

Letters from the Public

Fw: Public Comment for 6/15/21 Agenda Item 3.12 - Lake Cunningham

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Mon 6/14/2021 8:09 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Robert Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 7:45 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 6/15/21 Agenda Item 3.12 - Lake Cunningham

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Hello,

I support the memo by Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, and Cohen. Lake Cunningham has the potential to be an incredible destination on the east side. Unfortunately, it is not reaching that potential due to the contaminated water and lack of maintenance.

I went to bike around the park recently with my family members who have lived in San Jose for 50+ years and had never been to the lake. They both commented how nice it was to have an area that we can safely bike close to home, but also how dirty it was. The facilities were dirty, the grounds were incredibly dirty, and the newer exercise area had broken parts (which is unfortunate because I was delighted to see 3 or 4 people enjoying the functional machines). It would be great if the City cared about this park as much as the Rose Garden or parks in Almaden & Willow Glen.

I don't understand how we can't allocate funding for a priority like this, but continue to fund a \$40 million gym for the Police Department that we're supposed to "reimagine".

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Fw: Please Save Lake Cunningham With Measure T!

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From: Brahms/Edgeview Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 6:18 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Please Save Lake Cunningham With Measure T!

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Honourable San Jose City Council Members:

My name is Andres Solomonoff, and I am the president of the Brahms/Edgeview Neighborhood Association, a small community in District 8. Our district is home to Lake Cunningham, where East San Jose and Evergreen families have had access to open space and recreational activities for generations.

Unfortunately, due to the years of deteriorating water quality at this lake, Lake Cunningham was closed down, taking away many recreational opportunities for our residents like swimming, kayaking, boating, and more. In addition, funding has never been identified to address this environmental issue.

However, the City has been presented with a rare opportunity to redirect leftover funds from Measure T's Environmental & Flood Protections Projects category to renew Lake Cunningham.

I urge that the City Council appropriate Measure T's leftover funds to revitalize Lake Cunningham for East San Jose and Evergreen families.

In Community Spirit,

Andres Solomonoff
President, Brahms/Edgeview Neighborhood Association

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June 15, 2021

Mayor Sam Liccardo &
Members of the City Council
18th Floor
200 East Santa Clara Street
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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

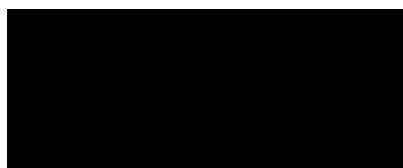
I am writing on behalf of San Jose Parks Foundation to support the proposed allocation of Measure T Funds to address the water quality issues at Lake Cunningham Park. The problems that have arisen due to poor water quality are long overdue to be addressed by the City.

Lake Cunningham Park is a much-valued community treasure, sitting as it does in San Jose's East Side. It is unique by being both a neighborhood park to thousands in East Side neighborhoods, but it is also a signature park that draws residents from throughout San Jose.

San Jose Parks Foundation supports the rehabilitation of Lake Cunningham Park and the "Equity" for East Side neighborhoods that renewing the park represents. We will continue our work in support of Lake Cunningham and our East Side neighbors and parks in general.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



James P. Reber
Executive Director

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Fw: Support for Agenda Item 3.12

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Tue 6/15/2021 10:43 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Edward Garcia <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:52 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Lam, Victoria <Victoria.Lam@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Support for Agenda Item 3.12

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Eddie Garcia. I'm a lifelong resident of San Jose. I grew up in District 5 and have been a District 8 resident for 30 years. I urge the City Council to support Councilmembers' Arenas, Carrasco, and Cohen's recommendation to allocate Measure T funds to improve the water quality at Lake Cunningham.

Thank you,

Eddie

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June 14, 2021

San Jose City Council
20 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Via email to: mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov; Chappie Jones <District1@sanjoseca.gov>, Sergio Jimenez <district2@sanjoseca.gov>, District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>, District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>, Magdalena Carrasco <District5@sanjoseca.gov>, Dev Davis <district6@sanjoseca.gov>, Maya Esparza <District7@sanjoseca.gov>, Sylvia Arenas <district8@sanjoseca.gov>, Pam Foley <District9@sanjoseca.gov>, Matt Mahan <district10@sanjoseca.gov>

Re: San Jose City Council 6/15/21 Agenda Item 3.12 Measure T: Support for Lake Cunningham Water Quality Investment

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members,

Please approve the memorandum from Council Members Arenas, Carrasco, and Cohen to show your continued support for directing the remaining Measure T funds toward improved water quality. Improving the water quality at Lake Cunningham is important for the health of wildlife and humans and allows Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services to reopen the area, permitting access to nature by residents of East San Jose.

Ongoing projects to improve access to nature and water quality in southern San Jose, with restoration work in Coyote Valley and with the Valley Water creek separation project for Almaden Lake in western San Jose, makes addressing the imperiled nature of Lake Cunningham in eastern San Jose an equitable priority for improving the City's water quality.

We recognize that water quality is related to the quality of land next to the water. Today the lake is encircled mostly by rocks and asphalt and very little native vegetation. Native wetland and riparian plants along the water's edge can filter contaminants away from the water. This will also enhance nature-based recreation activities (walking, jogging, birding, botanizing, photography).

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Dave Poeschel.

Dave Poeschel, Open Space Committee Chair, Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club



Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society



James Eggers, Executive Director, Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club

Arvind Kumar, Board Member, CNPS Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Alice Kaufman, Legislative Advocacy Director, Green Foothills

Esther Duong, Co-lead, San Jose Youth Climate Action Team, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

Fw: Item 3.12 – Save Lake Cunningham

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Tue 6/15/2021 12:36 PM

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From: Laura Arechiga [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 12:05 PM

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Subject: Item 3.12 – Save Lake Cunningham

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Dear Mayor & City Councilmembers,

My name is Laura Arechiga and I am an East San Jose resident writing to urge you to save Lake Cunningham.

Due to years and years of the deteriorating water quality at Lake Cunningham – recreational activities like fishing, swimming, kayaking, and more were taken away from East San Jose families. East San Jose families deserve more access to open space -- saving Lake Cunningham would allow families to finally be able to enjoy recreational activities with their loved ones.

My husband and I spent many beautiful spring and summer days there with our young sons many years ago after a picnic, playing baseball, riding bikes around the park we would then wind down by the lake. My husband also taught my sons how to fish there. He passed away ten years ago but one of my favorite photos of him is him laughing while enjoying a boat ride on the lake. Lake Cunningham was a big accomplishment and asset to East San Jose and has many memories for many families other than my own. It is very sad to see the deterioration of the lake today while going there to exercise or taking a walk.

With the remaining Measure T funds, we have an opportunity to start revitalizing this critical neighborhood lake that can transform our East San Jose community. This opportunity may not come again – so please approve Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, and Cohen’s memo & prioritize Lake Cunningham!

Thank you.

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From: Lauren Weston [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:10 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Saving Lake Cunningham

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Hello City Council leaders,

Acterra would like to advocate for the revitalization of Lake Cunningham for our East San Jose families.

It is very important for us to better leverage Measure T funds, under the Environmental & Flood Protections Projects, and Acterra is looking to support communities across San Jose-Lake Cunningham is part of this network of stewardship and land conservation that means so much for our ability to serve the planet and the public.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lauren

Lauren Weston

Executive Director

Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet

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