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Hello, Rebekah and Zak.

For a majority of the City and especially in Downtown, most residents are not asking for more parks. People simply want the parks that we already have to be maintained better, especially capital maintenance. And, people would like to have existing parks have a higher level of design and amenities.

6 years ago, I was asked to serve on a working group with the Parks Department exploring either a parcel tax or bond measure to support park development and maintenance. Because of competing ballot measure demands, that effort never resulted in anything.

Ultimately, San Jose is going to need a ballot measure that will provide a long-term funding source for maintenance and operations. Otherwise, we will continue to suffer substandard parks conditions.

Thanks,
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