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Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 9:26 AM
Subject: In Support of Willow Glen Trestle for State Historic Nomination

Dear State Historic Preservation Officer Polanco,

Attached is my signed letter respectfully requesting and urging the California Office of State Park's Office of Historic Preservation to designate the Los Gatos Creek Trestle as a historic landmark at your May 10th meeting.

I hope you will read and consider this letter.

I am a native San Joséan writing to you on behalf of the twenty-five families who live on Chabrant Way in San José's Willow Glen neighborhood. We live one block away from the Three Creeks Trail and a 10-minute walk from the Los Gatos Creek Trestle.

We Chabrant Way neighbors are from many countries and from many of our United States. We are the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of immigrants and we respectfully request and urge you to designate the Los Gatos Creek Trestle as a historic landmark at your May 10th meeting.

Have you been to San José or to San José's Willow Glen neighborhood?

If you haven't, we have very few historic buildings and structures. We have nothing in one of San José's most densely populated neighborhoods that documents the era when we were the Valley of Hearts Delight, feeding our Nation the beautiful and healthy produce that came from our rich soil and that honors the labor and efforts of those who came before us—the railway workers whose trains powered the agricultural industry that gave work to thousands who worked our fields and ran the many canneries that were located here during the 1920s through the 1970s.

Please don't erase our City and our people's proud history and what is now the last historic evidence of the contributions of the railroad workers, cannery workers and farmworkers whose labor was the engine that created today's Silicon Valley.

Have you been to the Trestle? This hidden treasure is as beautiful as anything seen in Big Basin, Marin County or Big Sur. The City of San José wants to rip it out, which will be environmentally devastating to the biota, and replace the Trestle with something that will not last as well, looks awful, and will not become an iconic destination, which will invite vandalism and neglect.

As to the catastrophic additional costs City of San José staffers allege if the Trestle is preserved, please note that we Willow Glen residents and the friends of this Trestle are willing and able to pay for what needs to be done for the Trestle. We have already begun!

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Best regards,

Diane Solomon,
Member of the Friends of the Willow Glen Trestle, Save Our Trails, History San José,
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