## **Emmert, Gretchen**

From:

Yahaira Hernandez < yhernandez 21@students.roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:41 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

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## **Emmert, Gretchen**

From:

Theresa Giacomino <theresa@cmosc.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 2:34 PM

To:

City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Letter of support for Roseland Creek Community Park

Attachments:

Santa Rosa City CouncilJanuary 13.docx

Hello,

Please find a letter below as well as attached in support of keeping Roseland Creek Community Park as wild as possible.

To Whom it May Concern,

As an advocate for the education of children and their families, I write to you in support of Roseland Creek Community Park and keeping this space's natural landscape accessible to the community.

The preservation of the Roseland neighborhood open space and the development of Roseland Creek Community Park would enhance the community by providing a unique natural space for getting together and caring for a communal resource. Neighbors would be able to share in celebrations through festivals and gatherings or just come to play in nature and spend time with each other in a shared space.

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A natural space for play is not only good for the child's physical development but for their mental well being as well. Learning to play in nature improves hand eye coordination and allows for large motor movements as well as provides a space for reducing stress and increasing happiness.

Studies to support the benefits of play in nature are extensive around the world. Just sending time in nature is beneficial to our mental health as individuals and as a society. Entire nations are giving focus to this fact and investing in spaces that people can come to and celebrate nature. It is time to join this movement and offer our citizens a place for engaging with our natural world.

It is my hope that our elected officials will see the opportunity that lies before them and recognize the need for this special place in Roseland. The health and mental well being of our neighbors should be given the importance it deserves and the attention we can most certainly afford.

Sincerely,

Theresa Giacomino

Museum Experience Manager Children's Museum of Sonoma County Thank you for your consideration.

Smíles, Theresa

Theresa Giacomino, Museum Experience Manager Children's Museum of Sonoma County 1835 West Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707-546-4069 | theresa@cmosc.org

\*Please note: my regular work schedule is Tues.-Sat.

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Mary Paffard <mary@maryyoga.com>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 1:00 PM

To:

Schwedhelm, Tom; Rogers, Chris; Sawyer, John; Olivares, Ernesto; Fleming, Victoria;

Tibbetts, Jack; City Clerk; CMOffice

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Re CER meeting tonight

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to attend this meeting tonight but like many in our community, who have suffered all the economic impacts of the fires, I am trying to survive as a self-employed yoga teacher here, and cannot always abandon work and meetings to be able to voice my concerns at your very important meeting.

First, thank you for considering this Emergency Resolution. This morning we hear of 1/4 million people in Australia forced to evacuate, partly due to the negligent role government has played in these terrible fires. We also hear of a victory, where people like the many folks here who have presented a more robust CER to you, played an important role. This has occurred in the Netherlands due to the determination of a group who want actual actions and a more realistic time frame to occur re climate change. <a href="https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2020/01/13/netherlands-climate-change-human-rights">https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2020/01/13/netherlands-climate-change-human-rights</a>

Can we please have a more effective resolution than that presented by RCPA with actual actions defined, and a body to oversee and pursue these essential tasks to limit emissions with a clear target date in mind?

Can we have more co-ordination between climate groups and entities across the counties?

Could we have more research and investigation into the health and social impacts of these fires and climate change and support for those suffering trauma, anxiety, respiratory problems, prenatal conditions arising from smoke and fire impacts?

Can Santa Rosa be a beacon for the future and inspire many other local governments to reduce current emissions radically, create a plan that others can become part of and imitate, improve inadequate emergency communications/structures that fail to warn us sufficiently and allow companies like PGE to get away with literally murder?

This is a crisis of extraordinary proportions that effects every part of our lives.

When I first moved here from the UK, I was so impressed how state and local (even sometimes federal) government was surprisingly environmentally savvy compared to Europe. The tables have turned now, even if European countries also have a long way to go to avoid the cataclismic crisis that climate change is heralding. As someone who has lived on the Sonoma and Mendocino County borders for over 36 years, and worked in Sonoma County for almost as long, I see so many people stoically struggling to keep going and not knowing what to do and yet are willing to do anything to ensure the safety and well-being of their neighborhoods and work. They need strong leadership right now and government that connects to communities, especially as our federal government seems to be doing everything it can to make this crisis worse! Many of my students - like some of you- lost their houses, were evacuated many times, some lost family members, all of us suffered the clouds of toxic smoke that emanated from Kincaid fires, Santa Rosa, Mendocino Co and Paradise fires.

My daughter's recent birth story in 2019 was one that I have now heard was similar to many healthy mothers in 2016 - She had a placental abruption in an otherwise very healthy pregnancy - The usual pre-condition for this is smoking. She is a non smoker. I have heard of many mothers since dealing with this relatively rare condition who ended up having a similar placental condition with pre-term or emergency births, as a result of the smoke. Many of my more elderly students have had respiratory illnesses, especially around the times of smoke but lingering long into the winter time, much more so than in years prior to these extraordinary fires. My 7 month old grandson has a rash that appeared with

the Kincaid fires and has not gone away. How many other children's lungs and health has been impacted by this devastation? My 3 year old granddaughter - like many other young children I am sure - wake up with nightmares about fire, their drawings and stories are full of the fear of fire. "I don't ever want to live in Cloverdale", she says, as this is what she associates with our nearest town - Fire and smoke!

How many more have to suffer due to inactivity or insufficient activity by our leaders? Many self employed people like myself have had constant interruptions to their businesses and lost a great deal of income due to the fires and the PGE stoppages. Many of us have had to spend usual work time in a constant fire prevention mode clearing brush, leaves, spending an inordinate amount of time and money making our ranches and homes safer. How many people now have been refused fire insurance for their homes recently in spite of all their efforts?

Even if no-one died or no-one lost their house/land, how can this not be seen as a tragic emergency on all levels that needs specific actions, oversight and clout! The Community CER at least begins to address some of these issues. The RCAP resolution although well intentioned has no teeth.

Thank you for reading this far, for all your work getting to this stage despite the obstacles, and I hope your meeting is a fruitful and impactful one for Sonoma County and many, many other Counties. Whenever I can get to a meeting, I will be there and I will await your leadership,

to see how I can get more involved to support your work in the future regarding climate but I need a realistic, ambitious plan first.

Wishing you all well,

Mary Paffard

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Thank you.

From:

Jose Lua Penaloza <jluapenaloza21@students.roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:41 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

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Dear Ms. Buffo

My name is Jose Lua and I am currently a junior at Roseland University Prep, class of 2021. My interest in the Roseland forest is to preserve it because I believe the Roseland community should have a place to be able to enjoy it's natural resources, quietness, peacefulness and overall enjoy a nice walk and learning experience. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the day my class visited the Roseland Forest but I will use resources from my classmates to make up an experience.

Throughout my classmates experiences, they saw many bugs such as mosquitoes, and flies that play a very important role throughout the community by helping with the crops. They also mentioned how there were native plants around the area which is just wonderful to know because these aren't the type of plants you buy at the store. These plants have been around for a long time, we should be taking care of on the usual because they represent our community. All the trees surrounding the Roseland Forest serve a purpose that to some might not bring their attention but little do they know that those trees are protecting them, providing them with a proper temperature.

In my opinion, I think the Roseland Forest should remain the way it is because overall it is a beautiful natural habitat that does not deserve to be ruined. Every tree, insect, and animal that belongs there should not have to move anywhere because that is their home. By trying to create a larger parking area, adding a picnic area and having multi-use turf, etc, we are making the living things to eliminate themselves from their habitat. All we need to do is take care of the Roseland forest and make sure it is not violated. To reinforce my whole point of view, I believe the Roseland Forest should be preserved because young children should be able to enjoy time in a quiet natural place filled with amazing species that take care of the surroundings instead of always being overwhelmed by buildings and no place to enjoy. What is the point of creating another park when there

From:

Lynda Ramirez Mata < lramirezmata21@students.roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:39 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland

Dear Ms Buffo,

My name is Lynda Ramirez And I am a student at Roseland University Prep. First of all, I'd like to thank you for creating such a well informed letter. It was extremely educational and specific. To start off, I would like to respectfully indicate my experience and suggestions for this park.

On November 8th, I visited the Park, to learn about the environment surrounding it. The park is filled with biodiversity. There's oak trees, grass, plants, and animals. Although the key concept is to preserve the land. That is why the Natural Roseland Creek Neighborwood is ideal. Yes, the city of Santa Rosa's draft is great filled with a play area, a sports court, and etc. but it is not something we need. Climate change is an issue worldwide. There has been odd temperatures, dying animals, and landfills. Creating a park focused more on constructed entertainment than rich soil will only worse this global problem.

Furthermore, I prefer the preserved draft because it contains a habitat restoration plan that is beneficial for the ecosystem. It is based more on nature than a party like park that only harms the outdoors. Once again immense gratitude for writing a letter and reading this one as well.

Sincerely,

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From:

Andy Garcia Alvarez <agarciaalvarez21@students.roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:38 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

My name is Andy Garcia Alvarez and I am a student here at Roseland University Prep. During a class trip that I took with my AP spanish class I got to see the Roseland forest where a park is supposed to be built. The park idea is brilliant but the problem is that many nativie plants will be removed from their natural habitats and lots of animals will flee from their home because of all the noise and littering that will occur if the park is built. Making a park there would remove most of the plants and trees and very little plants and trees would be left. Yes, there is a positive and negative side to building a park because it will be good for the community but it will also be negative because like I said before many animals will leave and many native plants will be removed. Another positive thing about making the park is that people would be able to go outside and be active or they could just go and have a picnic at the park with their family. The best option is to keep the Roseland forest the way it is because there are many parks around that area anyways and why make another one. Keeping the Roseland forest is the best option because all those trees and plants are helping to fight climate change and instead of removing them we should plant more trees and plants because that is what the Roseland forest needs. Another reason for which the Roseland forest should be left alone is because many of the native plants and trees have been there for many years and it would not be the correct choice to remove them when that place is their home. Anyways thank you for taking time out of your day to read my letter. Sincerely.

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Andy Garcia Alvarez

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:37 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

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Dear Santa Rosa City Council Members,

It is important that we preserve nature for the longest we can. The outdoors is a precious gift we all take for granted. Cutting down trees and turning grasslands into concrete is not a step in the right direction to abolish climate change. If we start building more buildings then there would be fewer trees to surround us. Trees are very important to us because they are the main reason we can breathe.

The Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve Master Plan Proposal is a better format about how the park should be. We already have a lot of parks in the Roseland area. There is really no need to build another park and risk scaring the nature animals away. It is better to keep it as a preserve so that animals that live there keep their home.

Sincerely,

Maria Cuenca

Class of 2021

Roseland University Prep

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To:

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Dear Ms. Buffo

I am a current junior at Roseland University Prep. Over the past few weeks we have reviewed both proposals for our local Roseland Forest. With all due respect, I do believe that the Roseland Creek Neighborhood preserve is nature friendly plan. About two weeks ago, we were taken to the Roseland Forest itself and got to experience first hand the calmness of the area. We were able to identify all different kinds of species that are there and that would be affected dramatically if the preserve were to be removed.

Although I do think that the new plan for the preserve sounds beneficial to some, we must look beyond physical appearances. We must acknowledge the natural life that is there and that was once not on a verge of extinction. Now, more than ever, it is important to take care of our natural land and cherish it so that we won't have to face possible future consequences.

Overall, by building these new structures in the preserve we are taking the homes away from many different species. There are many other locations in which we already have many of the resources that are being promised on the new preserve plan. For example, there are an incredible amount of parks in Santa Rosa, and many grass fields placed all around Santa Rosa that are available to anyone who may want to play. Therefore, this preserve should not be touched unless it is in a positive way for the species that have marked it as their territory longer than we have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Olvera

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To:

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Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student attending Roseland University Prep in the city of Santa Rosa and I am writing this because I was informed about the planning on the Roseland Creek Community Park and Trail or the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve. I have been lucky enough to have seen the two options that our community would like the park built as, but personally I think preserving the park and using it as an educational place for students to go and learn about on field trips would be the better option. I have visited the park with my AP Spanish class and I think that it needs to be preserved and better managed. I believe that more plants and greenery should be added so it encourages the natural community to return and grow. This area is very peaceful and it would be a great location for younger students and the community of Roseland to visit the park for educational purposes, walks, and because it is more beneficial for climate change. This would contribute to helping stop climate change because we need more trees and natural resources in communities to encourage more biodiversity. The encouragement of preserving this area will not only prosper the growth of native plants, but encourage our community to educate themselves about the natural community many have ignored for the past few years, but know realising that climate change does exist, they would be more willing to try and help better our planet. Is the purpose of this land is to preserve or make another playing area for kids to have fun? I would love for my input to be taken into consideration and used for the decision making process of which park we will be having in our community.

Sincerely,

Fatima Dominguez

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To:

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Dear Ms. Buffo,

I'm currently a student at Roseland University Prep. The Roseland community is very beautiful and a great place for people of all ages to engage with. When my classmates and I went on a field trip to visit Roseland Creek Neighborwood, I experienced lots of great things. For example, I got to see the place how currently it is surrounded by lots of nature. The Roseland Creek Neighborwood would be a popular area and an area where people of all ages can go to have a great time and to relax. This place would be much closer for residents of Roseland and would help the environment be a better place.

Why spend more money on gas when there is a local park way much closer right? Roseland Creek Neighborwood should be a park where there's games for kids to entertain themselves and a relaxing place where the elders can also visit and destress.

Sincerely,

April Calvillo

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:36 PM

To:

Anahy Hernandez Valencia

Subject:

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Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student at Roseland University Prep and have been part of the Roseland district for approximately 4 years. I am interested in the proposal of the Roseland forest area. When my AP Spanish class went there for a field trip, we learned about native plants, animals, the creek and how climate change is destroying everything around us. For example, birds receive hints from plants to know when to migrate and breed but now they are breeding at unsafe time. Their eggs hatch and there is no food to feed the babies or their eggs freeze because of the weather. The Roseland Creek neighborwood preserve master plan proposal is better for the environment because there is less pollution to build it and it's more natural. There is a playground at Roseland Creek Elementary School and there is another park 0.9 miles away. It's located in front of Sheppard Elementary School. Why not go to those parks? Why remove animals and destroy plants to build another park?

The neighborwood proposal can offer scavenger hunts and games for kids so they can enjoy the outdoors. Also, they can offer community service hours for teens and they can help organize events at the park. More people can go and learn about the park. The Santa Rosa park proposal wants to have lots of picnic tables, a group BBQ picnic area, and a shade structure; however, a small picnic table area is better because there would be space to sit on the ground with blankets to have picnics. There are two choices, destroy the Roseland Creek forest area to have something fun or keep most of that forest area and have kids learn about climate change. Sincerely,

Anahy Hernandez

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To:

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Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am Daniel Espinoza and I currently attend Roseland University Prep and live in roseland. In class we were tasked to write a letter to the city council on our input on the plan we believe is best.

It has come to my attention that you wanted to turn the land close to Roseland Creek into a park. When I first heard about the park, I was excited that a park was going to be built so close to my house but now as I have seen this piece of land, it is vital for our community.

It is the habitat for many animals and plants and if we were to destroy it and add things that a park needs we would be no better than the big oil companies. The woods help with eliminating climate change and also provides an environment where we can experience nature. Also, the community of Roseland does not want the change. The council should listen to the community as they are the people who live in Roseland and it is their tax money that would pay for the park if it were to happen. I believe that the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve is the way to go because it is the one that does the least damage to the preserve. It is also what the community wants and deserves to get.

I hope that you will read this and take what I'm saying into consideration. This is very important in the fight for climate change.

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[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

I am a student at Roseland University Prep (RUP) and I am writing in regard to the park of Roseland. My opinion is that the city council should choose to turn the Roseland woods area into a park and turf field. I have been there and have seen all that the park has to offer and it isn't much but turning the park into a picnic park would be better in my opinion. Turf would be much better for the younger residents of Roseland and I know that some people would like it to stay the way it is but I don't think that is better for the homeless people situation that they have there. In terms of the homeless people wanting to stay there, they would leave because they wouldn't want to be near a lot of people, while the nature park would attract homeless people and fewer kids would want to go there. So I think that the nature plan is a plan more in favor of the older residents rather than the younger ones. The plan that the city council has is more interesting to me and I think that more people like me that live near here would also like to see this.

Sincerely,

Angel Garcia

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:35 PM

Cc:

City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

I am a junior at Roseland University Prep and I would like to talk about the recent plans about the Roseland neighborwood and the city plans for the Roseland park. In the neighborwood plan it has the ability to help the wildlife of California in the area of Santa Rosa since there is more area for wildlife to be in and the many trees and plants in the area. In the neighborhood of Roseland, it is better to clean up the area and to plant native plants so that it attracts some of the native animals so they have a new area to live in so their can be a place that all species are welcomed.

If there is a multi purpose turf field there has to be a way that the water that is used for the turf to go to the earth because it can end up in the creek. This will allow it to stay at a steady level during the season of the creek and it won't let the water end up in the ground until it evaporates and it rains again. When would the construction of the park start and the estimated time of the end of the construction?

Sincerely,

Alfredo Hernandez Vigil

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From: Sent: Gabriel Cazarez Mercado < gcazarezmercado21@students.roselandsd.org>

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Monday, January 13, 2020 12:36 PM

Cc:

City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

Thank you for taking time out of your day to read this letter. I am currently a resident who lives by the Roseland Creek park. I am also a student from Roseland University Prep. I Think it is going to be a great place for not only students but other people to hang out and enjoy nature. I think that the neighborhood way is the way to go because not only does it help the environment, but people have to understand that you can also have fun in nature with your friends. It would help the environment by giving animals a place to live and giving the plants and trees more life.

With the other option having more stuff such as a turf field, courts, and all of that may be fun but it is also very bad for the environment. Turf fields are very expensive and take a very long time to make. Turf fields also attracts a lot of population which means that if there were to be animals around the park, they would be scared and would run away most likely to roads and then we have dead animals on the road. Knowing people, they will be doing bad stuff that they shouldn't be doing and also there are people who don't care about the environment and start to kill the plants and then start to kill the trees.

I hope that this does pass and we get the neighborwood because this will really help our environment and help our community as a whole. We need people to understand that the earth needs our help and that the reason that the earth needs help is because of us humans. The least we can do is at least save the planet that we are destroying.

Sincerely,

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:34 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student at Roseland University Prep. Although I do not live in the area of Roseland, I do spend more than half of my day in the Roseland area and of course, I attend a school in the area. My mother also works at Roseland Creek Elementary, which is in front of the community park. I have visited the park multiple times and I even walk through that pathway every day to walk from my school to my mom's work. I think it is wonderful that Roseland residents are allowed to have a voice and a say in the decision of what to make of the park. I would like to incorporate my opinion of what should be made of the park. I believe that the park should be made to keep the natural habitats and natural plants of the park intact. Some of my reasons for turning the park into the "Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve" are that it would be better for the environment and the creek nearby, there are two parks and multiple schools within a couple of blocks of this land and kids need to learn more about the environment and how to care for it.

Having a park area that is made into a preserve allows kids and families to appreciate nature and learn from it. Having the creek that runs through it, means there are animals that depend on the habitat around the creek. The preserve would be a great place for teachers to take their kids to learn more about nature and the life cycles of the animals that live there. I don't think we need another park in the area. There are already two parks where families can gather to host events, play sports and play with their children; one is new and is a street over. The other is on Hearn Ave. and it is well known and used often. Roseland Creek Elementary is right across the street and that has basketball courts and a field, as well as picnic benches. A couple of blocks away there are 3 other schools on the same grounds such as Sheppard, RAMS, and RUP. Those sites also have basketball courts, tables, and a field.

The way things are going, I think it is important for kids to learn more about nature and the environment around them. Having a preserve in the neighborhood would make kids take more ownership of this space and the importance of it. This choice would not only help the students in the area learn about nature but also help the environment. I personally, would like to learn more about it. Are there public meetings to discuss this?

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I truly appreciate it.

Sincerely, Cassandra Orozco

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:34 PM

To: Cc:

Buffo, Kristi City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. BuffoThank you for taking the time out of your day to read this letter. I am a resident here in Santa Rosa and I live within walking distance away from the Roseland Creek Forest. I am also a student at Roseland University Prep. I am very excited to visit this park when it is complete because I think Roseland needs an environmental place for students to go and socialize. I took a field trip with my AP Spanish class to the Roseland forest and I think the area is a perfect place for teens to go and enjoy the beauty of nature. I feel like both the Neighborhood Preserve and the Draft Master Plan Concept are two very brilliant ideas because they both have good characteristics. I think that the Neighborwood is a great idea because it would preserve more of the natural habitat of the park and there would also be more biodiversity throughout the park. On the other hand, the park with turf and more picnic tables is also a good idea because a lot of teens would go to have fun and play sports, mostly with the turf field being installed. To preserve our community and help our planet be a better place I think their idea that preserves the natural beauty of the park is the way to go. The Neighborwood Plan concept is a plan that is overall better for our community and our planet. It preserves the natural beauty of the park while also not having more pollution with all the building that would occur if we went with the Neighborwood idea. Either way, whatever idea the members choose will be great because both ways help to benefit our community.

Jessica Albor

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:34 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

I am Emily Gutierrez, a student at Roseland University Prep and I have gotten the chance to visit the Roseland Creek Community Park. My overall experience of the Community Park was a very educational experience, being able to spend time in nature with no structures nearby. I am aware that the forest will be affected depending on the structures built on the land. As a student that lives nearby I, as well as everyone else that lives by there, will be affected including the animals and plants.

The plan that I believe is a superior opinion is the Neighborwood Preserve because not only is it better for the environment, but spending time in nature benefits the human body; It helps you deal with stress and depression. Not only is it a better option for us as human beings but it helps the natural life and it preserves it from being untouched. While the Master Plan Concept would only be extremely bad for our environment and the population/climate change we are dealing with at the moment. With the Mast Plan there would be less plants and trees which we need because they provide oxygen for us and a turf field would only be useful for some of us.

Also, taking in count the Roseland neighborhood has so many parks nearby already there is no reason why we should build another one when all we are getting out of it is consequences rather than something good that would benefit those around us. Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.

Sincerely,

**Emily Gutierrez** 

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Alan Camargo <acamargo21@students.roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:34 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

My name is Alan Camargo and I am a junior at Roseland University Prep. Although the topic of the Roseland community park has just recently been introduced to me, I have already gained an interest in it. On Friday, the eighth of November, my AP Spanish class went on a trip to visit the Roseland Forest. During that trip, we had the opportunity to learn and teach our classmates about the area and certain species that live in it. We also analyzed whether they had a positive or negative effect in regard to climate change. Overall, it was a great experience admiring the area and learning at the same time.

After discussing during class about the park plans, I believe that Neighborwood Preserve is the best option. I believe this is the best option because like we observed, the plant and animal communities would be intact. If the City of Santa Rosa plan were to take place, the natural community would be disturbed. Many species would be driven away as a result. The construction of the field, courts, play area, and picnic area could be considered deforestation, which is a factor of climate change. Even if it means not being a typical city park, preserving the area would be the more environmentally friendly option.

Sincerely,

Alan Camargo

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Johan Menez <jmenez22@students.roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:34 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

I am writing in regards to the Roseland Creek Neighborwood. I am a student at Roseland University Prep and I have seen what is planned to be done in the area of Neighborwood and I would like to express my opinion on it. My experience in the Neighborwood is going there to learn about the type of wildlife living there and also learning the types of plants are there.

In my opinion, what should be done with the area of Neighborwood is that it should be done in the park because it allows more people to go and it will also cause less homeless in that area. Another reason why it should be a park because it will decrease the chances of wildfires spreading faster or starting. I think the best decision would be the park because it will be a better decision in the community and it will allow kids and families to go to that park more and have a good use of that area instead of preserving it and having it for educational stuff for schools and not allowing families to enjoy the area.

I think the plan I support could be good for the environment because it would allow less worry about being a wildfire there because there won't be homeless people there much because people would be there around and would make them move somewhere else. It would also help climate change because it would decrease the chances of wildfires happening and also it would people to come together and enjoy the outdoors.

Sincerely,

Johan Menez

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:33 PM Buffo, Kristi

To: Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read my letter. I am writing to you in regards to the Roseland Creek NeighborWood Preserve. I live in the Roseland district area and I attend Roseland University Prep. I had some thoughts about the option for NeighboorWood Preserve and I hope that you will listen and think about this option.

If we destroy this natural park, what do you think would happen? How do you think we would be able to show and teach younger students about ecosystems? We want people to love nature enough to be able to change their bad habits. I believe if we do have to make a change in the neighborhood preserve, we should do something that is 50/50. What I mean by 50/50 is that we could do both a play area for students and families and we could also do an area where it stays exactly the same. An example of this could be that instead of making picnic tables cemented to the ground we could find a better way for the environment to add them. Another way could be fixing what we already have like the grassland could be taken care of so it can be replanted to make an area for soccer, football, and all kinds of sports. The areas with cement could be used as basketball courts. There are many different ways we can park for kids to have fun and a place for people to learn about what is around them. Why destroy something that we can fix up and make better.

I have gone to this park for a total of three to four times. The times I have visited the Neighorwood Preserve have learned many different things. Most of the time I went to the park with my biology class and once with my Ap Spanish class. When we went to the park my teacher either gave us a scavenger hunt or something to work with as a group. During this time I notice a lot of different animals and plants I don't really see out in the open. Not only did I get to see this but many other students as well. If we take this away from people how will anyone understand how important the environment is. We want to show people how climate change can

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:32 PM

To:

Luis Arreguin

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

I am a student at Roseland University Prep and I am interested in the making of the area of Roseland. I had spent most of my days visiting the area of Roseland and my experience had gotten a greater understanding of how the area has been for the last couple of years. With being able to see all the nature that is provided through the area, it has me wonder whether it should stay the way it is or not.

In my personal opinion, both plans for the area are intriguing yet both have flaws to them. The City of Santa Rosa plan could bring more people to the area because of the different activities that would present yet, it would take out the nature factor out of the forest, taking out the animals and trees that are present. The Neighborwood plan has the nature factor still in place with even more nature that will be put in. The problem with this plan is that it would not be as appealing as the City of Santa Rosa plan to most people yet it would help climate change more.

I support the idea of the Neighborwood plan because of how it could help benefit climate change throughout Santa Rosa. The Neighborwood is more essential in my opinion due to it having more nature upon it and helping out the area with less pollution. With the factors of having nature still present, wildlife can still be around while not having to worry about the effect of not having a stable habitat. In the long run, would we not want to preserve nature's purpose in order to reduce climate change?

Sincerely,

Luis Arreguin

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Anthony Gonzalez <agonzalez21@students.roselandsd.org>

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Monday, January 13, 2020 12:31 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo.

My name is Anthony Gonzalez, and I am currently a student at Roseland University Prep. A few days ago I visited the Roseland forest with my classmates. I saw many native plants and lots of animals. I heard about the park idea and I think it is best to make the park in the location. I'm sure there can be a fixed layout for the park that everybody would like with enough of the native nature left but also with enough entertainment for whoever goes to the park. It would be great to set the park to the people's standards around the neighborhood but if there's different ways of doing it or different suggestions that are equally rivaled, then both should be included and be brought to attention differently.

I support the idea of having structures in the park for entertainment instead of just preserving it so that we can take our little ones to enjoy the outside and have fun so they want to do it more often. Either park would be fine but the one with the structures would most likely attract more little kids and make them want to keep coming to have fun and just be outside playing instead of being inside playing with electronics. This would increasingly help the laziness or the addiction kids have on electronics now a days and help climate change because there will be less emissions of harmful things such as electronics. It will also encourage people in the area to walk to the park instead of having to go to a park that's even further away and in a car.

I have thoughts about keeping the park how it is and just leave the area untouched without any structures and that is also a good idea. If there is anything Roseland is missing, it would be just a patch of a bunch of plants and these plants help us, along with the area, because they take in CO2 and turn it into oxygen for us. This takes the oxygen from the climate and reduces it a little more and it would help mitigate climate change. Leaving the park how it is would also give opportunity to plant so many more types of trees that would really

From:

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:30 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a member of the Roseland community and I am currently a student at Roseland University Prep. I am interested in knowing more about the Roseland park because I would like to be able to go there in the future once it is done being made. I feel like I live kind of far from any other park meaning that I don't live in a walking distance from these parks. I will be able to walk to this one because it is a good walking distance from my house which is also good for the environment because I would not have to use a car to get there.

My experience visiting the park was good because I got to see how it is originally. There is a lot of space for people to go on walks, play, or simply just to hang out with family or friends. My opinion about making this park is that it should stay natural. It would be better for our environment because we would not be destroying the park by reconstructing it and putting in playgrounds or soccer fields. If we start to reconstruct it by putting cement all over the place or cutting trees down, we will not only be ruining our environment but we will also be destroying animals habitats.

I agree with the council about preserving the natural features of this park because a lot of people need to connect with nature again. Nature has a lot of benefits for us. For example, we will get better air quality and being out in nature reduces depression and anxiety. I would like the park to still be natural instead of reconstructing it and in a way, destroying it. A more natural park will help us and the environment. Our environment does not need to be destroyed just to create something. We can enjoy nature just the way it is. People will be appreciative of the park being preserved. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Yaire Garcia

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:30 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms.Buffo.

My name is Aylin Lule and in my AP spanish class, we are currently talking about climate change and how it is changing our world. We came across the fact that we are getting a new park in front of Roseland Creek. We have seen both sides of the blueprints on how we are going to change it. We have been seeing the pros and cons on how the first park is going to affect us. One of the parks have more earth than the other one. One of the parks have trees and plants, having a habitat for the animals that can come across this park. We have been seeing that with these pros there are also cons which are this park is on the side of the road, having more animals that can cause accidents on the road when they're crossing. When we have this park a lot of kids aren't going to be attracted to it because it won't have anything in their like for them to enjoy. Having these problems were kids and family don't attend the park, it can attract more homelesses and having them be there instead of us. They won't be there if more people want to actually be at the park like the first park where little kids will want to go and enjoy their time there were it has turf for multiple sports to be played at, having this turf and attract more kids who play sports like the kids from the schools aren't the park. A con about this choice is that it will cause there for the water not be able to go through the concrete that the park will be mostly all contained of.

With the concrete on this park the water will just stay on top. This is not a good idea for climate change. The neighborwood would be much more easier for everyone to enjoy, having this park will not only help climate change but family health with having more trees and it will be a much more beautiful scenery. In my opinion I would much rather have a park where we can all go and have a safe, enjoyable time. With this park more kids can go and spend quality time together. When it comes to climate change I would pick the first choice because it will be much healthier and will attract more animals to help our neighborhood become more

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Monday, January 13, 2020 12:30 PM

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## **Emmert, Gretchen**

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Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 12:30 PM

To:

City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

### Dear Ms Buffo,

I am a sophomore at Roseland University Prep and a resident in the West Roseland Community. Living in the Roseland community, it has come to my attention that plans of a nature-centered park on lands surrounding Roseland Creek between McMinn and Burbank Avenues have been discussed, and presented ideas for the last twenty years. With no answer gained, I will gladly incorporate my view as a resident, because I will surely find myself visiting and promoting people to attend. In my perceptive, I wished for this area to be kept as close to raw nature as possible, restoring that opportunity to visit and reconnect to the wilderness.

I have visited the Roseland Park, and my experience was great, I loved interacting with nature, something I had not done in some time. Considering my experience was pleasant, I plan to strive for a more nature-based park because it reminds me of how people should further connect with nature. In my view, a nature preserve park would be most advantageous related to the locations it is near. As mentioned in the letter schools can teach students how crucial it is to preserve and care for nature. Schools can interact and assist in the restoration of habitats and native species to enhance the overall richness of the ecosystem. Having a place like this the oxygen is kept cleaner. More people would be attracted to visit due to how close it is to a vastly large community made up of three existing nearby schools. Other benefits we would gain from a preserved park like this include the improvement in the soil and reduction of erosion, with this the water that comes in is productively absorbed and used to nature's advantage to thrive and flourish. With a more natured based park there are concerns about homeless and dangerous activity happening, but incorporating a security system such as cameras or police patrols would diminish this fear.

Overall, a nature restoration park will undeniably impact the health in this community because it would reestablish that relationship with the wilderness. Although there are setbacks within a more natural park, in my opinion, there are more advantages than disadvantages that encourage the plan to keep a more nature repaired park prosperous.

Sincerely,

Ricarda Suarez

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## Manis, Dina

From:

Santos, Jen

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 5:33 PM

To:

Nicholls, Mary Lou

Cc:

Manis, Dina

Subject:

FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Comments on Roseland Creek Park Initial Study and Mitigated

**Negative Declaration** 

Fyi...

### Jen Santos | Deputy Director - Parks

Recreation and Parks Department | 55 Stony Point Road | Santa Rosa, CA 95401 Tel. (707) 543-3781 | jsantos@srcity.org



From: Marsha Dupre <marshad@sonic.net> Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 5:30 PM To: Santos, Jen <JSantos@srcity.org> Cc: Nutt, Jason < jnutt@srcity.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Comments on Roseland Creek Park Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Ms. Santos,

Please put the email below into the official record for the Roseland Creek Park plans.

Please reply to verify receipt of the email in a timely manner.

Thank you and Best wishes to the City for saving nature in Roseland.

Sincerely, Marsha

Marsha Vas Dupre, Ph.D. Former Santa Rosa City Council Vice Mayor, SRJC Trustee 3515 Ridgeview Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95404 707-528-7146

To: SR CC Jan. 12, 2020

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Many years ago when I served on the SR CC, we followed the guidelines for the Scenic Road designation and had it applied to Roseland's *Burbank Avenue*. Good things happen when we all work together for the betterment of communities.

I am very concerned that the work we began decades ago will come to fruition to maintain the original preservation of Roseland NeighborWood to be a Nature Park. We all are aware of the importance to advance positive protocols rather than retreat from our Climate Crisis. This is one very important example of how and why we must protect this treasured property.

Sincerely, Marsha

Marsha Vas Dupre, Ph.D.
Former Santa Rosa City Council Vice Mayor, SRJC Trustee
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# Roseland Roadbuilding and Parking Lots construction project at Roseland Creek

Because of the inadequate project description regarding the Roadbuilding and Parking Lots construction project near Roseland Creek this project requires an Environmental Impact Report. There is a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect due to the unusual circumstances of bringing hundreds of car trips into parking lots near a creek. By not describing the actual pathway of a 14 foot wide paved roadway through the area, you have impaired the public's ability to participate effectively in the CEQA process. Whenever automobiles are on paved surfaces near creeks and waterways there is always a chance for stormwater pollution of the waterways. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is inadequate in the addressing of the reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect due to the unusual circumstances of building roads and parking lots in a natural area.

January 13, 2020

To: Jen Santos, Deputy Director, Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks (JSantos@srcity.org)
City Council members (citycouncil@srcity.org)
City Clerk (CityClerk@srcity.org)

From: Arlie Haig, Community Garden Coordinator, et al

I have documented a discussion with interested parties in support of the Roseland Creek Community Park itself, with input related to the relocation of the Community Garden to the area south of Roseland creek near street access and parking. The following provides their suggestions more succinctly:

## Wendy Krupnick --

# Founding member, Community Garden Network of Sonoma County

"I was aware of a push to try to keep it as natural as possible and it looks like that's generally in the proposal. My one concern is the location of the possible community garden. They have it in the middle of the park far away from parking, toilets and water which would not work at all. People need to easily access a community garden close to parking or their homes.

Even if water is there, people will not walk down a long path to bring materials in to their garden or haul produce out.

I think the Larkfield garden works in part due to close relationship with the school that is next door. It seems in this Roseland neighborhood the natural park is great and also a place for folks to grow much-needed healthy food would be important too.

But I do not know that much about the specifics of the adjacent neighbors, which is important."

### Laurel Chambers --

## Concerned Resident Neighbor

"I believe the location of the proposed garden is where there used to be a large family garden. If so, there must be water access.

I agree that access to nature is important and it sounds like the area in question would be better as an outdoor classroom, which would be great! If the neighborhood is interested in a community garden and it can somehow be fit into the southern portion of the park, that would also be great. It may be a moot point anyway because I doubt the city will put in a garden without an organization like Land Paths stepping forward to assume management of it.

I work in the Healthy Communities section of the public health department and my work focuses on policies, systems, and environments related to healthy eating and physical activity. I am well versed on the research linking parks and open spaces to better health outcomes. Research also shows that community gardens are beneficial to health and community cohesion, so ideally the park will have both, but that may not be possible and at the end of the day Roseland will have another much-needed park and that's really what is important. My funding prohibits me from doing any kind of advocacy work, so if I attend the meeting next week it will be as a resident since I live within a few miles of the park."

# Virginia Hotz-Streenhoven --Friends of Roseland Creek NeighborWood, California Native Plant Society Milo Baker Chapter, co-chair Education/Outreach Committee Steward, Pepperwood Preserve

About my interest in the community garden in the "NeighborWood"/Roseland Creek Community
 Park. Unfortunately, the area that seems to be temporarily designated for that particular project in the

most recent version of the master does not seem to be the most suitable location for the garden as it lies just between an important stand of juvenile oaks and the riparian corridor of Roseland Creek, It would also seem to not be the most practical for access to a community garden in terms of access to water and easy movement of gardening materials.

- I certainly support the community garden concept, but just not at that particular spot. I suggest it would be much better located in the multiuse area south of Roseland Creek where the master plan shows parking, restrooms, a multi use playing field, etc. Community garden users would be more easily able to unload materials, have access to water, etc. in that area than at the "Outdoor Classroom" area.
- Our Friends of Roseland Creek NeighborWood group which includes members of the California Native Plant Society Board of Directors, faculty members from Roseland Creek University Prep High School local environmental educators and others. We initiated outdoor/environmental education activities in the latter part of 2019 utilizing the areas north of the creek. Having a community garden in the midst of the juvenile oak wood land and the riparian area of Roseland Creek would inhibit conservation and restoration efforts as well as have an effect on existing tree and other plant root and mycohrrizal systems already in place. Just the laying of water lines for access to any community garden in that area would also disturb nesting birds in the more mature trees that exist in the riparian area of Roseland Creek.
- I certainly see possibilities for a community garden project to work with environmental educators/students on the importance of biodiversity in agriculture and how native plants and related native pollinators are critically important.
- My earlier e-mails commented on the problems I see in locating the community garden between the edge of the juvenile oak woodland and the riparian corridor. It would be much more accessible to the community located in the area of the two southern parcels where there will be more access to parking, water, restrooms, etc.
- Since our wifi has been disconnected since sometime in September I've missed many e-mails and am just beginning to catch up. Our Friends of Roseland Creek group hopes that that specific area between the woodland and the riparian corridor will be designated as the outdoor classroom area with very simple seating such as tree trunk sections, etc.
- From what I understand there were wells on the property when that section was being used for small scale agriculture. At some point water was also piped from the creek.
   The two parcels to the south in what is to be Roseland Creek Community Park will be closer to parking, water and restrooms and a spot in that area seems much more practical.
- I think that by working together with the City we can help create a unique and completely accessible resource for Roseland residents; no driving long distances to experience the critically important benefits of regular immersion in nature both in this potential micro wilderness (as Lynda Hopkins so aptly put it) and through working with the garden. A win, win for all!
- As a Roseland resident with limited mobility I already treasure having ready access to this wonderful and rare space in a fast developing urban area.
- The area in question has long been planned as an outdoor classroom area related to the now on-going
  environmental/science education activities being pursued by teachers at one of our Roseland School
  District's high schools. The subject of the importance of biodiversity in both the natural world and
  agriculture will be explored. A community garden sited somewhere in the two park land parcels south
  of Roseland Creek still lends itself to integrating any science/environmental education activities
  throughout the NeighborWood/Roseland Creek Community Park.
- The areas proposed for more 'conventional' park activities consist of a large meadow area with some remaining native plants/trees (ideal attractants for native pollinators of various species). With restoration of more native plants near or combined with a community garden you have an ideal learning environment as well as a very healthy one.
- A community garden situated in the area originally proposed between the riparian corridor and the edge of the juvenile oak woodland would be particularly disruptive to animal use of the creek as a wildlife

- corridor (as it is now, current nesting activities in mature trees lining the creek) and the overall health of the plants and soils.
- The Roseland Creek NeighborWood/Community Park represents the opportunity for our Roseland community to have ready access to the natural world not readily available to most urban, low income areas. This is a well-documented problem and we have the opportunity to create a resource for our schools and residents that's seldom found in areas like this.
- All of the Roseland schools are within walking or biking distance of the NeighborWood/Roseland Creek Park and students don't need to be bused to this site. Classes from schools are already walking to the Park to make use of it as an educational resource and other schools we've met with are very excited at the prospect of a readily accessible resource, one that can be used on a weekly basis for a variety of activities including outdoor education involving language arts, math, geography, social studies as well as science and environmental studies.
- Kaiser's Mercury Way campus, local business parks and small businesses are also within walking distance of the unique 'micro-wilderness' as are residences. People can have the opportunity of a regular daily/weekly 'nature fix' with minimal travel, mostly within easy walking or biking distance.
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- Laurel, as a health care provider I'm sure you're very familiar with the extensive literature on the psychological and physical health benefits of regular exposure to nature, especially forested areas. Studies show a substantial reduction in vandalism and crime in neighborhoods with ready access to nature, improved social interaction, etc.
- The potential for the NeighborWood/Roseland Creek Community Park as an incredible local resource is there and we are committed to making this a reality for our community."

### Josephine Borgeson --

# **Committed Community Gardener**

"I agree that the location should be changed for improved access, and I'm glad that it would align with goals of the conservationists involved in the area."

### Arlie Haig --

### Community Garden Coordinator

# Founding member, Community Garden Network of Sonoma County

### **SAVS Board of Directors**

Thanks to all for your observations and advice. I am taking this opportunity to give this feedback to Jen Santos, Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks Deputy Director, who is conducting the planning process, also to the SR City Council. The location of the Community Garden may have already been addressed - I'd be curious to know if it has... I have not been involved in the planning process for this park.

I do understand the situation. In the past the current designated area was used as a garden. Although I am a proponent of community gardens wherever possible, I feel the above input related to location is certainly valid.



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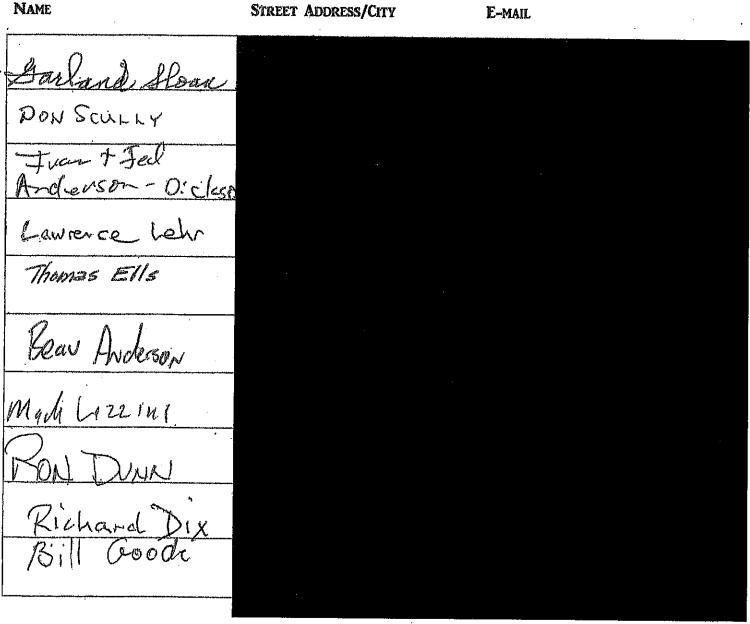
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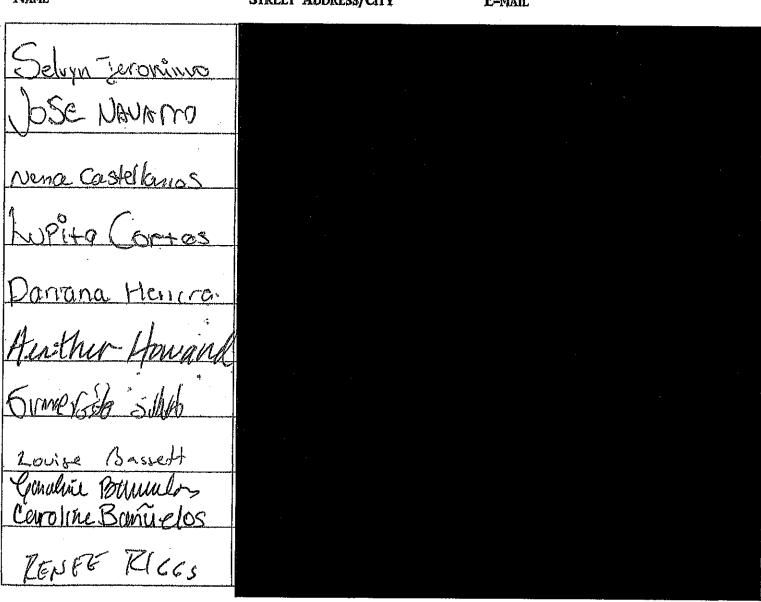


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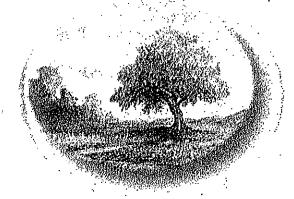
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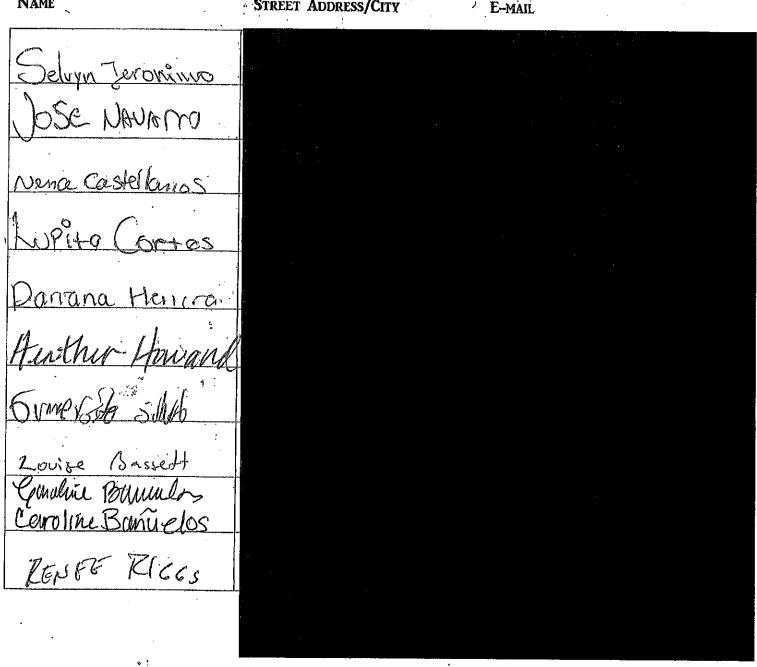


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From:

Patricia Krueger <patriciakrueger@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 4:28 PM

To:

City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Community-Generated Park Master Plan

**Attachments:** 

Roseland Creek NeighborWood Ideal Plan - Final July 2019.pdf

RE: Roseland Creek Park Review, on agenda for Jan. 14, 2020

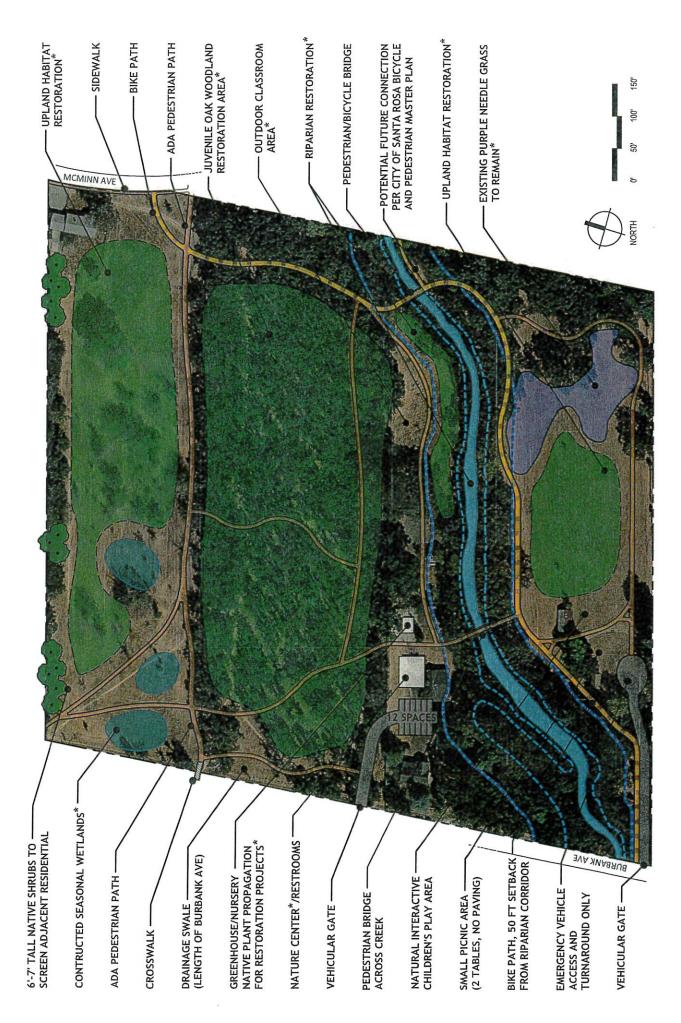
Dear City Clerk,

Oh dear, I meant to attach this to the petition pages I sent yesterday. It is a community-generated version of a Master Plan for the park which embodies preservation, restoration and education. It was attached to the sample email we had previously sent to city council members, but I am not sure if you noticed that and included it.

If not, could you please include the following attachment in the file containing the public record of documents sent to the City Council members in preparation for the agenda item having to do with the Roseland Creek Park at this Tuesday's January 14th meeting?

Thank you so much!!!!

Patricia Krueger



# ROSELAND CREEK NEIGHBORWOOD PRESERVE

**MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL** 

\*TO ENHANCE ECOLOGICAL SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 2019

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From:

Melissa Neufer <mneufer@roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 9:14 PM

To:

City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Letter for Roseland Creek Community Park

Jen Santos, Deputy Director of Parks City of Santa Rosa, Parks Division 55 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

December 17th, 2019

Dear Ms. Santos.

I believe the area referred to as Roseland Creek Community Park should be preserved as a nature area for educational, environmental restoration and preservation purposes, and not developed to include attributes that are not in line with these objectives.

I am troubled by the plans to develop this area in ways that do not meet the original goals the Sonoma County Ag and Open Space District originally intended through its matching grant program. There is no discussion of natural resource preservation happening within the park, and additional development, such as turf and sports courts will directly and negatively impact accomplishing this goal as it will disturb wildlife, introduce light and noise pollution, use excess water, and create impermeable surfaces while removing habitat.

In September this year the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors declared we are in a climate emergency and to make this issue a top priority (website listed below, linked here). Why not use this park as an environmental educational facility and nature preserve so we can help achieve these goals. As a high school Biology teacher at Roseland University Prep I often take my students to this nature area, only a 10 minute walk, to have class for the day. I teach them about the impacts of climate change, ecosystems, biodiversity, and the complex interconnections that exist in nature. We conduct scientific studies, create curriculum and share it within the community . I have been working with the local elementary schools, local biologists and Landpaths to incorporate different voices into my Biology curriculum.

Let the Roseland community learn and value the importance of nature and let us create a nature park that helps students become involved in conservation efforts. We could have successful interpretive hikes, nature based summer camps, and educational classes if we create this park as a climate resilient nature preserve that uses the community to educate and engage the community. It could be similar to the amazing sustainable water conservation project completed at Santa Rosa's city hall in 2015.

Our future depends on the youth of today being educated and inspired to do something. Please consider preserving Roseland Creek's wilderness is a priceless gift to existing and future generations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melissa Neufer, Roseland University Prep Biology

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ROSELAND CREEK NEIGHBORWOOD PRESERVE MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL

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CITY OF SANTA BOSA CITY MANAGERS OFFICE

From: Duane

January 14, 2020

Santa Rosa City Council & City Manager

100 Santa Rosa Ave. Santa Rosa, CA. 95401

Box 3068

Santa Rosa, Ca. 95402

From: Duane De Witt

Demand for an Environmental Impact Report for the Roseland Creek Park Road building. Re:

Dear Mayor Schwedhelm, Council members and City Manager Sean McGlynn

This letter is to demand an Environmental Impact Report for the Roseland Creek Park Road building and parking lots construction projects near Roseland Creek. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is inadequate in addressing the reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effects due to the unusual circumstances of building roads and parking lots in a natural area.

Because of the inadequate project description regarding the Roadbuilding and Parking Lots construction project near Roseland Creek this project requires an Environmental Impact Report. There is a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect due to the unusual circumstances of building roads where none existed before. Also, where only gravel driveways existed before. The plans put forward by Santa Rosa city staff will be bringing in hundreds of car trips into parking lots near a creek. By not describing the actual pathway of a 14 foot wide paved roadway through the area you have impaired the public's ability to participate effectively in the CEQA process. Whenever automobiles are on paved surfaces near creeks and waterways there is always a chance for stormwater pollution of the waterways.

I have been a proponent of no, or a minimal, development of the areas inside the boundaries of the land purchased with Taxpayers' money at 1027 McMinn Ave., 1370 and 1372 Burbank Ave. plus 1400 Burbank Ave. The land can be used as it presently exists, with gravel driveways and water permeable parking areas, to avoid increasing stormwater pollution in the rainy season. This alternative needs to have been described and adequately addressed in the documents the city now presents to the public to participate in the decision making process. Now because this has not been done an Environmental Impact Report must be done to clarify just. what significant environmental impacts will occur due to Santa Rosa's Roadbuilding and Parking Lots construction project in the Roseland Creek vicinity.

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MIKE THOMPSON MEMBER OF CONGRESS

FIFTH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

November 1, 2018

Sean McGlynn 100 Santa Rosa Avenue Room 10 Santa Ross, CA 95404

Dear Mr. Manager

I am writing today to request that the City of Santa Rosa give full and fair consideration to a proposal that is being offered by the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Santa Rosa, for the Roseland Veterans Grove, Roseland Veterans Healing Garden and a Roseland Veterans Grove.

Based on on the information provided by Mr. Ken Holybee about these projects, it is clear that the VVA is working to help veterans in Santa Rosa. By working with veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, VVA is ensuring a voice from, and recognizing, the diverse veterans in our community. VVA has also informed me that a number of Native American veterans from the Roseland area want to help with the healing garden.

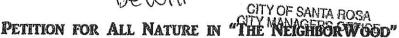
As a Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Redwood Empire Chapter #223 member, I support efforts to help veterans seek rest and respite from the stresses of their lives.

Sincerely.

MIKE THOMPSON Member of Congress

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Tom; Sawyer, John; Fleming, Victoria

Cc:

**Duane Dewitt** 

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park Demand Letter for an EIR

**Attachments:** 

Need an EIR for Roseland Creek Park..doc

Dear Santa Rosa Mayor Schwedhelm, City Council members, and City Manager

Please review this email and the letter attached before the conclusion of the deliberations on possible approval of the Roseland Creek Mitigated Negative Declaration.

To:

Santa Rosa City Council & City Manager

100 Santa Rosa Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA. 95401

From: Duane De Witt

Box 3068

Santa Rosa, Ca. 95402

Demand for an Environmental Impact Report for the Roseland Creek Park Road building. Re:

Dear Mayor Schwedhelm, Council members and City Manager Sean McGlynn

This letter is to demand an Environmental Impact Report for the Roseland Creek Park Road building and parking lots construction projects near Roseland Creek. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is inadequate in addressing the reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effects due to the unusual circumstances of building roads and parking lots in a natural area.

Because of the inadequate project description regarding the Roadbuilding and Parking Lots construction project near Roseland Creek this project requires an Environmental Impact Report. There is a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect due to the unusual circumstances of building roads where none existed before. Also, where only gravel driveways existed before. The plans put forward by Santa Rosa city staff will be bringing in hundreds of car trips into parking lots near a creek. By not describing the actual pathway of a 14 foot wide paved roadway through the area you have impaired the public's ability to

participate effectively in the CEQA process. Whenever automobiles are on paved surfaces near creeks and waterways there is always a chance for stormwater pollution of the waterways.

I have been a proponent of no, or a minimal, development of the areas inside the boundaries of the land purchased with Taxpayers' money at 1027 McMinn Ave., 1370 and 1372 Burbank Ave. plus 1400 Burbank Ave. The land can be used as it presently exists, with gravel driveways and water permeable parking areas, to avoid increasing stormwater pollution in the rainy season. This alternative needs to have been described and adequately addressed in the documents the city now presents to the public to participate in the decision making process. Now because this has not been done an Environmental Impact Report must be done to clarify just what significant environmental impacts will occur due to Santa Rosa's Roadbuilding and Parking Lots construction project in the Roseland Creek vicinity.

Sincerely

Duane De Witt

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Santa Rosa, Ca. 95402

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Rec'd at Meeting 1 4 20

Item No. 16-1

From: Brian McKeeun

FIFTH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

November 1, 2018

Sean McGlynn 100 Santa Rosa Avenue Room 10 Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Mr. Mondy

I am writing today to request that the City of Santa Rosa give full and fair consideration to a proposal that is being offered by the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Santa Rosa, for the Roseland Veterans Grove, Roseland Veterans Healing Garden and a Roseland Veterans Grove.

Based on on the information provided by Mr. Ken Holybee about these projects, it is clear that the VVA is working to help veterans in Santa Rosa. By working with veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, VVA is ensuring a voice from, and recognizing, the diverse veterans in our community. VVA has also informed me that a number of Native American veterans from the Roseland area want to help with the healing garden.

As a Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Redwood Empire Chapter #223 member, I support efforts to help veterans seek rest and respite from the stresses of their lives.

Sincerely.

MIKE THOMPSON

Member of Congress

MT/sg

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# Roseland nature preserve

- A collaborative approach with local healthcare entities ie NAMI and other nonprofits, to recognizing mental health in Santa Rosa.
- Utilize memorial benches to memorialize the Veterans lost in combat since 9/11 involving the families of the veterans.
- Create or repair bridge over creek on property to recognize veteran suicides.
- Create a "peace walk" with the community focusing on nature and mental well being.
- Work in conjunction with the community to populate and utilize the community garden.
- Create informative signs to identify nature and local military history.
- Create a group meeting setting utilized for various mental health therapy groups.

# Manis, Dina

From:

Carol Klesow <aurajin@dcn.org> Tuesday, January 14, 2020 1:19 PM

Sent: To:

\_CityCouncilListPublic

Cc:

Carol Klesow

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Item 16.1 Andy's Unity Park - YouTube

Hello City Council, we support our neighbors in Roseland . This YouTube video expresses the assets realized when neighbors and government work together. We as members of the Moreland Community neighborhood organization who participated in the Andy's Unity Park creation continue to realize the amazing and ongoing unity for everyone of all ages and races in Moorland. Sincerely, Jeff and Linda Bodwin and Carol Klesow https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\_xgdKT6r1E

Sent from my iPhone

## Manis, Dina

From:

Silvia Langan <slangan@roselandsd.org>

Sent:

Sunday, January 12, 2020 8:44 PM

To:

Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Letter in Support of Nature and Education - An Urban Wilderness in

Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am an AP Spanish Teacher at Roseland University Prep. Since the fire devastations in Sonoma County, we have been learning more about Climate Change in my class and preparing action plans to help the community. For that reason, I have taken my students to the Roseland woodlands to observe how natural ecosystems work and the effects of climate change on it. It's been a great experience seeing my students interact with nature and enjoy it. The Roseland woodland is a treasure that we need to preserve.

We learn that there are two master plans for the woodlands. One from the city and one from the Roseland neighbors. I agree with the vision to preserve and enhance the natural features of this land allowing residents of all ages to have a sanctuary from urban pressures and experience the renewal of being in nature. The City supported this effort for years, but the current Master Plan does not align with this vision.

After reviewing November 1, 2019, Master Plan, the elements that concern us are the following:

- 1) The large picnic area just north of the creek (with 7+ picnic tables) this activity is inappropriate for the proposed nature and education park. The noise and activity of picnic parties will disrupt the natural setting. Nearby Bayer Farm Park and Southwest Community Park both provide facilities for this kind of picnic.
- 2) Two restrooms and a covered sink the homeless issue is at a crisis point in Roseland. Installing a public restroom before addressing this issue is unwise, as it will only encourage and increase the usage of this park for habitation by the homeless population, already a chronic problem for many years now.
- 3) A total of 36 parking spaces The parking area north of the creek should be kept minimal in size, and a smaller one south of the creek should be restricted to Handicapped and Emergency Vehicle Use Only. The Roseland Creek Elementary School is located across the street and can provide parking on the weekends. During the week, school groups and adults can and do walk to the park. The Nature Center and Outdoor Classroom in this environmentally sensitive location are appropriate.
- 4) A shaded group picnic area and sports courts located south of the creek These are two excessively noisy activities along the environmentally sensitive riparian corridor. There are three school campuses and two other parks within a quarter mile which provide soccer fields, basketball courts and group picnicking. We agree with the nature-themed playground and a small cluster of 2 3 picnic tables placed as close to the southwestern edge of the park as possible, to allow for visibility and monitoring by public safety officers from Burbank Ave.

We do not believe that the natural community of plants and animals should be compromised in order to make this park try to be "all things to all people." I am in support of the attached Community-generated Roseland Creek "Neighborwood" Preserve, Master Plan Proposal, July 2019 which prioritizes preservation, restoration, and education.

Thank you,

Silvia Langan Spanish Teacher

# Manis, Dina

From:

Nicholls, Mary Lou

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 7:56 AM

To:

Manis, Dina

Cc:

Buffo, Kristi

Subject:

FW: [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Community Park Comments

Dina- RE FILE 20-0045

If we are to amend Attachment 1 – Correspondence for Roseland Creek Master Plan, please unlock the record. Up to what date/time are to continue adding correspondence? It goes to council tomorrow.

Thank you.

ML

From: Buffo, Kristi <KBuffo@srcity.org>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 3:05 PM

To: Nicholls, Mary Lou < MNicholls@srcity.org>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Community Park Comments

Hi Mary Lou,

I hope you're having a good day off (3). Here is another citizen comment for the correspondence folder. Is there still time to include these?

Thanks,

kb

From: Kevin Anderson < kevin@theclimatecenter.org>

**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 3:01 PM **To:** Buffo, Kristi < <u>KBuffo@srcity.org</u>>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Community Park Comments

Kristi.

I just wanted to pass along this to you:

I have heard frustration voiced from a number of high school students that I work with at both Roseland University Prep and Roseland Collegiate Prep at some of the proposed amenities for Roseland Creek Community Park specifically the amount of space being designated for parking and turf/sports play areas. The students would like to see the space kept as natural as possible and have pointed out that Southwest Community Park has ample space for new sports fields and courts as well as parking and have all expressed interest in a reimagining/redesign of this underutilized community space.

I have given the students your contact info and have been encouraging them to reach out to you themselves but you never know with these highly impacted and overworked high schoolers. Some teachers have also voiced concern but I'm assuming they have or will reach out to you directly.

Thanks for all you do and talk soon.

In joy and gratitude,