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Rod Diridon
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Dear Mr. Diridon,

The San Jose Downtown Association recently had the opportunity to learn about the proposed Railroad Museum Park and would like to lend an early endorsement to the project.

The proposed location, alongside the Guadalupe River Park, adds another destination for recreation-seekers enjoying downtown and the uniqueness of the exhibitions would be a regional, family-friendly draw to the downtown. Additionally, the historic nature of the museum is a fine complement to the San Pedro Square district nearby.

We are pleased to support the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation in their attempts to bring the Railroad Museum to downtown San Jose and look forward to further updates as plans proceed.

Sincerely,

Art Bernstein
President of the Board

cc:
Sam Liccardo
Scott Knies