



June 22, 2020

Chris Curry, Senior Management Analyst – IPM Program
Office of Sustainability, Office of the County Executive
County of Santa Clara
2310 North First St., Suite 106, San Jose, CA 95131

Re: Santa Clara Valley Urban Forestry Alliance, letter of support

The City of Palo Alto plays a part in managing, conserving, promoting, and expanding the urban forest of Santa Clara Valley. Within Palo Alto, the City manages a robust population of public trees, regulates protected species, protects private trees during development, and maintains trees to prevent conflict with utilities and infrastructure. I am in the role of Urban Forester, managing an interdepartmental, unified urban forestry program. I also serve in leadership, advisory and partnership roles to advance urban forestry and sustainability initiatives on a statewide or national level as opportunities arise.

The City of Palo Alto 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 Palo Alto 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 Palo Alto 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. We will document time according to grant guidelines to meet any required matching contributions.

Sincerely,

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