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**Subject:** Historic Rail Road Bridge...

Dear Sam:
At the resent Victorian Preservation Assoc. meeting, it was agreed to vigorously support the preservation of the wooden railroad trestle in San Jose, that Planning Dept. recommends tearing down.

This is a really bad recommendation. Many groups are in favor of preserving this unique architectural structure as representing an example of early twentieth century railway design. In the same way that the city has preserved our downtown railway station, this too deserves the same consideration.

This city is all to quick to rip out physical structures that are our unique collective local history. There are many valid reasons to preserve this structure:aesthetic, historic and financial.

For those council members not interested in preserving local history, just from a financial point of view, it is cheaper to restore and preserve this railroad trestle than to tear it down and replace it with some historically worthless 'thing'.

Sam, we would like to schedule a meeting to collectively explore a solution to this important challenge. Thanks for your attention.