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Megan Dreger, Grants Administrator

The Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley

33 Las Colinas Lane
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Dear Open Space Authority Citizen Advisory Committee;

We are excited to work closely with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, Santa Clara County Parks, the Valley Medical Center, City of San Jose, and other community partners to promote park utilization and environmental stewardship as part of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department Measure Q Urban Open Space grant application.

The “*JUNTOS Initiative*” being proposed aligns with our organization’s strategic goal of promoting health and wellness for the families we serve and promoting best practice gardening techniques and access to farm grown fruits and vegetables. This initiative provides an opportunity for Veggielution to build on our partnership with the Valley Medical Center Pediatric Healthy Lifestyle Center by supporting all three grant strategies being proposed; providing quarterly park activity options for families, implementing a Junior Ranger type program for youth, and offering opportunities for parents to be park leaders.

We look forward to holding gardening demonstration and agriculture activities, working with youth volunteers and parent volunteers and sharing our knowledge of environmental stewardship, agriculture and water conservation. As Veggielution is located at Emma Prusch Farm Park in the heart of East San Jose, we are familiar with the community, our staff are bilingual Spanish and we have experience creating a welcoming environment for families.

We urge you to support the *Junto Initiative* as we are thrilled to be part of this partnership.

Sincerely,

Cayce Hill
Executive Director



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