

FW: Support for Sept. 12th Council Agenda Item 8.1: Five Wounds Trail

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From: Alie Victorine [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2023 4:11 PM

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Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor, City of San José
and Members of the City Council

The Coyote Meadows Coalition is a group of trail and park advocates working to create an urban openspace at the vacant lot at Story and and Senter Roads. This lot once known as "The Jungle" is the junction point for the Coyote Creek Trail, the future Five Wounds Trail and the planned Three Creeks Trail. **Our coalition enthusiastically supports Staff's recommendation to purchase, at no cost (other than closing costs), lands and recreational trail easements from the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).** These lands and easements will enable the City to construct over 2 miles of off-road trail in eastern San José.

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- Five
- Wounds Trail, Coyote Creeks Trail and the planned eastern section of the Three Creeks trail all intersect at Coyote Meadows, the proposed urban open space that will create a second grand park for San Jose.
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- The trail
- also will connect D7 to downtown, Little Portugal and Alum Rock Communities.
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Our coalition is very excited for the Five Wounds Trail to be completed. It will be a wonderful addition to the city of San Jose.

Sincerely,
Alie Victorine



Coyote Meadows Coalition Lead

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From: Lames [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 9:15 AM

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Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>; Cicirelli, Jon <Jon.Cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov>; info@ridgetrail.org; info@fivewoundstrailsj.org; Bill Rankin, Save Our Trails [REDACTED]

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Attached please find a letter from the San Jose All District Leadership Group (SJADLG) regarding Item 8.1 on Tuesday's Council Agenda.

Thank you,

~Larry Ames,
on behalf of SJADLG

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San Jose All District Leadership Group
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San Jose, California

Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor, City of San José
and Members of the City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St,
San José, CA, 95113
via email, sent Sept. 10, 2023

re: Support for Sept. 12th Council Agenda Item 8.1: "Purchase and Sale Agreement for Properties Extending the Five Wounds Trail from E. William Street to the Proposed Little Portugal BART Station."

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

The San Jose All District Leadership Group (SJADLG) is a consortium of the leadership of the active San Jose leadership groups. The purpose of the SJADLG is to strengthen two-way communication between neighborhoods and government agencies and representatives and build a stronger sense of community within all Districts in the City of San Jose.

We wholeheartedly support Staff's recommendation to purchase, *at no cost* (other than closing costs), lands and recreational trail easements from the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). These lands and easements will enable the City to construct over 2 miles of off-road trail in eastern San José.

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¹ <https://ridgetrail.org/trail-maps/>

what we in the community are calling “The City Loop Trail.”²

We urge you to accept Staff’s recommendation and to approve this no-cost acquisition of lands and easements for the Five Wounds Trail.

Thank you,

Greg Peck

San Jose All District Leadership Group

District 1 – Gary Cunningham

District 2 – Lalabu (Babu) Prasad

District 3 – Joan Rivas-Cosby

District 4 – Linda Locke

District 5 – Juan Estrada

District 6 – Larry Ames

District 7 – Alie Victorine

District 8 – Pat Waite

District 9 – Bobbi Pena-Atak

District 10 – David Heindel

cc: City Clerk; City Manager; PRNS Director; Bay Area Ridge Trail Council; Friends of Five Wounds; Save Our Trails.

² <http://wgbackfence.net/CityLoopTrail.jpg>

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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:56 AM

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Sent via email September 11, 2023

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

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Save Our Trails urges your support for this no-cost easement that supports access to public open space for the residents in the Five Wounds neighborhood. Those residents have campaigned for this improvement to their community for 21 years.

We urge your support to connect the attractions of downtown San José to the proposed BART Silicon Valley Phase II Station at Little Portugal with a delightful, peaceful right of way prioritizing and protecting pedestrian and bicycle travel between high-density neighborhoods in San José.

This trail, like others do, will offer recreation, transportation, dignity, and safety to the community immediately adjacent to its footprint. Additionally, due to its crucial location that links high-density neighborhoods across a current barrier to transportation, provision of bike/pedestrian access to a transit hub, and placement within our city-wide trails network, if developed wisely, this thoroughfare could become keystone infrastructure for an outsized, widely felt impact upon our north-of-downtown traffic circulation patterns. Thank you for your vote to approve the September 12 Council Agenda item 8.1.

Sincerely,
Bill Rankin
President, SAVE OUR TRAILS

Web: www.saveourtrails-scc.org)

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Honorable Council Members Batra and Mayor Mahan,

My name is Anthony Montes, and I'm a resident and voter in District 10. I've reached out before regarding traffic safety issues in San Jose in a professional capacity as an organizer with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, but today I write as a life-long resident of San Jose.

I'm writing to urge your support for the no-cost easement that supports access to public open space for the residents in the Five Wounds neighborhood. Those residents have campaigned for this improvement to their community for 21 years.

We urge your support to connect the attractions of downtown San José to the proposed BART Silicon Valley Phase II Station at Little Portugal with right of way prioritizing and protecting pedestrian and bicycle travel between high-density neighborhoods in San José.

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Thank you for your consideration to approve September 12th's Council Agenda item 8.1.

Sincerely,

Anthony Montes
D-10 Resident
[REDACTED]

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Please vote YES to transfer the properties to San Jose, and commit to building the Five Wounds Trail, which the community has been organizing to build for decades.

Thank you,
Jordan Moldow
District 3
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