

SUBJ: Santa Clara County Historic Preservation Grant Program  
*Subject Matter Expert letter of support*

To whom it may concern,

Bonnie and Marvin Bamburg wish to express support for the Trestle Project as Subject Matter Experts with over 35 years experience in the field of historic preservation and historic rehabilitation. Professional credentials for us in these fields are attached.

This iconic old timber structure known as the Willow Glen Trestle, has served the San Jose area for 97 years. Quietly performing its duty and creating local history it was not well known until the City made known its intention to demolish the structure and replace it with a pre-fabricated non-descript bridge. Since then, community members, from diverse backgrounds, have spent months in research and uncovered extensive information about why it was constructed, the use it had in local commerce and in San Jose's history with railroads.

One story is of how local farmers and orchardists, tired of dealing with the expense and arrogance of the monopolistic Southern Pacific Railroad, convinced T.S.Montgomery, the wealthy and entrepreneurial developer E. San Carlos Street, to serve on the board of the rival Western Pacific RR and to bring that line into San José. The Willow Glen Trestle enabled WPRR to enter the San José market by looping around town without disturbing the local residents. Western Pacific not only broke a decade's-long monopoly, they also introduced new services, "Less Than Carload" and Overnight Shipping, which benefited the smaller local farmers and orchardists. Another part of this story is of how, for decades, Southern Pacific had run its traffic right down the center of town. The City of San José was annoyed by the disruption caused by the roughly hundred trains a day down 4th Street, so the City played Western Pacific off against Southern Pacific as a means of getting the latter to move their tracks out of downtown.

The next chapter in the trestle's history is of how, nearly a century later, the residents of San Jose have rallied to preserve the trestle in the face of the City's shortsighted and determined efforts to demolish what has become the community's trestle. The past and current history, put forth in a scholarly book, will be a legacy gift to future generations. It will document the past of a small but mighty trestle and the story of how ordinary citizens fought to save a piece of local history even as the City, without regard for its residents, strove to discredit the history and demolish the structure. The book will serve as a record of how citizens can work to save historic structures, by gaining historic resource status outside the City and using the courts to listen to the residents. A publication of this type will serve academic research as well as provide a local history detailing one part of San Jose's history.

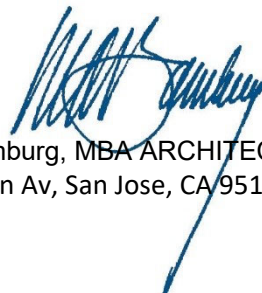
The Willow Glen Trestle is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources presenting a unique opportunity to promote the history of the trestle the WPRR and San Jose, We hope it will serve as a pedestrian bridge and part of the Three Creeks Trail.

It is truly unfortunate that the City ordered a replacement bridge without first conducting a CEQA evaluation which is required for law. It reflects the unfortunate attitude that has prevailed through this process. The preservation and rehab of this trestle structure should proceed and the story of the "Trestle That Survived" should be published so future generations will know the history.

Very truly yours,



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**URBAN PROGRAMMERS** is an interdisciplinary firm specializing in consulting services for historic preservation and urban revitalization. The firm has provided services to all levels of government and to private owners and corporations for over 35 years. The firm has extensive experience in the programs of the National Historic Preservation Act, including Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, "Section 106", the Certified Historic Structure and Investment Tax Credit Program. The firm is well versed in the criteria of cities and counties, providing historic property surveys and evaluation and meets the standards established by the Secretary of the Interior and many local jurisdictions.

Associates of the firm works under the direction of **Bonnie Bamburg** who has worked with historic preservation programs since 1972. Her experience includes all aspects of historic preservation programs.

For three years, **Bonnie Bamburg** taught the upper division course in Historic Preservation at San Jose State University. For six years she served as a Commissioner with the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission. Ms. Bamburg holds certificates in special materials preservation, wood, slate and metals from universities in Canada and the United States. She continues to study in Europe for stone preservation.

Bonnie Bamburg has prepared historic surveys for cities, counties and the federal government, National Register Nominations for 20 individual properties and 3 large historic districts as well as hundreds of local assessment reports. She has incorporated rehabilitation planning and feasibility studies for public and private uses that follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

The firm has been a consultant in historic preservation to the City of San Jose and to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Jose. In addition to many individual private clients, Ms. Bamburg has provided consulting services to corporations and government agencies, including, City of San Jose and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Jose, City of Santa Clara, City of South San Francisco, , City of Gilroy, City of Monterey, County of Santa Cruz, City of Livermore,, and the towns of Woodside, Portola Valley and Los Gatos, as well and cities in Colorado, Texas and South Carolina. Clients also include the Yosemite Park & Curry Company, Stanford University, The U.S. Department of the Navy, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Private clients will be provided if requested.

A list of all associates and past projects is available upon request.

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**MARVIN ARTHUR BAMBURG, AIA, CSI, LEED-AP**



*Education:* Bachelor of Architecture, University of Illinois, 1958  
High Honors

*Military Service:* Captain, U. S. Naval Reserve, Civil Engineer Corps  
(Retired)

*Experience:*

1989 - present	MBA Architects, San Jose, CA (President)
1985 - present	Expert Witness, construction litigation - 18 cases
1996 - 1997	Bamburg/Bonesteel Architects (principal architect)
1978 - 1989	Marvin Bamburg Associates, Inc. - San Jose, CA
1968 - 1978	Marvin Arthur Bamburg, A.I.A. San Jose & Campbell
1964 - 1968	William W. Hedley, Jr., A.I.A. - Campbell, CA
1963 - 1964	Miller and Steiner, Architects - San Mateo, CA
1960 - 1963	Design Officer, Officer-in-Charge of Construction, Japan
1959 - 1960	U. S. Naval Construction Battalion, Okinawa

*Registration:* Registered Architect; CA C-4649; Nevada 3115; Washington 10629;  
NCARB File No. 22-670  
Licensed Fallout Shelter Analyst, May '67, Reg. No. 7tt-1138-67  
Licensed General Building Contractor, California No. 315752 (inactive)  
Registered Disaster Service Worker, California SAPV10308  
LEED Accredited Professional, October 2008  
Listed in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS)

*Organizations:* American Institute of Architects (Chapter President 1981)  
Rotary Club of Campbell, CA (Past President 1973-74 and 2012-13).  
California Trolley & Railroad Corp. (Vice-president-Museum & Executive Bd )  
Construction Specifications Institute (President 2006-07)  
Alpha Rho Chi, Architectural/Social Fraternity (past president 1957)  
Tau Beta Pi & Sigma Tau, Engineering Honor Societies  
Gargoyle Architectural Honor Society  
International Code Conference (Member)  
National Trust for Historic Preservation; Heritage Council (County)  
Preservation Action Council, San Jose (Advisory Board)  
Willow Glen Business & Professional Association Board (Vice Pres 2006-07)  
Friends of the Winemakers (Museum committee chair & board president 2018)  
City Lights Theater Co. (Board member 2007 to 2016; president 2013-15)

*Activities:* Architectural Consultant, City of Campbell (1972-1973 & 2016-present))  
Campbell & San Jose Inventory of Historic Sites (evaluator 1980)  
Advisor, City of Santa Clara, Historic Landmarks Comm. (1987)  
History Museums of San Jose, Development Council (1984-96)  
Eastfield Ming Quong Board (1985-1992)  
Insurance Trustee, California Council AIA , Chairman 1990 & 1995  
Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, Building Committee (1989-90)  
Historic Preservation Committee Chairman, AIA/SCV, twelve years  
Willow Glen Beautification Project Committee, Chair 1995  
Willow Glen Parking Advisory Task Force (1994)  
County Preservation Advisory Team Member, State Historical  
Preservation Office (1989-90)  
Chai Care Board of Directors (1995-98)  
San Jose Code Enforcement Appeals Commission (1992-1995)  
San Jose Disabled Access Advisory Board (1994-98)

*Awards:* Temple Emanu-el Altar Reconstruction, 1979, San Jose  
Certificate of Commendation, SCVAIA "Great Places", 1982  
Sourisseau Academy (San Jose State University), Local History Award, 1985  
American Planning Association, Western Region, Planning Award for  
the SJHM Master Plan (team effort), 1996

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