

To Whom it May Concern,

I support the "San José Parks Foundation for Willow Glenn Trestle" grant application "to Research and Document the History of the Willow Glen Trestle."

It has been our pleasure to live at 927 Riverside Drive for more than 40 years, having moved into our house in February of 1973. Our back property line is at the edge of the railroad right-of-way giving us a unique perspective. The trains servicing the canneries that were still operating at the time would go back and forth across the trestle as they picked up and dropped off box cars. Our children were fascinated with the trains which gave us the opportunity to explain how the fruit grown in orchards south of us were transported to the other side of the trestle to be canned. During these years, the neighborhood children played on the trestle and in the creek area . . . forming a special relationship with the train engineers and catching crawdads in the creek below.

Fast forward to the twenty-first century and what we perceive to be an exciting opportunity to share this vintage trestle with the citizens of San Jose as they make use of our part of the Three Creeks Trail. We now understand that most people in our community did not even realize that this structure existed, but it does. Everyone who uses this trail can and should experience a piece of San Jose history.

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