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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).

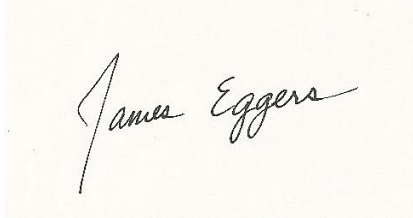
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Poeschel".

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