

## Public Comment: City Council Agenda Feb 8, 2022 re: Item "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project

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I would like the council to commit to completing phase 1 of the Guadalupe River Parks plan AND commit to a phase 2 + 3. As part of the follow on phases, I request a multi-court pickleball complex be considered in the plans. This would be the most popular portion of the park, drawing 300-600 visitors daily, with substantially more during tournaments and special events. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, with thousands of players in San Jose, and very few courts to meet the demand. The sport is easy to learn and play, low cost, fun, and social and is played by all ages from school children to older seniors. This will be a San Jose, and Bay Area asset, that will draw visitors from nearby cities, and out of town travelers for tournaments and special events.

The area between or around the Historic Orchard and the Rotary Playgarden would be ideal for this pickleball complex and is also outside the FAA Outer Safety zone, which removes the restrictions on people density.

I shared a presentation on this idea with the Guadalupe Park Conservancy, [which you can see here](#).

We can provide significant fundraising assistance for this project and have a large non-profit club that would assist with day-to-day issues at the facility, in partnership with the parks department.

Please commit to continuing with the development of Guadalupe Gardens, including the addition of a large multi-court pickleball complex.

thanks,  
Mike Fox

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San Jose Mayor and City Council  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
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**Re: 2/8/2022 Council Item 3.6 Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo, Members of the City Council, and City Clerk,

My name is Robert (Bob) Sippel Manager of the Guadalupe Community Garden and Member of Mayors Guadalupe River Task Force, President of the Rose Garden Neighborhood Association

I/We submit this letter to:

1. Support Staff's Recommendation regarding the report on **Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**: The Prototype Park Concept, Vehicle Prevention Project, and long-term programming and stewardship planning with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy;
2. Support the Memorandum submitted by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to ensure the \$1.5 million identified in Staff's Memo will be used to supplement the proposed activations, rather than for a perimeter chain-link fence;
3. Support identifying additional resources to ensure accelerated rehousing and safe parking options are offered to the current unhoused residents in the Guadalupe Gardens and Trail areas to meet the June 30, 2022 FAA compliance deadline.

The Activation Concept is a viable first step to re-imagine the use of this space as a public amenity, fits the uses and constraints of this space, and reconnects current efforts to plans and visions held for the greater Guadalupe River Park and Gardens for decades. We ask that additional support is provided to staff to ensure the public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and long-term implementation planning needed for a roadmap to the full development of the Guadalupe Gardens.

We recognize the challenges unhoused residents face to secure safer housing options and acknowledge the hard work by staff in addressing rehousing, illegal dumping, site security, park activation, and other priorities. We support finding additional resources needed to provide housing, relocation, and other services to the unsheltered residents in the park by the June 30, 2022 compliance deadline, and we hope City Council and Staff come to a recommendation centered around accelerated rehousing.

We are grateful for the work by our city and community partners to address the complex issues surrounding this area and aim for solutions with broad civic, environmental, and community benefits.

Sincerely,

Bob Sippel  
Guadalupe Community Garden Manager, Member Guadalupe River Task Force, President  
Rose Garden Neighborhood Association

Silicon Valley

February 7, 2022

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**Re: 2/8/2022 Council Item 3.6 Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo, Members of the City Council, and City Clerk,

My name is Jim Challas, President of the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club. The SVDGC is a CA Public Benefit Non-Profit Corporation that provides a framework to promote the betterment of Disc Golf. The SVDGC has established and maintains four free play (no green fees and no tee times) disc golf courses in Santa Clara County. Except for receiving monetary support from the County of Santa Clara for the initial Environmental Report and Public Hearing in 1997, no taxpayer money has been utilized to expand and improve our disc golf courses. All funds for twenty-five years have been from the local disc golf community.

We submit this letter to support Staff's Recommendation regarding the report on **Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**: the Prototype Park Concept, Vehicle Prevention Project, and long-term programming and stewardship planning with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. Additionally, we support the Memorandum submitted by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to ensure the \$1.5 million identified in Staff's Memo will be used to supplement the proposed activations, rather than for a perimeter chain-link fence.

The Guadalupe Gardens Activation Project is an opportunity catalyze the community engagement, design, and programming of an open space that can provide many public benefits to our City and region. We believe the opportunity of this Project shares several of our priorities:

- To provide free or low-cost recreational opportunities to residents of San Jose and the surrounding region
- To provide a recreational outlet for local youth
- To provide assistance with sports skills, in both a written format and hands-on teaching format
- To provide regular free and low-cost opportunities for friendly, non-threatening competition as disc golf is just a walk in the park

We acknowledge the current activation proposals reflect the pressing need to address FAA compliance of our airport with yet-to-be identified funding sources. We ask that additional support is provided to staff to ensure the public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and long-term implementation planning needed for a roadmap to the full development of the Guadalupe Gardens.

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We have an opportunity to create a new park in our City that benefits to our residents. Given its place and time, this park can be a gateway to San Jose, increase connection to nature, recreation, and community wellness, and become a positive symbol of our City's recovery.

Sincerely,



Jim Challas  
President – Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club

# Council Agenda 2/8/22 Item 3.6 Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, City Councilmembers, and City Clerk,

I am a D6 resident and Board President of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Through the collective will of the Council and our communities, we have the greatest opportunity to transform our public spaces! For the benefit of all San Jose and South Bay families, businesses, and visitors, I urge you to support the following

1. Support Staff's Recommendation regarding the report on **Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**: the Prototype Park Concept, Vehicle Prevention Project, and long-term programming and stewardship planning with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy;
2. Support the Memorandum submitted by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to **ensure the \$1.5 million identified in Staff's Memo will be used to supplement the proposed activations**, rather than for a perimeter chain-link fence;
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The Activation Concept is a viable first step to re-imagine the use of this space as a public amenity. We ask that additional support is provided to Staff to ensure the public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and long-term implementation planning needed for a roadmap to the full development of the Guadalupe Gardens.

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Together we must aim for solutions with broad civic, environmental, and public benefits. We appreciate your support in making our communities safe and inclusive for everyone!

Best regards,

**Marguerite Lee**

D6 resident, Cory Neighborhood

GRPC Board President #lovethegrp

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**Re: 2/8/2022 Council Item 3.6 Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo, Members of the City Council, and City Clerk,

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy (GRPC) is the City's non-profit partner providing community leadership for the active use and development of the Guadalupe River Park. We believe in and pursue the vision for the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens as identified in the San Jose Envision 2040 General Plan, Guadalupe River Park Master Plan, and Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan. It is with this lens that GRPC submits this letter for the following:

1. Support Staff's Recommendation regarding the report on Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives: the Prototype Park Concept, Vehicle Prevention Project, and long-term programming and stewardship planning with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy.

The Guadalupe Gardens Activation Alternatives Proposal is an opportunity to catalyze the community engagement, design, and programming of an open space that will provide many public benefits to our City and region. The 2002 Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan already identifies a number of park amenities: community agriculture, gardens, health and wellness, environmental education and habitat support, and others that offer an open space respite for the region, create a unique gateway for the City, and provide many ways our community can connect with nature and each other.

The Activation Alternatives Proposal can catalyze the untapped civic, economic, environmental, and health benefits of the Guadalupe River Park. The San Jose City Auditor's "Annual Report on City Services FY 2020-21" showed that 90% of respondents visited a park at least once a month or more, the highest way a resident of San Jose interacts with their city government. Recent community outreach has shown that nature-centered park improvements and those that support health and wellness are key reasons why park users visit the Guadalupe River Park. The October 2021 report by SPUR and James Lima Planning + Design calculated a \$1.4 billion increase in assessed value of nearby properties through park improvements. Securing the site through park programs supports current trends and priorities of park users and offers a pathway towards the City's recovery through the pandemic.

We acknowledge the current activation proposals reflect the pressing need to address FAA compliance of our airport with yet-to-be identified funding sources. **We ask that additional support is provided to staff to ensure the public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and long-term implementation planning needed for a roadmap to the full development of the Guadalupe Gardens.**

2. Support the Memorandum submitted by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to ensure the \$1.5 million identified in Staff's Memo will be used to supplement the proposed activations, rather than for a perimeter chain-link fence.



A chain-link perimeter fence cannot be the solution to securing a space. This solution would be counter to the General Plan's designation of this site as parkland and San Jose's "grand park," and be counter to the 2002 Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan, 2003 Guadalupe River Park & Gardens Urban Design Guidelines, the 2008 Guadalupe Gardens Design Guidelines, and several other City policies and community priorities for this space.

The Staff Memo highlights the incredible work this past half-year to bring the site to FAA compliance and has shown success through the proposed measures. **We ask that the City Council considers the outcomes of their work as proof-of-concept of a human-presence, outreach, stewardship, and activation approach to compliance, and ensure the identified funds support this approach.**

3. Support the Memorandum by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to identify additional resources to ensure accelerated rehousing and safe parking options are offered to the current unhoused residents in the Guadalupe Gardens and Trail areas to meet the June 30, 2022 FAA compliance deadline.

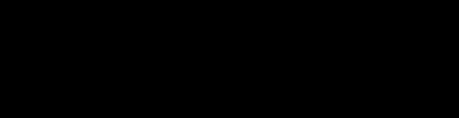
Permanent solutions to securing the site, increasing access and safety to our parks and trails, reducing the impacts of encampments, and improving community and environmental health will need to include for housing, shelter, and services for our unhoused residents. **We request that sufficient funds are made available to ensure all unhoused residents currently on the site and along the Guadalupe River Park are offered housing, safe parking, or other shelter options prior to the June 30, 2022 compliance deadline.**

We look forward to upcoming dialogue and planning between City Council and Staff to identify resources to provide rehousing solutions to those currently living at the site and along the River without compromising the schedule and quality of the transitional housing project on the Lot E site and its associated workforce development opportunities with the Guadalupe River Park.

We commend the coordination and partnership shown by City staff with our elected representatives, within City departments, and the community - particularly given the complexity of the challenges surrounding FAA compliance, homelessness, environmental stewardship and park access, and community health and safety. Our letter aims to highlight the need for additional support to drive long standing community priorities for the Guadalupe River Park and do so in a way that moves the needle forward with other citywide goals.

We strongly urge City Council to support the items highlighted in this letter, and we look forward to further partnering to actualize the vision for the Guadalupe River Park.

Sincerely,



Jason Su  
Executive Director

Cc: Kelly Kline, Mackenzie Mossing, Christina Ramos, Mary Anne Groen, Patricia Ceja, Jon Cicirelli, Nicolle Burnham, Marguerite Lee, Andrew Sandler

February 7, 2022  
San Jose Mayor and City Council  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Re: 2/8/2022 Council Item 3.6 Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo, Members of the City Council, and City Clerk,

My name is Alyssa Wigant, representing San Jose Roll Call, San Jose's roller skate community advocacy group. We, SJ Roll Call, submit this letter to support Staff's Recommendation regarding the report on Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives: the Prototype Park Concept, Vehicle Prevention Project, and long-term programming and stewardship planning with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy.

Additionally, we support the Memorandum submitted by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to ensure the \$1.5 million identified in Staff's Memo will be used to supplement the proposed activations, rather than for a perimeter chain-link fence.

The Guadalupe Gardens Activation Project is an opportunity to catalyze the community engagement, design, and programming of an open space that can provide many public benefits to our City and region.

We believe the opportunity of this Project shares several of our priorities:

1. Prioritizing community use of the space for unmet recreational needs
2. Protecting and supporting housing efforts for the displaced community

We also believe that the Project has the opportunity to satisfy a largely unmet recreational need in San Jose: roller skating, and we are proposing that the City invests in a roller skate plaza space in the later phases of the Project.

For context, SJ Roll Call represents thousands of skaters in the South Bay that have built community through the stewardship and activation of public spaces for roller skating as a means for positive and safe physical activity. Despite thousands of skaters frequenting our events and public spaces such as basketball courts, tennis courts, and other smooth surfaces, we are often banned from these surfaces and left without an alternative, as there is not one free, hazard-free, and outdoor space designated for roller skating in San Jose (and the South Bay Area at large).

We envision Guadalupe Gardens and this memorandum as being the perfect opportunity to satisfy a hugely unmet recreational need for our community on wheels and hope that you will consider us in part for the public benefit. An elaboration on our community's needs of a Roller Skate plaza is available in [this deck proposal](#).

We acknowledge the current activation proposals reflect the pressing need to address FAA compliance of our airport with yet-to-be identified funding sources. We ask that additional support is provided to staff to ensure the public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and long-term implementation planning needed for a roadmap to the full development of the Guadalupe Gardens.

We also recognize the current challenges and additional resources needed to provide housing and services to the unsheltered residents in the park by the June 30, 2022 compliance deadline, and we hope City Council and Staff come to a recommendation centered around accelerated rehousing. The organizers behind SJ Roll Call have extensive backgrounds in social work with the houseless community, and over a decade in community organizing. Roller skate events—as they occupy public spaces—are often sharing space with the houseless. Roller skaters care for the spaces we occupy for our own safety, and are stewards on behalf of our houseless neighbors as well. It is critical that the houseless community is treated with care and consideration throughout the duration of the Project, as there is a huge possibility of re-encampment if not.

We have an opportunity to create a new park in our City that benefits our residents, especially roller skating residents, who do not currently have recreational space dedicated to them to safely practice skating. San Jose is built on innovation and we firmly believe this roller skate plaza can be the first of its kind in the South Bay, creating a safe space for people to skate in and express themselves through movement and community.

Given its place and time, this park can be a gateway to San Jose, increase connection to nature, recreation, and community wellness, and become a positive symbol of our City's recovery. We firmly believe a roller skating plaza will not only fulfill these qualities, but bring a refreshing sense of vibrance, pride, and fun to the heart of San Jose as well.

Sincerely,  
Alyssa Wigant (she/her)  
of San Jose Roll Call

February 7, 2022

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Re: 2/8/2022 Council Item 3.6 Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo, Members of the City Council, and City Clerk,

SPUR understands the complexities involved in planning a viable future for Guadalupe River Park. For city officials and others responsible for managing and designing public space, it can be hard to account for all of the unique perspectives for a public space that serves such a wide variety of people. This challenge emerges quite clearly in the context of determining the implementation of site designs or programming. Urban parks such as Guadalupe River Park are often a visible reflection of the dynamics and larger challenges occurring within a city.

To revitalize Guadalupe River Park and create a signature public space of which all communities can be proud, the City of San Jose and partners should continue to build capacity, secure necessary resources, and pursue effective collaborations.

We submit this letter in support of staff's recommendation on the Prototype Park Concept, Vehicle Prevention Project, and long-term programming and stewardship planning with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. Additionally, we support the memorandum submitted by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to ensure the \$1.5 million identified in staff's memorandum will be used to supplement the proposed activations, rather than for a perimeter chain-link fence.

The Guadalupe Gardens Activation Alternatives are a viable first step to re-imagine the use of this space as a public amenity and reconnects current efforts to plans and visions held for the greater Guadalupe River Park in the City of San Jose and region. It also begins to help redefine the narrative about the park and present a new perspective for how it can operate over time with the implementation of the Prototype Park Concept Plan and ongoing support for the operating, programming, and stewardship needs of the project.

We acknowledge the current activation proposals reflect the necessity to address the FAA compliance deadline with the rehousing and self parking needs of current unhoused residents in the Guadalupe Gardens and Trails areas. We ask that additional support is provided to staff to

ensure the public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and long-term implementation planning required for the full development of Guadalupe River Park and Gardens, as well as the adjacent land uses along Coleman Avenue.

We also recognize the challenges unhoused residents face to secure safer housing options and acknowledge the hard work by staff in addressing rehousing, illegal dumping, site security, park activation, and other priorities. It is imperative for the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens' future that additional resources are identified to provide housing, relocation, and other services to the unsheltered residents in the park by the June 30, 2022 compliance deadline, and hope that the City Council and staff come to a recommendation centered on accelerated rehousing. As long as the city and county do not provide housing and relocation services for all who need it, our neighborhoods and park spaces will continue to face the challenge of how housed and unhoused users can access and enjoy safe, secure public spaces.

We are grateful for the work done by the City Council, staff, and community partners to address these complex issues and are in support of solutions in the re-envisioning of Guadalupe River Park and Gardens as a signature open space benefiting all users.

Sincerely,



Fred Buzo  
San José Director

Erika Pinto  
San José Planning  
Policy Manager

Frank Chow  
USA Pickleball Association Ambassador

February 8, 2022

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**Re: 2/8/2022 Council Item 3.6 Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo, Members of the City Council, and City Clerk,

My name is Frank Chow, and I am a USA Pickleball Association Ambassador for the San Jose Region.

I submit this letter to support Staff's Recommendation regarding the report on **Guadalupe Gardens Fencing & Activation Alternatives**: the Prototype Park Concept, Vehicle Prevention Project, and long-term programming and stewardship planning with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. Additionally, we support the Memorandum submitted by Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Mahan to ensure the \$1.5 million identified in Staff's Memo will be used to supplement the proposed activations, rather than for a perimeter chain-link fence.

The Guadalupe Gardens Activation Project is an opportunity catalyze the community engagement, design, and programming of an open space that can provide many public benefits to our City and region. We believe the opportunity of this Project shares several of our priorities:

1. support the park activation, trail safety, and ongoing programming planning,
2. ensure the \$1.5 million identified not be used for the perimeter fence,
3. additional resources provided for the City's rehousing efforts and support for additional community engagement for the development of the Guadalupe Gardens.
4. I support the development of a pickleball complex, which would dramatically improve the use of the Guadalupe Gardens for the residents of San Jose. This area can accommodate a state of the art complex, which would be unrivaled in the entire Bay Area. It would bring funds to San Jose and benefit many of the local businesses.

We acknowledge the current activation proposals reflect the pressing need to address FAA compliance of our airport with yet-to-be identified funding sources. We ask that additional support is provided to staff to ensure the public outreach, stakeholder engagement, and long-term implementation planning needed for a roadmap to the full development of the Guadalupe Gardens.

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Sincerely,

Frank Chow  
USA Pickleball Ambassador  
Los Gatos, CA

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Alyssa Wigant <[REDACTED]>

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Dear City Clerk, I acknowledge and understand that the phase 1 plan of the Prototype Park at Guadalupe Garden deferred any sort of roller skating space, though I am part of a larger community (known as SJ Roll Call) requesting that a roller skate plaza be considered in the plans for phases 2 and 3. As noted in the Memorandum, the Guadalupe Garden survey garnered significant community interest in a roller skating space and therefore should be seriously considered as the project develops.

Here are additional key reasons why roller skating should be considered for future development phases for this Prototype Park:

- 1. Roller skating is a recreational hobby and sport that interests people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities** – investing in a roller skating space would mean investing in one of the most diverse sports out there (which San Jose needs) that can span generations. Its popularity is also at an [all-time high](#) due to a record number of people buying roller skates during lockdown.
- 2. Currently, there are hundreds of roller skaters in the South Bay Area** (and thousands across our neighboring cities) **with not one free, hazard-free, outdoor space dedicated to roller skating**. Skate parks, cement trails, and the one outdoor roller hockey rink in Roosevelt park all cater primarily to skateboarders, cyclists, and roller hockey players. There is clearly an unmet recreational need for a space like this, and Guadalupe Gardens Prototype Park can address this need.
- 3. The FAA restrictions at Guadalupe Gardens work in favor of a roller skate plaza** because such a space does not require any tall building structures and won't attract any wildlife. A roller skating space can symbiotically exist alongside any other park features as well.
- 4. The roller skating community in San Jose is tight and robust, consisting of hundreds of people** **Creating a skate plaza at Guadalupe Gardens would guarantee consistent usage**, which would address one of the main concerns of the Prototype Park
- 5. Guadalupe Garden's central location in San Jose would make it the perfect space for skaters to meet.** Additionally, imagine flying into SJC and seeing roller skaters dancing beneath the landing plane! This could become a local hot spot and a tourist destination alike.



In regards to where this skate plaza can be located within Guadalupe Gardens and what this could look like, we envision a central skate space near the Hedding Street side of the space, with networks of smooth pathways that can span across the Guadalupe Gardens perimeter, or act as pathways that separate the different components of the Prototype Park (e.g. dog parks and wildflower gardens). A good reference to look at is [Venice Beach Skate Dance Plaza](#), which is next to the beach and has smooth cement pathways alongside palm trees and patches of grass. We could further beautify and activate this skate plaza space by involving local artists and maybe creating a floor mural, like [6th Avenue Skatin' Place is doing in San Francisco](#).

To learn more about SJ Roll Call and our proposal for a safe skate space, [please view our proposal deck here](#), which we presented to the GRPC team. We also created a [vision deck](#) that explores what this space could look like even further—note that this is all big-picture thinking.

We encourage your commitment to the Prototype Park and the activation of Guadalupe Gardens, and we hope to be involved in the creation of a roller skate plaza in future phases to further solidify our vision. We guarantee this amenity will bring a new sense of vibrance, pride, and fun to the heart of San Jose.

Sincerely,  
Alyssa Wigant (she/her)  
On behalf of [SJ Roll Call](#)

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Shari Hall <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because the city of San Jose needs safe spaces to enjoy roller skating.

I have been roller skating since I was a kid and it has benefitted both my mental and physical health in immeasurable ways.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there are no dedicated year round outdoor free skate-specific spaces in San Jose.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because roller skating is a fun, safe, community activity for everyone!

Sincerely,

Shari Hall

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Andrew Siegler <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because there are no free, public, safe roller-skating places in Santa Clara County. The popularity of the sport is growing rapidly, and skaters need a suitable place to practice.

My child has been roller skating for about a year. He has benefitted from roller skating by getting exercise in a safe way. This has built up his confidence and overall mental health, as well.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because nothing is for roller skating. We're always hoping the basketball courts or tennis courts are empty, but the reality is blacktop is not an optimal skating surface.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because they have a depth of knowledge on roller skating, and what works and what doesn't. They are engaged in and care for the community at large. And they're a good group of people that know how to bring out the best in others.

Sincerely,

Andrew Siegler

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Cameron Shibata <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because there are limited safe places for roller skaters in the area.

I have been roller skating since 2019 and I have benefitted from roller skating by improved health benefits, new friends and community, and a big confidence boost in my energy level and self esteem.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because I'm a woman who has to always be alert of my surroundings and often get harassed. Roads are often very rocky and not smooth. We need a place that has good lights, is open to the public, and is providing a safe place to skate.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because they have been advocating to improve community and build healthy and safe opportunities for everyone to learn to rollerskate!

Sincerely,

Cammie Shibata

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Cameron Shibata  
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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Sarah Schirle <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 4:44 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because there needs to be a safe and accessible area for people to engage in roller skating.

I have been roller skating since 2020 and I have benefitted from roller skating by increasing my physical and mental health, as well as being able to join a community with welcoming individuals.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because skating on tennis courts is against the rules and can damage the courts. Basketball courts are typically in constant use, at least in my area. The city streets are also not the smoothest or safest for skates due to cars and debris.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because it will be an attraction for locals and tourists due to the increased popularity of roller skating.

Sincerely,

Sarah Schirle

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call



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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Hirania Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 4:47 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call' organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden because there is a need and great desire for a safe and free skate space for the community.

I have been roller skating since May 2021, and I have benefitted from roller skating by becoming more active, both physically and socially in the community

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there currently are limited spaces in San Jose that cater to the space and surfaces roller skating requires. Some spaces that welcome roller skating are not free, spacious, or safe for all ( such a rink and skate park )

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because the community had been continuously working hard to bring attention to this need. A dedicated roller skating space would be greatly appreciate and utilized by many

Sincerely,  
Hirania Gonzalez  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Laura Johnston <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 4:58 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because it would be amazing to have a dedicated and safe place to roller skate outdoors.

I love roller skating as a way to exercise and decompress from work and connect with the community. It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because many surfaces that are suitable for skating are intended for other purposes and/or don't allow skating. Indoor rinks are difficult from a cost standpoint as well as Covid safety, and it is a shame not to have an outdoor space to take advantage of our beautiful weather.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because the skating community, which continues to grow locally, would absolutely love it!

Sincerely,

Laura Johnston

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Marissa McPeak <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 5:00 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because **South Bay is the only place in the Bay Area that does not have a dedicated outdoor rollerskate place.**

I have been roller skating since 2018 and I have benefitted from roller skating by building community, improving my physical and mental health, challenging myself to do something new.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because the lack of dedicated skate areas, or spaces dominated by men.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because **it would be a revolutionary thing for the city to have** and it would bring lots of new people to San Jose.

Sincerely,

Marissa McPeak

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Cindy Duong <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 5:20 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because of the thousands of skaters in the Bay Area, those south of San Francisco have no dedicated safe skate space so we're either forced to go to a makeshift indoor rink like Aloha, travel to Oakland or SF for roller skater-welcome outdoor space, or upwards of 3 hours to Sacramento for proper indoor rinks to meet other skaters. If we had a proper outdoor space in San Jose, roller skaters from all over the Bay Area would come.

I have been roller skating since May of 2021, and I have benefitted from roller skating by having a mental and physical outlet for my pandemic depression. It's been a challenging few years and so many of us have newfound joy and purpose by rollerskating and building this vast rollerskating community. "Pandemic skaters" is an actual term amongst the rollerskating community, just to signify how many of us started in the last 2 years.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there is not a single designated space for rollerskating (not skateboarding or biking) anywhere in San Jose or neighboring cities. Roller Skaters in San Jose and surrounding areas have to face ridicule at skate parks by skateboarders, being kicked off property by park rangers and other park patrons when skating ideal surfaces like basketball and tennis courts, or being chased off by security when skating in empty parking lots. If we do find spaces like the seldom concrete amphitheater or building front (like San Jose City Hall's Rotunda), we aren't sure if we're welcome or safe. We are forced to take the risk and can never fall in love with a favorite skate spot because we could lose it at any moment. We also aren't sure if we're safe of debris of obstacles because the space wasn't designed for us. Bikes and skateboards aren't as susceptible to the same dangers that roller skaters are, but most parks and recs groups don't understand that.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because they have been actively carving safe skate space for San Jose roller skaters for many years and I trust them to represent us in designing the space.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Duong  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Lizzie Lee <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 5:23 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because we need more spaces like these dedicated to rollerskating. Many skaters resort to utilizing other courts, since we don't have too many outdoor spots for skating.

I have been roller skating since October 2020 and I have benefitted from roller skating by exercising and going to get fresh air! I've also met the most special community.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because most spots aren't dedicated for roller skating. With covid cases on a rise, outdoor spaces are crucial!

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because it would be such a rare find and many skaters would love to visit the beautiful city of San José.

Sincerely,  
Lizzie Lee  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Anna G <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 5:38 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because roller skating is a vital and healthy part of growing up in San Jose.

I have been roller skating since 1979 and I have benefitted from roller skating by the community surrounding roller skating, including the mental and physical gains from skating.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because of the increase in pedestrian accidents in the streets as well as poorly maintained sidewalks in many neighborhoods. Also, the local trails are not always paved with roller skate wheels in mind and the drainage gates can cause great harm to skaters.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because SJ Roll Call has its ear to the skating community and works hard to protect and enhance the local skate experience.

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Sincerely,

Anna Garcia

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Brittany B <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because **I enjoy how much fun rollerskating has brought me during this pandemic.**

I have been roller skating since **April 2021** and I have benefitted from roller skating by **meeting new people and getting to go outdoor more**

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because **at times, people come up to us saying we cannot skate here (I typically skate by Ohlone middle school) or having smooth grounds to skate at. Also, there aren't any bright lights for night time skating to welcome a safe space, especially being a woman.**

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because **not only do they help with the roller skating community, but also the San Jose community as a whole promoting keeping our city clean and helping out those in need.**

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Brandi Young <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 5:50 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden

I have been roller skating since October 2021 and I have benefitted from roller skating as a source of community, exercise, and stress relief.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there are no designated skate spaces.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens.

Sincerely,  
Brandi Young  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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# Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Shelley Wood <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 6:05 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because roller skating and the people I have met through roller skating have had a direct impact on my mental health.

I have been roller skating since 1980 and I have benefitted from roller skating by skating with friend whenever able but this is often challenging.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because I don't feel that there is a smooth and safe place to skate outside in my community

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because there are many community members who would love to skate but don't feel that there is a safe place to do so (and they say this)

Sincerely,  
Shelley Wood  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Laura Salcido <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 6:20 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Dear City Council,

Please continue to seriously consider allocating space and funds for public roller skating space in the future as part of this project! While the phase 1 plan of the Prototype Park at Guadalupe Gardens won't accommodate this, the recreational need of myself and the many, many other skaters in the area would be an ideal consideration for phases 2 and 3.

So many other great cities (San Francisco, Chicago, Washington DC for example) offer a public, outdoor rollerskating space, and there are many reasons San Jose should be next:

- Thousands of residents here roller or inline skate. Just check out the followings for local community groups like SJ RollCall.
- The skating community is diverse and welcoming and would be a source of pride for the City. You'll see people of all ages, income levels, and racial and ethnic makeups enjoying this space together and reflecting the diversity of the city in a way that many recreational activities frankly do not.
- There is no public skate space in the South Bay--skateparks are great fun but not ideal with their limited flat surfaces, especially for learners.

As a person in my mid-thirties, skating has been the most fun, healthy, engaging hobby I've had, and every skater I know feels this way. I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens so that more people can have the chance to experience this freedom and joy.

Sincerely,

Laura Salcido

District 6 Resident - Community supporter of SJ Roll Call

## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Tanika Mei <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 6:42 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Dear City Clerk Office,

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because an outdoor roller skating space promotes a way to exercise, move creatively, socialize, help families go out and play together, and an efficient use of space: compared to say, a tennis court which at most 4 players can enjoy, even a rink of the same size could be enjoyed by easily five times, if not more far more people.

I have been roller skating since late 2019 and I have benefitted from roller skating by getting outside throughout the pandemic and being able to meet new people safely outdoors at a time when being part of a community was so difficult to many.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because skaters often get moved on from parking structures, parking lots of private businesses, tennis courts etc, and often are making do on spaces that aren't designed for skating.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens.

Sincerely,

Tanika

A supporter of SJ Roll Call and the Bay Area roller skating community

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Leidamarie Tirado-Lee <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 6:43 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden because our community is in desperate need of a safe space.

I have been roller skating since August 2021 and I have benefitted from roller skating by being welcomed by the wonderful skate community here in San Jose. Furthermore, skating has been incredibly uplifting for my mental health during this challenging pandemic.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because skating is not currently allowed at many local parks. Additionally, as a female, I have many times felt unsafe trying to skate alone due to men catcalling and ogling.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because the skating community needs a space where we can come together and enjoy the city.

Sincerely,

Leidamarie Tirado-Lee

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Mona Stat <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because I truly believe in the power and love that the skate community brings.

I have been roller skating since 2009 and I have benefitted from roller skating by getting great, full bodied exercise, helped with my mental and emotional health tremendously, and the welcoming community has given me a sense of belonging.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because streets, cars, pedestrians, even paved trails can be very unpredictable, and unsafe.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because I know how much joy and real good this could bring to San Jose, that desperately needs it.

Sincerely,  
Tina Brennan  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Valerie Niles <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 7:18 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because San Jose deserves a dedicated outdoor space for roller skating. Roller skating is a joyful activity for all ages, and having an outdoor rink is a great way to get folks out of their homes, exploring the city, and taking care of their mental health.

I have been roller skating since 2017 and I have benefitted from roller skating by the confidence and joy it brings me, and the friendships & connections I've made from rolling with fellow skaters in outdoor spaces.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because most flat, open spaces are already dedicated for another use: tennis courts, parking lots, basketball courts, etc, and roller skaters are usually forced to move. Skateparks are dominated by skateboarders and BMX cyclists, and aren't as welcoming for roller skaters. There's not much perimeter for roller skaters to utilize, either.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because our community deserves joyful outdoor recreation.

Sincerely,

Valerie Niles, District 6

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Gerald Andag <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 7:59 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Dear San Jose City Council

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I support SJ Roll Call' organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden because skaters need a place where they can get exercise and form a tight knit community who look out for each other

I have been roller skating since 2020 and I have benefitted from roller skating by staying in shape and meeting wonderful people.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there are no parks designated for us and we have to share space at other parks with dog owners, parents with children, basketball players, tennis players, skateboarders, and the places to do it at have too much rocks and cracked concrete to skate on.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because a flat surface is all we need, while skate parks are made for skateboarders with ramps and railings.

Sincerely,

Gerald Andag  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Mandy Chronert <[REDACTED]>

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To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because roller skating has many benefits whether it be physical activity or community creation.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because the skating community needs more opportunities to promote the great sport of skating.

Sincerely,  
Mandy Chronert  
District 6 Resident Community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Carlie Peck <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call' organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden because I feel there are very few legal areas for skaters wanting to use flat areas rather than the ramps and bowls of skate parks.

I have been roller skating since 2020 and I have benefitted from roller skating through exercise, flexibility, a sense of accomplishment, and having stress-free fun!

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because I do not feel comfortable or want to skate ramps and bowls at a skate park. I prefer flat, smooth areas and have been using public tennis and basketball courts, as those are the only viable space I've found to use. Many of these locations have rules against using them for skating. I don't want to break rules, I just want a safe place to skate.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because there is a high desire and need for this type of facility.

Sincerely,

Carlie Peck

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Peter Paul O <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 8:53 PM

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because it is what the community at large would utilize and care for.

I have been roller skating since June 2021 and I have benefitted from roller skating by staying active physically and socially through a portion of the pandemic. I have skates a handful of times as a child at the indoor rinks and 30 or so years later thought about wanting to skate over the last year. The community is great, welcoming and inclusive. I adore the community and my experiences have inspired me to support and activate for skate spaces.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate as these public spaces do not exist in the Bay Area yet. This space could easily accommodate hundreds of skaters at a given time in a single activity.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, that will provides a dedicated space for a large community that will utilize and enhance the existing community and as well as offer activities and programs for the future youth and youth of past generations. Roller skating is inclusive of all ages, where we have skaters that range from 4 up through 70+.

Sincerely,

Peter Paul Olasiman

(Peter Paul is my whole first name :))

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call.  
And advocate for community needs and quality.

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Bridget B <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because there's not much roller skating places these days.

I have been roller skating since I was 8 years and I have benefitted from roller skating by getting exercise and being outside.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there's different skaters all around, like skate boarders or scooters. Lote of the roads or cement are uneven in most parks.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because even though the roller skating community is not as big as before, we know it will get better and we want to share it with more people.

Sincerely,

Bridget Berioso

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Kimberly Costello <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 9:34 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because the community of roller skaters in the Bay Area has grown exponentially in the last few years and dedicated skate spaces hardly exist for us.

I have been roller skating since July 2020 and I have benefitted from roller skating by finding a fun activity which promotes exercise, self-esteem, friendship and community building.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because in cities across the Bay Area there are virtually zero dedicated outdoor skate spaces. Roller skaters often have to use tennis and basketball courts which are obviously not meant for us. We often choose parking lots or other places which are potentially unsafe because of car traffic or the absence of other people to keep an eye out for you.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because this is an activity which is inter-generational so all members of the community will be able to enjoy it whether you're participating or just watching. Look at the Skatin' Place in Golden Gate Park or the Venice Skate Plaza in Venice Beach. These are beloved spaces which provide a safe gathering place for a hobby which brings so many people joy.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Costello  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Krissy Dulay <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 9:35 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call' organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden because the community needs more safe, easily accessible places to gather together and skate.

I have been roller skating since October 2020 and I have benefitted from roller skating by meeting so wonderful people in the community. Roller skating is not only a fun hobby, but it is therapeutic and has helped with my mental health in so many ways.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there are so many designated areas for other activities, and very few for roller skating. Roller skaters are usually asked to leave and it can be very difficult to find another open place to go.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens because it will benefit the community in so many ways, both physically and mentally.

Sincerely,

Krissy

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

# Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Chloe Bacon <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 10:08 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Dear council members,

I acknowledge and understand that the phase 1 plan of the Prototype Park at Guadalupe Garden deferred any sort of roller skating space, though I am part of a larger community requesting that a roller skate plaza be considered in the plan for phase 2 and 3. As noted in the Memorandum, the Guadalupe Gardens survey garnered significant community interest in a roller skating space and therefore should be seriously considered as the project develops.

I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because we have no designated outdoor skating space in San Jose.

I have been roller skating since the summer of 2021 and I have benefitted from roller skating by getting exercise, having a healthy way to destress, and connecting with my larger community.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there are no spaces that are made for us specifically.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because the rollerskating community is growing and thriving in San Jose.

Sincerely,

Chloe Bacon, D4 resident  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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jesus escanuela <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 10:12 PM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because it will give my 10 year old daughter and I a safe place to skate.

I have been roller skating since my youth and I have benefitted from roller skating by enriching the time I spend with my daughter and seeing her smile when she is on skate.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because we are constantly being pushed off courts by basketball and tennis players on our makeshift pop up skate areas.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because it will bring all walks of our community together just as The Skatin Place has done for the community in San Francisco. San Jose needs this this skating place for our youth, for our health and our future.

Sincerely,

Jesus Rollerdad Escanuela

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Sara Boykan <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 10:56 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden because as a skater myself, we need safe skate spaces. This sport has been instrumental for my mental health during the pandemic as an essential worker.

I have been roller skating since 1992 and I have benefitted from roller skating by using it as an outlet both in childhood, and now in my career as a licensed mental health counselor.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because our space is often encroached by others which the space is designated for.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because this is a growing and popular activity that is athletic and artistic. It encourages comradeship, coordination, and well-being.

Sincerely,

Sara Boykan

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Desirae Pica <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 11:02 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because **there are no safe, outdoor, free spaces for people to roller skate.**

I have been roller skating since **2021** and I have benefitted from roller skating by **improving mental and physical health, while being able to join my local SJ community while skating**

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because **the concrete/park conditions are not safe, no safe spaces in well lit areas, and no free outdoor spaces.**

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because **it will bring community together, become a safe attraction for others to visit, and continue to build community in a safe and maintained space.**

Sincerely,

**Desirae Pica**

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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Corinna Girard <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 11:11 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens.

I have been roller skating since my childhood and I have benefitted from roller skating as a source of physical and mental health, especially over the past two very difficult years.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because surfaces are not made or maintained with roller skaters in mind.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller-skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because it would benefit the entire community. Skating brings joy to practitioners and spectators alike.

Sincerely,

Corinna Girard

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

Erica Villar <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2/7/2022 11:13 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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I support SJ Roll Call' organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Garden because it is important for the community to have a specific space for skating.

I have been roller skating since **December 2020** and I have benefitted from roller skating by having an activity that keeps me active in the community.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there are no designated spaces for skaters to safely practice skating, and basketball/tennis courts ban us from skating.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because it will provide the community with a safe place to skate comfortably.

Sincerely,

Erica villar

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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## Public Comment City Council Feb 8, 2022 re: Item 3.6 "Actions Related to the SJC Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project"

lesley lamorena <[REDACTED]>

Tue 2/8/2022 12:13 AM

To City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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As phase 1 of plans for the Prototype Park at Guadalupe Gardens were revealed, it's disappointing to see that the community's call for a space designated for roller skating have been completely ignored. To my understanding, the Memorandum notes that the Guadalupe Gardens survey gathered significant community support and interest in a roller skating space. As such, the needs of the community must be seriously considered by including a roller skate plaza as part of the next phases of the planning process.

I am 100% in support of SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because there are a plethora of benefits that come out of roller skating, and to have a designated space solely for roller skating would be beneficial to the community and each individual in so many ways.

I have been roller skating since January of 2021, and the benefits that have come from roller skating just this past year have been life changing. It has helped improve both my mental and physical health/wellbeing, connected me with such amazing people, created lifelong friendships, gave me a better appreciation for being outdoors, and encouraged me to participate in community events which is something I rarely used to partake in.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because of the fact that there isn't a space purely for roller skating. During lockdown, the empty courts served as a perfect environment for roller skater, but as the world opened up again, the empty spaces were no longer available for skater, leading to aggressive encounters with basketball and tennis players who would angrily reclaim "their" courts. To add to that, if one would even try to skate while others were playing basketball/tennis, they would risk getting injured if a ball or player would collide into them. Basketball players have basketball courts, tennis players have tennis courts, skateboarders have their skate parks, kids have their playgrounds. So then why not create a space for roller skater?

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens because it is what the community wants/needs and will be an

invaluable addition to the San Jose community for

years to come — a happy space for roller skaters which can be appreciated by all generations, for many generations.

Sincerely,  
Lesley L  
A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 2/8/2022 6:32 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Michelle Ritchie [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 8 28 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:**

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I support SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a rollerskate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens because I feel that this type of space is one that can benefit the community as a whole in numerous ways.

I have been roller skating since 2009 and I have reaped many benefits from roller skating. It is a safe outdoor activity, especially during these trying pandemic times. Which is abundantly great for mental health in addition to its many physical health rewards.

It is difficult to find a safe and welcoming place to roller skate because there are no spaces specifically allocated for roller skating. Using alternative spaces such as basketball courts and tennis courts can cause division amongst community and can also cause major tension.

I highly encourage the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens, because it would be the start of a great partnership and community outreach.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Ritchie  
Your Bay Area Roller Skating Preschool Teacher

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**Fw: Public comment skating**

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**From:** Landingham Family <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 7:49 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Public comment-skatingYou don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

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I am not a San Jose resident. This message comes from Riverside County, where i am establishing a the Roll Models Foundation.....a non profit organization to promote roller sports and community development. I have heard the residents say they want a rink but know it's not in your upcoming plans.

I have skated since I was a child. I grew up in all the roller rinks that are now demolished. In the 70s and 80s, developers built beautiful wood floor rinks and made a fortune. As skating dwindled in popularity, the rinks were sold off. The true hard core skate fanatics would drive 60 miles or more just to skate.

In this pandemic, roller skating has had a huge resurgence. Skaters of the 80s are now moms in their 40s, looking to pick up a piece of happiness they had forgotten about. Outdoor skating became everyone's gym. It was the place people could take their children for a new experience when there were no experiences happening.

There's always been a tight group of skaters. Skating is the type of activity where if you have skates and I have skates, then we must be friends. That community has grown exponentially. I don't see it going anywhere. If have never tried it, I dare you to put on eight wheels and not smile. And I bet you, if you go to a skate meet up, there will be a handful of people you've never met who are ready

and willing to teach you. That is the spirit of roller skaters no matter where I have skated across this country.

I have developed roller skating recreation programs for cities, from skating lessons to public sessions, to roller derby and hockey leagues, and even artistic roller figure skating, it can all be done on the same floor. Many cities make their area multi use ....even incorporating options for basketball, karate classes, zumba, pickleball, etc. A smooth, open air, (hopefully covered) skating arena could serve a massive public need in the area. Unlike many things you have proposed, it requires very little maintenance and has the potential to generate revenue through good recreational programming.

I encourage San Jose to be ahead of the curve, and build a facility that will bring all ages, races, religions together like the wonderful sport of skating does. Nowhere do I see barriers fall and differences be ignored like I do at roller rinks. No where have I built lasting friendships like I have at roller rinks. A good skating program will bring people from other cities to San Jose and it will be a good boost to the local economy, too.

Anne Landingham

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**Fw: Project Guadalupe Gardens Park**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 2/8/2022 6:33 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Maria Garcia-Angel <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 7:46 PM**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Project - Guadalupe Gardens Park

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As an architectural designer in this city, I support the positive impact an outdoor roller skate park can have to the landscape of this blooming San Jose neighborhood. I appreciate SJ Roll Call's organized effort to advocate for a roller skate park/plaza at Guadalupe Gardens and believe they and community they serve should not be ignored.

I have been roller skating since 2020 and I have benefitted from roller skating because it's a great way to engage with my community and it promotes an active lifestyle. It's difficult to find a safe and welcoming space to skate while there's a growing community of skaters in this city. I have to say, I have personally never heard of a large community of disc golfers in this San Jose neighborhood, which leads me to believe that there is a greater need for a roller skate park. It would be a unique highlight to this city's landscape.



I urge the council to partner with SJ Roll Call to create a free, safe, and accessible roller skating space at Guadalupe Gardens.

Sincerely,

Maria Garcia-Angel

A community supporter of SJ Roll Call

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