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Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
33 Las Colinas Lane
San José, CA 95119

Dear Open Space Authority Directors,

The City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services supports the grant proposal that the West Valley College Park Management Program is submitting for the 2020 Urban Grant Program.

The proposed Public Lands Institute would provide education, training and resources to support a wide variety of public land agencies and environmental organizations within the local community and region.

The West Valley College Park Management Program has had a long history of serving our Department by providing interns and new employees, as well as collaborating on numerous projects that have benefited visitors to our parks and trails. Faculty from the program have also served on numerous hiring committees for our Department and have served as trainers on a variety of topics for our staff. More recently, faculty worked with us to evaluate and improve Park Ranger operations.

The West Valley College Park Management Program has been a long-time supporter of the City of San José and we welcome the opportunity to support them in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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