



**PRESERVATION ACTION COUNCIL OF SAN JOSE**

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*Dedicated to Preserving San Jose's Architectural Heritage*

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Rod Diridon  
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c/o MTI  
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Dear Rod:

Many thanks for the informative presentation you recently made to the Board of the Preservation Action Council of San Jose (PAC-SJ). Everyone was quite impressed with the proposed San Jose Railroad Museum Park.

Following your presentation the Board unanimously voted to support the proposed museum. The importance of having a location to house this world-class collection of railroad history cannot be underestimated. The museum would be a destination for local residents as well as visitors from all over the country and beyond. Not only would it showcase general railroad history, but it would also highlight the history of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

We urge the City to encourage our Congressional delegation to provide necessary funding to purchase the site. The museum will be an economic plus for our community and it would be shortsighted not to pursue this project with enthusiasm.

PAC-SJ strongly supports efforts to preserve our history and looks very favorably on a project that allows people to experience that history first hand. The Railroad Museum is such a project. It not only will showcase our area's rich railroad history, it will also ensure that current and future generations will learn about the Valley's agricultural roots and its transformation to high tech.

Not only would this project preserve the rich railroad history of the site but it would also provide valuable open space to the community. We are pleased to support this positive approach to preserving history while giving San Jose a wonderful place house and to view this valuable collection.

Good luck as you move forward with these exciting plans and please keep us informed about the status of this innovative project.

Sincerely,

Brian Grayson  
Interim Executive Director