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Megan Dreger, Grants Administrator
The Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley
33 Las Colinas Lane
San Jose, CA 95119

Dear Open Space Authority Citizen Advisory Committee:

The Santa Clara County Parks Department is pleased to continue our strong partnership with Santa Clara County Public Health to increase park utilization and foster environmental stewardship as part of our joint Measure Q Urban Open Space Grant application.

We look forward to being part of the three grant strategies:

- Provide park activity options for families.
- Implement a Junior Ranger type program for youth and offering opportunities to train teens to be future park leaders.
- Provide program opportunities that supports working parents.

We committed to building community capacity and working closely with the community to ensure the success of this Initiative.

JUNTOS means together. We could not think of a better name for an initiative that will bring together families, health care providers, park providers and community partners. The "*JUNTOS Initiative*" proposed aligns well with our organization's vision "...to provide a sustainable system of diverse regional parks, trails and natural areas that connects people with the natural environment, supports healthy lifestyles, offers outstanding visitor experiences that renew the human spirit...".

We are committed to partnering with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and additional community partners. We strongly urge your committee to fund the JUNTOS Initiative.

Sincerely,

Don Rocha
Director, County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department

Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Susan Ellenberg, S. Joseph Simitian

County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith

