



May 31, 2022

San Jose Mayor and City Council
200 E Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: San Jose Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Councilmembers, and City Clerk,

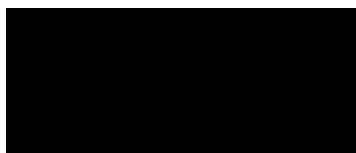
The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy submits this letter for a one-time consideration of \$54,000 allocation in the upcoming City Budget FY 22-23. Funds would support the hiring of a part-time horticulturalist to provide specialized expertise in botanical care in the Guadalupe Gardens, public programming support, promotion and program measurement, and supplies to address both the needs of enhanced horticulture and repair stewardship elements in the Guadalupe Gardens.

Funds would align with a number of priorities in the Mayor's March budget message:

- **Battling blight and supporting parks:** specialized horticulture care would enhance existing park assets at the Guadalupe Gardens and encourage more park usage. Repairs to fencing, toolshed, and other Gardens structures would enhance the efficacy and experience of our volunteers.
- **Health of the urban forest:** support would increase the survivability of our Historic Orchard and Heritage Rose Garden, which has undergone significant restoration efforts last year. The increase in biodiversity, and the challenges of an extended drought, warrant expertise to ensure the Orchard and Rose Garden will provide health and environmental benefits for the next generation of San Joseans.
- **Community programming:** this allocation request would promote park use, volunteerism, neighborhood health, and civic pride, in line with stated Budget Message goals around park activation and cultural programming. Strengthening connections between residents and our agricultural history and natural landscape would uplift the unique civic and natural resources formative to our city.

To maximize the use of funds from this one-time allocation, the scope would also include horticulture-related public programming to build capacity and education around the planting needs in the Gardens, empower neighborhoods to care for their River Park, public promotion, and measurements that track stewardship and program milestones. We thank the Mayor and City Council for your ongoing leadership and we look forward to your consideration of our request, which we believe aligns with many existing City and community priorities.

Regards,



Jason Su, Executive Director

FW: Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

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Re: Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As a 2 1/2 year volunteer at the Heritage Rose Garden and a downtown resident, I submit this letter in support of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's (GRPC) **Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation** for the FY22-23 San Jose City Budget.

This Allocation raises awareness to the environmental, botanical, and cultural assets of our City and region, and addresses the growing needs such unique features require. It would also enable park users, volunteers, and residents to better connect with the community, ecology, and history through greater understanding of our natural resources and empowering civic ownership around park stewardship.

Personally, I volunteer with weeding and deadheading. I have adopted 6 rose bushes to honor my friends and help support the garden. Each moment in the Heritage Rose Garden is a joy. I often see people wandering through this accessible garden. Nevertheless, it saddens me to see roses die and support poles fall in the four rows that are my focus. We have many empty spots that need new bushes. How sad it is to see a sign naming a rose when the rose has vanished. The big picture is even more daunting.

I am proud to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and I give my enthusiastic support for GRPC's Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation in this upcoming FY 22-23 City Budget cycle.

Sincerely,

Pamela Dougherty.



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MAKE IT PLAIN, MAKE IT SIMPLE, MAKE IT SING
In honor of Representative John Lewis

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June 2, 2022

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Re: Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As the Santa Clara County Master Gardener's (SCCMG) Demonstration Garden Lead of the Guadalupe Family Historic Orchard, I submit this letter in support of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's (GRPC) **Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation** for the FY22-23 San Jose City Budget.

The UC Master Gardener Program of Santa Clara County is a volunteer organization sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Our mission is to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to county residents. We have been able to provide public classes on winter dormant pruning, summer shaping and pruning, new tree planting, and other aspects of home tree care in the Guadalupe Orchard. Our mission would be greatly enhanced by a thriving GRPC. It is a huge asset to the city of San Jose to have such a resource as the Guadalupe River Park close to the center of downtown and deserves care in bringing it to its full potential. This Allocation raises awareness to the environmental, botanical, and cultural assets of our City and region, and addresses the growing needs such unique features require. It would also enable park users, volunteers, and residents to better connect with the community, ecology, and history through greater understanding of our natural resources and empowering civic ownership around park stewardship.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Kameya
MG Demo Garden Lead
Guadalupe Family Historic Orchard

SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

JoEllen Victoreen <[REDACTED]>

Sun 6/5/2022 11:33 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As a long-time and dedicated volunteer at the Heritage Rose Garden in the Guadalupe River Park, I submit this letter in support of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's (GRPC) **Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation** for the FY22-23 San Jose City Budget.

The Heritage Rose Garden, established in 1994, is deserving of the San Jose Council's financial support. We have always tried to nurture and maintain this civic resource with a dedicated group of volunteers. The last few years have been particularly difficult for our group of volunteers, what with the loss of our volunteer Master Gardeners, the neglect caused by Covid shut-downs, and the increased vandalism and general chaos caused by the homeless population in the park near the garden. This allocation will help our volunteer staff keep the rose garden healthy and thriving.

This Allocation will also raise awareness to the environmental, botanical, and cultural assets of our City and region, and addresses the growing needs such unique features require. It would also enable park users, volunteers, and residents to better connect with the community, ecology, and history through greater understanding of our natural resources and empowering civic ownership around park stewardship.

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