision makers.

As science provides increasing evidence of the crucial role trees play in the urban environment to combat and mitigate climate change and enhance quality of life, Canopy is thrilled that the County of Santa Clara has initiated the creation of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Forestry Alliance. We look forward to participating actively in the Alliance's activities and outreach as we believe that there is significant value in organizing stakeholders to maximize resources and in increasing public awareness at a regional level.

Canopy enthusiastically supports the County of Santa Clara's grant request, which will provide necessary funding to create an organization with permanent positive impacts on urban forestry in Santa Clara Valley and increased public support for urban forestry. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

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*We envision a day when
every resident of the
Midpeninsula can step
outside to walk, play, and
thrive under the shade of
healthy trees.*

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