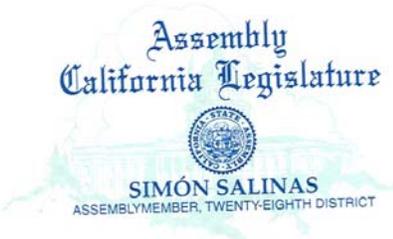


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July 20, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito
Chairman, Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94129

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the City of San Jose's Department of Parks' project application for Kelly Park trail planning. This planning project will put in place the design for .85 miles of multi-use recreational trail that will be of tremendous benefit to both the citizens of San Jose and to those in the entire region. This trail segment will further the development of the Coyote Creek trail, which serves as the interior route of the Bay Area Ridge Trail across the Silicon Valley. By day, this route serves hundreds of trail users as an alternative commute route. By night and weekend, this route serves diverse communities with a multi-use recreational trail experience.

The Coyote Creek Trail is currently a 17-mile long trail that ends at Stonegate Park. The planning for this new segment, from Story Road to Phelan Road, will provide trail access to one of San Jose's finest parks, provide access to multiple new neighborhoods and to thousands of trail users currently cut off from the Coyote Creek trail by busy city streets. It will be another big step in completing the wonderful Bay Area Ridge Trail.

I would ask that the Coastal Conservancy approve this funding application to complete the critical planning needed for the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Simón Salinas
District 28

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cc: Bob Power, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

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July 23, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I am writing in support of the City of San José Department of Parks' project application for the Kelly Park trail planning. This project will put in place the design for a multi-use recreational trail that will be of tremendous benefit to the citizen's of San Jose and the region. This trail segment will further the development of the Coyote Creek trail, which serves as the interior route of the Bay Area Ridge Trail across the Silicon Valley. By proceeding with this project, we can take another step towards completing the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The Coyote Creek Trail is currently a 17-mile long trail that ends at Stonegate Park. The planning for this new segment, from Story Road to Phelan Avenue, will provide trail access to one of San Jose's finest parks, giving trail access to new neighborhoods and thousands of trail-users that are otherwise cut off from the Coyote Creek trail by busy city streets.

This planning effort will lay the groundwork for approximately .85 new miles of multi-use recreational trails, and provide new opportunities for exploration and renewal to the citizens of Santa Clara County and the region.

I respectfully request that the Coastal Conservancy to approve this funding application to complete critical planning needed for the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,

MANNY DIAZ
Assemblymember, 23rd District

cc: Bob Power

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Cindy Chavez
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July 19, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito
Chairman, Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94129

Dear Mr. Morabito,

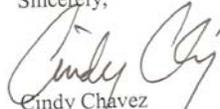
As a keen advocate of the Coyote Creek Trail, I am writing you to strongly support the City of San Jose's Department of Parks' project application for Kelly Park trail planning.

The district I represent is adjacent to Kelly Park. We have begun our own trail planning effort and the .85-mile Kelly Park connection will be the bridge for our district's future 2.8-mile trail to connect with the 17-mile existing trail. The completed trail will give my constituents the opportunity to access recreational opportunities as well as transportation alternatives.

As the densest district encompassing the downtown core of San Jose, our resident's quality of life will be enhanced by the opportunities that this trail will provide.

I strongly urge you to approve this application for trail planning so that we may complete this important connection.

Sincerely,


Cindy Chavez
Councilmember, District Three

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245 South 12th Street
San Jose, CA 95112
February 8, 2004

Dear Yves,

Coyote Creek Trail continues to be our favorite trail. The women who ride with me every Friday and I never cease to marvel at the extraordinary beauty and the wildlife we encounter as we ride from Stonegate Park to Anderson Reservoir. We ride this trail every four to six weeks. We dream of what it would be like if we could actually access the trail from downtown San Jose. We know that plans are being pulled together to complete trail segments north of Story and south of Phelan. The missing piece in all of this is the section that would go through the public land west of Happy Hollow. That section is less than a mile. Working to complete that missing link would be an incredible gift to all the walkers, bicyclists, science teachers and their students, and folks who simply would like to be in the woods for awhile.

The portion of the trail that is already paved from Stonegate Park and School in San Jose to Anderson Park in Morgan Hill runs adjacent to or through a skateboard park, playing fields, basketball courts, three playgrounds, two golf courses, picnic areas, a model aircraft airport, many neighborhoods, and several corporate parks. The current plans will take Coyote Creek Trail through and adjacent to a number of additional neighborhoods. More schools, picnic areas, a branch library, even easy access to the Caltrain Station and VTA lines. That missing piece is critical. Without a trail segment from Story to Phelan, access for walkers and bicyclists coming from the many neighborhoods north of Phelan will be impossible to difficult. That, of course, includes the thousands of us who live in Naglee Park, Spartan-Keyes, Brookwood Terrace, University, Five Wounds, Northside, and other neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Candice Stein

Cc: Amy Embree, Anna Strong, Barbara Goeckler, Barbara Waugh, Sally Souders, Carmen Figueroa, Carolyn Simon, Dana Testa, Rochia Holmquist, Nancy Sharp, Amy Kennedy, Dannie Daniels, Frances Schwab, Kate Himmel, Jane Harris, Janet Geracie, Susan Ferguson, Kim Aldridge, Leisa Fearing, Rebecca Smith, Laura Justus, Lisa Hetler-Smith, Marianne Salas, Meiwei Wu, Mary Ellen Cuykendall, Sandy Conley, Susan Powers, Susan Thomas, Tami Miller, Susan Battle, Sue Voll, Kim Walesh, Emily O'Connell