

April 16, 2019

Mr. Steve Betando
Superintendent
Morgan Hill Unified School District

RE: Morgan Hill Unified School District Resolution Affirming a Commitment to Environmental Stewardship

I am pleased to write in support of the Morgan Hill Unified School District Resolution Affirming a Commitment to Environmental Stewardship.

Our most cherished lands – the lands that clean our air, filter our water, lay the ground for agriculture, and provide wildlife connectivity and flood protection – are often unspoken for. Together, we have an opportunity to change that and stand up for our natural environment.

As a local resident, I see how our daily practices affect our community's health and well-being. As a local leader, I see how vital it is to band with committed partners such as environmental groups, policymakers, and importantly, schools, to enact tangible change. As a local advocate for environmental preservation, I see how fostering and mentoring our youth – our current stewards and our future leaders – can make a meaningful impact for generations to come.

One example of successful action to protect open space in our own backyard is the preservation of Coyote Valley, a local natural terrain with numerous conservation benefits.

It takes an entire community to fight for a cleaner, more sustainable environment – and it is an entire community that will benefit from safeguarding our natural lands. I am confident that Morgan Hill Unified School District will continue to take significant measures to practice environmental responsibility and succeed in its goals of expanding its efforts and programs to educate and engage as many people as possible.

For these reasons, I proudly support the Resolution Affirming a Commitment to Environmental Stewardship and I thank you for authoring this important resolution.

Sincerely,



Sergio Jimenez
Councilmember, District 2
City of San José