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October 10, 2017

Sherilyn Tran, Grants Project Manager
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Re: Letter of support for City of Morgan Hill grant application

Dear Ms. Tran,

This letter is to indicate our support of the City of Morgan Hill with respect to its current grant proposal submitted to the Santa Clara Valley Water District under the 2018 Safe Clean Water Grant Program (Priority D3: Access to Trails and Open Space).

We understand that the proposal includes a request for \$200,000, the Water District requires matching funds, and the matching funds will be dedicated from the City's park impact funds and the City's allocation of Measure B countywide transportation tax funds. We also understand that, if funded, the City's proposed project is expected to be completed within five years following the date of agreement.

In our view, the proposed grant activities will improve the way the City of Morgan Hill serves residents and visitors by improving access to the City's trails and park areas, and encouraging increased use of same for safe, healthy fitness and recreation—a priority the City has consistently communicated in its community outreach. We support the proposed project to extend and improve the West Little Llagas Creek Trail from Watsonville Road south to Lake Silveira, and to connect this two-mile section with the existing trail to the north. This will create continuous, uninterrupted pedestrian and bicycle access from the urbanized Downtown Core to the Lake Silveira wetland area.

We understand that our signed letter of support will be uploaded and included as part of the online application package submitted to SCVWD by the City of Morgan Hill on or before October 13, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Horner".

John T. Horner
President & CEO
Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce

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