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Subject: In Support of the Willow Glen Trestle for State Historic Nomination

Dear State Historic Preservation Office,

The Willow Glen Trestle is an important San Jose icon, and a rather surprising one at that. As a County Heritage Commissioner and a longtime member of the National Trust, I know it is difficult to impossible to get ordinary folks excited about saving old buildings, or old anything else for that matter. It is always a uphill battle to capture the public fancy about their heritage, especially when the object is not necessarily aesthetically pleasing.

But saving this particular structure has resonated with a wide segment of its community, for all sorts of reasons. Some of us are railroad enthusiasts, "foamers" is the expression sometimes used. Some of us like the smell of creosote and the romance of seeing something utilitarian, built by hand over a century ago. And some of us just like the political back-story that goes with saving our Trestle.

So the Trestle deserves to be listed, not just for its heritage, but because of the enthusiasm for preservation it has created. It has brought the community together, and it's use will be something all members of the community can enjoy. We are looking forward to having our creek trail network finished. The Trestle will continue to be an icon on the route.

Historically Yours,

April Hope Halberstadt