



THE ST. JAMES HISTORIC DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

February 14, 2008

Mr. Rod Diridon
Sr. Executive Director
Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI)
210 N. Fourth St., 4th Floor
San Jose, California 95112

Dear Mr. Diridon,

As the representative for the Board of Directors of St. James Historic District Neighborhood Association (SJHDNA), it is our privilege to inform you of our support for the proposed **Railroad Museum Park**.

The Railroad Museum Park, in its proposed location, will be an exceptionally fine addition to the historical hubs, **St. James Historic**, home of the **Federal Historic Registered St. James Park & Square** and the **Vendome** and **Hensley Historic neighborhoods**. In addition, The Railroad Museum will lend itself of San Jose's **historical significance** as *California's first city*.

We look forward to supporting your vision and teams' efforts in making this **valuable destination place** come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Frank Penrose

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President, SJHDNA

cc:

Alida Bray, President, History San Jose
Pete Furman, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor San Jose
Brian Grayson, President, Preservation Action Council, San Jose (PAC SJ)
Scott Knies, Executive Director, San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA)
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