



CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

February 20, 2008

Rod Diridon, Sr., President
California Trolley and Railroad Corporation
210 North 4th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Rod, *Rod,*

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to join the many other commerce and community organizations in encouraging the city to designate the historic site of the original 1864 San Francisco and San Jose Railroad Company terminal for the reconstruction of the 1880s San Jose Lenzen Yards roundhouse, turntable, water tower, signals and tracks as the San Jose Steam Railroad Museum. We support the efforts of our congressional delegation to transfer the funds needed to provide this land for this important civic purpose which will create a new destination point for downtown San Jose.

As you know, the Chamber has worked with CTRC for many years supporting the development of the historic trolley programs at History San Jose and has encouraged the more frequent use in San Jose of the CTRC historic trolley's leased by VTA. We have been impressed that CTRC has created, operates, and maintains an asset valued at over \$20 million for the enjoyment of our citizens at no cost to the City. We are convinced that, if the City and our congressional delegation can arrange for this strategically important piece of land to be made available, that CTRC and our community will be able to replicate their prior success with the construction, operation and maintenance of the San Jose Steam Railroad Museum.

Thanks to you and your many wonderful volunteers for the many years of service to our valley. We look forward to assisting as you proceed with this important project that reminds future generations of our rich transportation heritage.

Sincerely,

Pat Dando, President/CEO
San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce