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Dear Sam Liccardo,

I am a 40 year resident of Willow Glen and a retired professor of anthropology at San Jose State. For four years I've been doing a monthly mailing and video on topics in South Bay history through the Sourisseau Academy of State and Local History at San Jose State.

The Willow Glen Trestle is an iconic structure that connects us to a rich history of commerce and technology -- in the same way that the old Liccardo grocery store provides a historic handhold for both the Notre Dame community and for your own family.

In 1958, our magnificent San Jose City Hall was razed. Had it been preserved, it would today be the centerpiece for our historic downtown. I believe that the Willow Glen Trestle can serve as a centerpiece for the Willow Glen community -- and as a historic talisman for all of San Jose.

As we experience the uncertainty of rapid social change, we need to preserve a sense of place. Ultimately, this is not only an historic issue, but a public health issue. We need the security of landmarks as we negotiate the culture-shock of change.

Please use your influence to preserve the Willow Glen Trestle.

Thank you,

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