June 14, 2018

Mayor Liccardo and City Council
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

Our organizations would like to express our thanks to you for approving the budget item for “Signage for Identification of Wildlife Crossing” on Monterey Road (BD #64 Jimenez). As you know, Monterey Road where it runs through Coyote Valley is a roadkill “hotspot,” with many documented instances of wildlife being struck by vehicles. In more than one instance, bobcats that had been radio-collared as part of a wildlife movement study have been struck and killed by vehicles along Monterey Road. This creates a hazard not only for animals but for vehicles.

There are many avenues that should be explored towards reducing or eliminating this problem. Signage warning motorists of this hazard is just the beginning, but it is an important first step. We appreciate the City taking this step towards making the Coyote Valley wildlife corridor a safer passage for animals.

Sincerely,

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