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**City of  
Santa Clara**  
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City Manager's Office

December 1, 2021

Urban and Community Forestry Grant Review Committee  
Attn: Greg Dion and Julia Gowin  
CAL FIRE  
1416 9th Street P.O. Box 944246  
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear Grant Review Committee:

The City of Santa Clara is one of several jurisdictions that play a part in managing, conserving, and expanding the urban forest of Santa Clara Valley through monitoring and performing tree related services within our local jurisdiction.

The Santa Clara Valley Urban Forestry Alliance (SCVUFA) plays an important role in creating opportunities for collaboration across municipalities, in establishing a unified approach to managing our urban forests and in providing community outreach. The City of Santa Clara is excited to be an active participant in the Alliance and the associated outreach that comes from this collaboration. This collaborative effort is in alignment with our sustainability program as the benefits of trees include carbon sequestration and improved air quality along with the associated co-benefits that urban forests provide such as cooling, traffic calming, improved property values and overall beautification. The City recognizes the value of the SCVUFA organizing stakeholders to maximize resources and increase public awareness about the role that urban forests play in the health and vitality of communities.

The City of Santa Clara supports the County of Santa Clara's Cal Fire Urban and Community Forestry grant request, as the proposed work aims to develop regionwide canopy assessment data, analysis, and tools that will be freely shared among stakeholders. It also will focus on supporting facilitation of the SCVUFA, a regionwide alliance working towards permanent positive impacts on urban forestry in Santa Clara Valley. Additionally, the proposed grant-funded project will work to increase much-needed public support for urban forestry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanna J. Santana".

Deanna J. Santana  
City Manager