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Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

33 Las Colinas Lane

San Jose, CA 95119

The City of San Jose plays a part in promoting, managing, conserving, and expanding the urban forest of Santa Clara Valley through monitoring, permitting, and performing tree related services within our jurisdiction and I am in the role of City Arborist.

The City of San Jose supports the stated purpose and function of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Forestry Alliance and associated outreach. As we are able to, The City of San Jose intends to participate in the Alliance and associated outreach and believe that there is significant value in organizing stakeholders to maximize resources and in increasing public awareness.

The City of San Jose supports the County of Santa Clara's grant request, as this would provide the opportunity to create an organization with permanent positive impacts on urban forestry in Santa Clara Valley and increased public support for urban forestry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RH', followed by a horizontal line.

Russell Hansen
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