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Dear Open Space Authority Citizen Advisory Committee

I strongly support Bay Area Older Adults and their goal to expand access of vulnerable older adults to our county's open spaces. Previously, I was a Recreation Supervisor responsible for senior services at 13 community centers in the City of San Jose and I currently manage senior services at the City of Sunnyvale. I had the pleasure of working with BAO when they implemented senior programming at some of the community and senior centers through the City of San Jose's Senior Health and Wellness Initiative grant. One such program was a safe and supportive walking program for our most vulnerable seniors. I am confident that BAO will lead a successful program that carefully addresses the needs of visually impaired older adults.

BAO exceeded their performance goals for the Senior Health and Wellness Initiative grant. San Jose Community Center staff appreciated the unique programs that BAO brought to their centers and were impressed by the commitment of BAO staff. BAO staff was professional, on time with their reporting requirements, able to implement new programming and clearly communicated with our center and grant staff.

It is challenging to successfully establish new programs at the centers, but BAO staff were able to engage older adults in new activities and they continually received positive feedback from the participants and center staff. We are planning on collaborating with them on senior hikes and day trips in the near future with the City of Sunnyvale. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 408-730-7365 or via email at TGott@sunnyvale.ca.gov .

Thank you

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