

## **RESOLUTION 22-26**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY HONORING SAN JOSE'S ALUM ROCK PARK 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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**WHEREAS**, Alum Rock Park was founded in 1872 and is one of the oldest municipal parks in the State of California; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alum Rock Park is celebrating its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and for generations has provided opportunities for residents of the East San José Community and visitors from across the region to connect with the healing power of nature; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alum Rock Park is nestled within a canyon in the foothills of the Diablo Mountain Range which is home to a diversity of grasses, plants, and shrubs including holly-leaf cherry, sagebrush, toyon, wild rose, wild blackberries, honey-suckle, arroyo, and red willow, and a variety of trees including live oak, California black oak, bay, madrone, California buckeye, big-leaf maple, white alder, and western sycamore; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alum Rock Park's biological richness includes a diversity of wildlife including black-tailed deer, brush rabbits, quail, red-tailed hawks, turkey vultures, and Stellar's Jay, and it serves as a wildlife corridor to other protected lands in the region; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alum Rock Park features approximately 13 miles of trails across 720 acres of wildlands that is managed by the City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS); and,

**WHEREAS**, Visitors are welcome to enjoy a variety of activities including hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird-watching, and picnicking, and staff also offer a variety of educational programs and summer camps that help connect children and adults with nature; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alum Rock Park is adjacent to the 1,611 acre Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve, and the collaboration between the Open Space Authority and PRNS, especially the Authority's Open Space Technicians and the Alum Rock Park Rangers, has increased opportunities for visitors to explore and appreciate the natural beauty of this significant natural landscape; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Open Space Authority and the City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on April 11, 2017, to maximize benefits to the public by sharing facilities and leveraging resources to reduce overall costs for both the City of San José and the Open Space Authority; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of San José and the Open Space Authority actively partner to maintain public trails, manage vegetation, reduce fire risk and provide emergency response within the greater Alum Rock Park – Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve area, leading to greater efficiencies for both agencies in their delivery of services to the public, and which serves as a model for collaborative park and open space management; and,

**WHEREAS**, In addition to providing significant recreational opportunities to the residents of the East San José community and beyond, Alum Rock Park provides an open space buffer that helps to protect adjacent urban

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communities from wildland fires, and this natural infrastructure increases resilience to the effects of climate change; and,

**WHEREAS**, The protection and stewardship of Alum Rock Park is a model for implementing important conservation frameworks, such as the State's 30x30 initiative, that depend on local leadership and collaboration; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager or an Assistant General Manager to commend the City of San José on the celebration of Alum Rock Park's 150th Anniversary; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Authority and in its name, to execute and deliver such other documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of the above resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Kalvin Gill, Chairperson  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

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William P. Parkin, Legal Counsel

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Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board