

## Parks and Recreation Commission

RE: PRNS Volunteer Management Programs Annual Report

Dear Councilmembers,

On April 2, 2025, the San José Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously accepted the report on the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Volunteer Management Programs Annual Report and is requesting for City Council's support to expand the PRNS volunteer programs. While there is no shortage of volunteers eager to support their communities, the limited capacity of the volunteer program staff is currently limiting the number of opportunities available. By increasing funding for the volunteer program staff, the variety and quantity of volunteer opportunities can be expanded, adding a greater value to the City's parks at a minimal cost. Volunteering builds community by bringing people together to improve the quality of their neighborhood parks.

The Commission is asking for City Council to support the creation of additional volunteer program positions, enabling PRNS to expand their volunteer network and continue improving San José parks with the help of the community.

In Community,

Kelly Snider

Chair

Larry Ames Vice Chair

On behalf of the entire Parks and Recreation Commission