FW: Myra Nava 95148 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Please review & document the email below, Thank You.

Darryl Ospring
Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association
District 2

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** darryl ospring [redacted]
> **Date:** March 19, 2024 at 8:02:40 AM PDT
> **To:** "Sergio Jimenez D2, SJ" <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>
> **Cc:** Vanessa Sandoval <vanessa.sandoval@sanjoseca.gov>, Helen Chapman <Helen.Chapman@sanjoseca.gov>, Lucas Ramirez <lucas.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Mayor's Fiscal Budget Proposal**
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> TO:
> Councilmember Sergio Jimenez
> District 2
>
> RE:
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>
> Please join your fellow Councilmembers Foley, Cohen, Davis and Torres to support the Mayor's Budget proposal as it tries to bring people together around the belief that transforming our city starts with a renewed focus on the basic needs of our community -starting with cleaning up our streets, reducing street homelessness and increasing our Public Safety.
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> As your District 2 constituents, can we count on you to represent our Community Members by showing your support today for the Mayor's Budget Message?
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> On behalf of the CCNA Residents,
> Darryl Ospring, Board Member
> Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association
> District 2
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Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association

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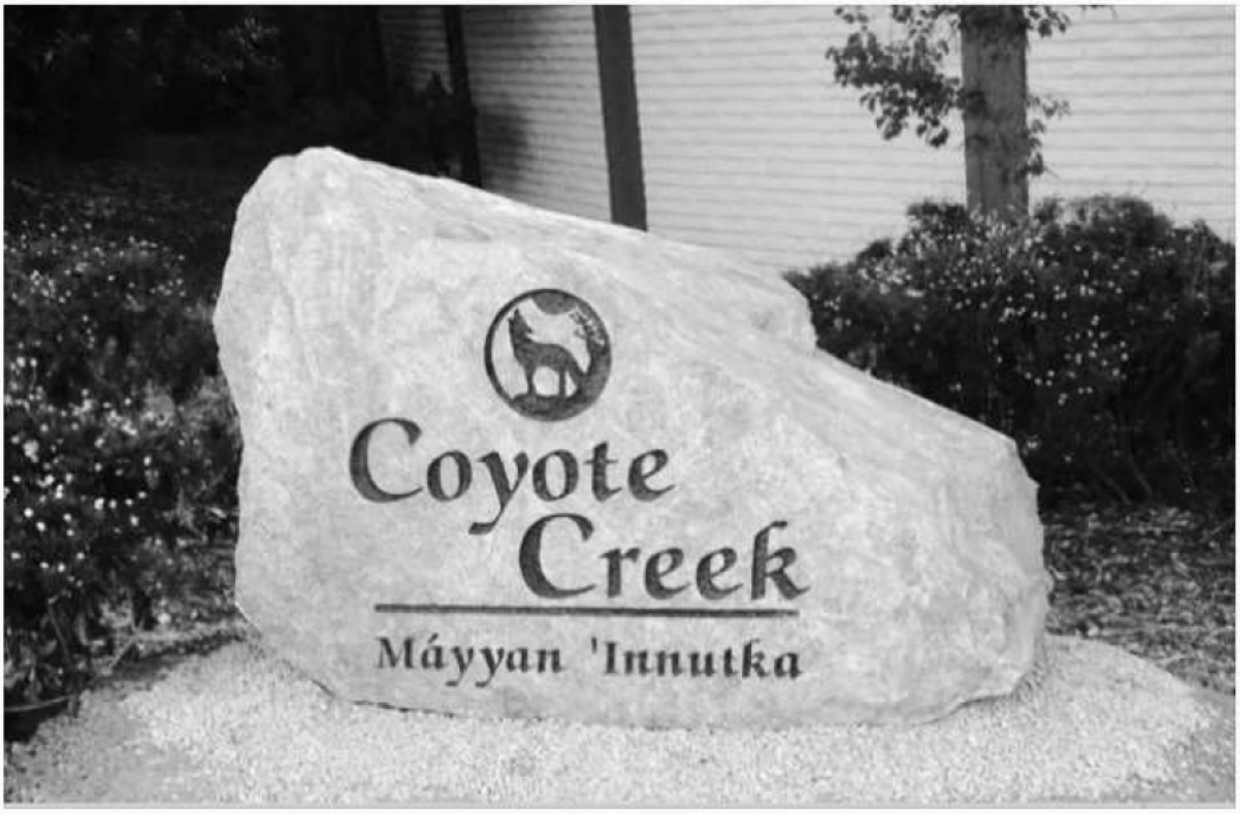

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Protect our Parks. Please strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success of a parks ballot measure. Please expand and enhance the proposal for a November 2024 ballot measure to identify the park priorities of San Jose voters and what they would be willing to support. Lastly, please direct staff to explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Our community needs public parks and urban green space, both of which are a basic need that promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. For example, Alum Rock Park is still undergoing repair. By ensuring parks are well-maintained and their staffing adequately funded, we create an inclusive environment that fosters a sense of belonging and unity in San Jose. I appreciate that the Mayor's March 2024 budget message highlighted, "Our city parks currently face over $450 million in deferred maintenance costs. It's time we let residents decide…" by directing "the City Manager to explore placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot."

With regard to the Mayor's suggestion of leasing parkland for commercial purposes. It should be noted that the City Charter (Section 1700.1) already allows long-term leases of parkland with prior approval by the electorate. One example is Raging Waters. For some parks in other cities, significant revenue often comes from fees charged on adjacent real estate properties. There may be many ways to address the lack of maintenance funding. Converting public parkland that is currently open to all free of charge into commercial uses that would charge fees or sell goods and services is an equity issue. Not all San Jose residents can afford to spend money at Raging Waters or other commercial uses. In addition, such commercial uses would be extremely likely to be located on natural, undeveloped areas within our park system, thus reducing San Jose residents' access to nature and urban green space.

If the Council decides to move forward with a potential ballot measure, it is critical that the ballot measure allow voters to express a variety of priorities rather than just weigh in on one idea. For example, residents could weigh in on:
**** Safety in parks**
**** Connecting with nature**
**** Park maintenance**
**** Playgrounds and other family friendly amenities**
**** Availability of food and beverage**

**** Socializing and connecting with family and friends**
**** Increasing parkland to help San Jose adapt to climate changes**

I ask that any ballot measure strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success. Staff should also explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Protect Our Parks.

Sincerely,
Joanna sun
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