



COMMITTEE FOR  
GREEN FOOTHILLS



November 5, 2019

Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority  
33 Las Colinas Lane  
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Chair Kennett and Directors,

The undersigned organizations would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Board and staff for your untiring efforts in the preservation of open space in Coyote Valley. Tomorrow's vote by your Board will mark a significant milestone in the decades-long effort to save this important landscape from development. While the work is not complete and parts of Coyote Valley remain under threat of development, this land acquisition will protect hundreds of acres of wildlife habitat and landscape linkages, floodplains, wetlands, and farmland. We also look forward to the anticipated master planning process for North Coyote Valley, and will be engaging with the Authority throughout that process.

Once again, thank you for your work and your dedication to protecting Coyote Valley.

Sincerely,

Alice Kaufman, Legislative Advocacy Director  
Committee for Green Foothills

Deb Kramer, Executive Director  
Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate  
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Sibella Kraus, President  
Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)

Kiyomi Yamamoto, South Bay Regional Representative  
Greenbelt Alliance

James Reber, Executive Director  
San Jose Parks Foundation

Eileen McLaughlin, Board Member  
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge

Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Co-Founder  
Mothers Out Front South Bay

Linda Ruthruff, Conservation Committee Chair  
California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

James Eggers, Chapter Director  
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