

June 12, 2020

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority  
33 Las Colinas Ln  
San Jose, CA 95119

RE: Santa Clara Valley Audubon's Society proposed grant application


Dear Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority,

I enthusiastically support the Santa Clara Valley Audubon's Society (SCVAS's) proposed grant application to support the development of a citizen science and environmental education program at Laguna Seca in Coyote Valley. SCVAS has been running a successful Wetlands Discovery Program in the south bay for over thirty years, and I have high confidence that they will harness and foster students' and the public's appreciation of this unique natural area.

I worked alongside San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, and local environmental organizations including SCVAS to preserve this land. SCVAS continues to be a strong advocate in helping us save the natural areas in Coyote Valley. We have the highest regard for the work SCVAS does.

This area is right in the heart of my district, District 2, and is easily accessible to the public and San Jose high schools. There is a great need for hands-on science education for high school students in my district and greater exposure to nature and local biodiversity for all of my constituents. I'm excited that SCVAS wants to develop a program here. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Sergio Jimenez  
Councilmember, District 2  
City of San José