



July 20, 2020

City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the City of San José's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor and San José City Council Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of La Raza Historical Society of Santa Clara Valley and as its president, we submit this letter of support to the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail Project.

The Five Wounds Trail must become a reality that would largely benefit people the long-ignored people in East San José who deserve and need such a civic amenity.

The Five Wounds Trail would demonstrate the City's goodwill and desire to provide its residents with an opportunity for exercise and a sense of place. It has extremely strong community support which is why we are strongly in favor of this critically important project and submit this letter as our support for it.

Sincerely,

Jesús Orosco, President
La Raza Historical Society of Santa Clara Valley
History Park
1650 Senter Road
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Cc: CSJ/File

CINDY CHAVEZ

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July 21, 2020

City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

I am pleased to support the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail Project.

In 2018, I supported the City of San Jose's \$34 million ATP Cycle 4 application for the Five Wounds Trail Project. If awarded, state funds would have gone towards the design and construction of a 1.4-mile landscaped trail from Story Road to Whitton Avenue along the former railroad corridor. Unfortunately, the 2018 ATP application fell 5 points short of receiving an award. Based on CTC feedback, a local contribution would have helped the project gain these necessary points and stand out from a pool of over 500 statewide applications.

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This project is part of a larger community Trail Network in San Jose. At 60 miles, San Jose has one of the nation's largest urban Trail Networks. Development of this future trail space would connect and serve a historically under-resourced community with integrated connections to BART stations and Santa Clara Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). This will create seamless connections between our regional trail and regional transit systems.

In 2010, local residents worked alongside San Jose State University as part of CommUniverCity San Jose to produce a Concept Plan which guides the City's design and construction proposal. San Jose residents will benefit from both the investments in that plan, as well as the jobs created in order to complete the project over the foreseeable future.

The Five Wounds Trail is a regionally significant project with strong community support. For these reasons, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this application for this important and timely project.

Sincerely,

Cindy Chavez

President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

July 19, 2020

City of San Jose
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San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the City of San Jose's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

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Sincerely,



Jean-Marie White
SPUR, Director San Jose Board



Teresa Alvarado
SPUR, Chief of Local Impact



July 24, 2020

City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the City of San Jose's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

California Walks/Walk San José is pleased to support the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail Project. California Walks is the statewide voice for pedestrian safety and walkable, healthy communities, and Walk San José works at the local level to promote walkability and safety in the City of San José.

In 2018, we supported the City's \$34 million ATP Cycle 4 application for the Five Wounds Trail Project. These funds would have gone towards the design and construction of a 1.4-mile landscaped trail from Story Road to Whitton Avenue along the former railroad corridor. Unfortunately, the 2018 ATP application fell 5 points short of receiving an award. Based on CTC feedback, a local contribution would have helped the project gain these necessary points and stand out from a pool of over 500 statewide applications.

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Sincerely,

Nikita Sinha
Walk San José Program Manager
California Walks



COYOTE MEADOWS COALITION

July 24, 2017

City of San Jose
200 E Santa Clara St
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the City of San Jose's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Coyote Meadows Coalition in support of the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant for the Five Wounds Trail Project.

In 2018 the City's ATP Cycle 4 application for the Five Wounds Trail Project fell 5 points short of receiving an award. In light of the VTA Board approval of \$4.14 million Measure B allocation for the Five Wounds Trail, a 2020 ATP Cycle 5 application will be well-positioned to obtain the state funding award with this local contribution.

The Coyote Meadows Coalition is a group of involved residents of District 7 and District 3, trail and park advocates who are working towards creating an urban open space park out of the Story Road Landfill. The Five Wounds Trail runs from the future BART station through the center of Coyote Meadows connecting Little Portugal with the Spartan Keyes neighborhood. This trail gives equitable access to transportation and nature to underserved communities. For these reasons, Coyote Meadows Coalition respectfully asks you to support this application for this important and timely project.

Alie Victorine

Coyote Meadows Coalition Lead



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July 29, 2020

City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Subject: Support for the City of San Jose's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor and San José City Council Members,

I write this letter in support of the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail.

The award from this grant will fund the design and construction of a 1.4-mile landscaped trail from Story Road northward to Whitton Avenue along a historic rail corridor. The trail alignment will connect the nearby future Little Portugal BART Station near the Five Wounds Church to Kelly Park and will also connect all the underserved neighborhoods that the trail transverses – Roosevelt Park, Olinder-Brookwood, McKinley-Bonita, and Spartan Keys.

In 2018, CommUniverCity supported the City of San José's ATP Cycle 4 application, which fell 5 points short of receiving an award. Based on CTC feedback, a local contribution would have helped the project gain these necessary points. Fortunately, this past June, VTA Board approved a \$4.14 million Measure B allocation for the Five Wounds Trial. With this local contribution, the 2020 ATP Cycle 5 application will be well positioned for obtaining the final points needed for a state funding award.

The goals of the grant directly reflect our community's need for the development of transportation infrastructure. Once implemented, it would give a solution to the community's need for safer walking and biking, and access to educational, recreational, cultural, transportation and employment hubs. Additionally, a well-developed Five Wounds Trial would provide a platform for schools and community-based organizations to launch intervention programs aimed at reducing childhood obesity and enhance public health.

I respectfully urge you to support this application for this important and timely project.

[Redacted Signature]

Imelda Rodriguez
Community Director, CommUniverCity • San José State University



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August 4, 2020

City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the City of San Jose's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group is pleased to support the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail Project.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group was founded in 1978 by David Packard, Co-Founder of Hewlett Packard. Today, the Leadership Group is driven by nearly 350 CEOs and Senior Executives to proactively tackle issues to improve our communities and strengthen our economy, with a focus on education, energy, the environment, health care, housing, tax policy, tech & innovation policy, and transportation.

In 2018, the Leadership Group supported the City of San Jose's \$34 million ATP Cycle 4 application for the Five Wounds Trail Project. If awarded, state funds would have gone towards the design and construction of a 1.4-mile landscaped trail from Story Road to Whitton Avenue along the former railroad corridor. Unfortunately, the 2018 ATP application fell 5 points short of receiving an award. Based on CTC feedback, a local contribution would have helped the project gain these necessary points and stand out from a pool of over 500 statewide applications.

This past June, the VTA Board approved a \$4.14 million Measure B allocation for the Five Wounds Trail. Thanks to this local contribution, a 2020 ATP Cycle 5 application will be exceptionally positioned for obtaining the final points needed for a state funding award.

This project is part of a larger community Trail Network in San Jose. At 60 miles, San Jose has one of the nation's largest urban Trail Networks. Development of this future trail space would connect and serve a historically under-resourced community with integrated connections to BART stations and Santa Clara Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). This will create seamless connections between our regional trail and regional transit systems.



In 2010, local residents worked alongside San Jose State University as part of Communiversy to produce a Concept Plan which guides the City's design and construction proposal. San Jose residents will benefit from both the investments in that plan, as well as the jobs created in order to complete the project over the foreseeable future.

The Five Wounds Trail is a regionally significant project with strong community support. For these reasons, the Leadership Group respectfully urges your favorable consideration of this application for this important and timely project.

Sincerely,



Ceci Conley
Senior Associate of Transportation & Housing
Silicon Valley Leadership Group



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July 31, 2020

City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the City of San Jose's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

San Jose State University is pleased to support the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail Project.

This project is part of a larger community Trail Network in San Jose. At 60 miles, San Jose has one of the nation's largest urban Trail Networks. Development of this future trail space would connect and serve a historically under-resourced community with integrated connections to BART stations and Santa Clara Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). This will create seamless connections between our regional trail and regional transit systems.

In 2010, local residents worked alongside San Jose State University as part of CommUniverCity to produce a Concept Plan which guides the City's design and construction proposal. San Jose residents will benefit from both the investments in that plan, as well as the jobs created in order to complete the project over the foreseeable future.

The Five Wounds Trail is a regionally significant project with strong community support. For these reasons, San Jose State University respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this application for this important and timely project.

Sincerely,



Charlie Faas
Vice President/ CFO Administration & Finance
San Jose State University

Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

SUBJECT: Support for the City of San Jose's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

July 27, 2020

Honorable Mayor Liccardo, members of the City Council, and staff:

Save Our Trails is pleased to support the City of San Jose's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail Project.

Save Our Trails: Connecting Santa Clara County Communities is a California Not-for-Profit Corporation whose mission is *"To promote trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all."*

As we said in our 2018 letter of support, having trails that provide off-street access to these important transportation hubs for pedestrians and cyclists is essential to help San Jose meet its goal of reducing vehicular traffic. In addition, it goes without saying, trails are tremendous assets in providing recreational opportunities close to home. The Five Wounds Trail is especially significant in that respect because of its path through densely populated residential neighborhoods.

Save Our Trails supported the City of San Jose's \$34 million ATP Cycle 4 application for the Five Wounds Trail Project. Unfortunately, the 2018 ATP application fell 5 points short of receiving an award.

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As strong advocates for extending trails in Santa Clara County, Save Our Trails asks that you support this application for this important and timely project.

Sincerely,



Bill Rankin President, **Save Our Trails**; Web: www.saveourtrails-scc.org



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July 24, 2017

Tim McRae
President
Silicon Valley Leadership
Group

City of San Jose
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San Jose, CA 95113

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Re: Support for the City of San Jose’s grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Jennifer Rycenga
Secretary
San Jose State University

Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council Members:

Deb Kramer
Board Member
KCCB Executive Director

I am writing on behalf of Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful in support of the City of San Jose’s 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant for the Five Wounds Trail Project.

Staff
Deb Kramer
Executive Director

In 2018, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful supported the City’s ATP Cycle 4 application for the Five Wounds Trail Project. Despite a well-written grant, the ATP application fell 5 points short of receiving an award.

Colter Cook
Interpretive Coordinator

In light of the VTA Board approval of \$4.14 million Measure B allocation for the Five Wounds Trail, a 2020 ATP Cycle 5 application will be well-positioned to obtain the state funding award with this local contribution.

Rebekah Cotton
Event Coordinator

As a nonprofit working towards the health of Coyote Creek, this project fits within our priorities since it will connect Selma Olinder Park and Kelly Park at its southern tip. The Coyote Meadows Coalition, of which we are a member, is advocating for the open space that includes the Five Wounds Trail as a City park, essentially creating a grand park.

For these reasons, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful respectfully asks you to support this application for this important and timely project.

Sincerely,



Deb Kramer
Executive Director

July 22, 2020

City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support for the City of San José's grant application for the Five Wounds Trail Project

Honorable Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

I support the City of San José's 2020 Cycle 5 application for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Five Wounds Trail Project. I hope you will too!

In 2018, I supported the City's \$34 million ATP Cycle 4 grant application for the Five Wounds Trail. State funds would have enabled the design and construction of a 1.4-mile Class 1 trail from Story Road to Whitton Avenue on the former Western Pacific/Union Pacific railroad corridor. Unfortunately, the 2018 ATP application fell 5 points short. Based on CTC feedback, a local contribution would have helped the project earn the necessary points and stand out from a pool of over 500 applications.

In June, the VTA Board allocated \$4.14 million in Measure B funds for the Five Wounds Trail. Thanks to this local contribution, a 2020 ATP Cycle 5 application will be exceptionally well-positioned to earn the points necessary for state funding.

At 61 miles, San José has one of the nation's largest urban trail networks. Development of the Five Wounds Trail will connect and serve a historically under-resourced community with integrated connections to BART and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). It will create seamless connections between our regional trail and regional transit systems and is key to linking our trail system from east to west.

In 2010, the community worked alongside CommUniverCity to produce the BART Station Area Community Concept Plan to guide the City's development of the neighborhood around the future 28th Street/Little Portugal BART station. San José residents will benefit from the investments detailed in that plan, from which the City's first four urban village plans were created, as well as the jobs created to construct the project.

The Five Wounds Trail is a regionally significant project with strong community support. For these reasons, I urge you to support the application for this vital and timely project.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Davide Vieira.

Davide Vieira
Friends of the Five Wounds Trail