

Thomas Wiles

From: Maira Flores-Nunez
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 1:48 PM
Subject: FW: August 4 hearing public comment item l#21-297

Good afternoon,

Please see public comment letter received for the public hearing item on today's PC agenda.

Thank you,
Maira

From: Colin <callmebug1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 9:49 PM
To: Public Comment ComDev-Plan <PublicCommentCD-P@ci.salinas.ca.us>
Subject: August 4 hearing public comment item l#21-297

Good afternoon to you, Chair Meeks and members of the Planning Commission. My name is Colin Simpson, and I am employed in Salinas and have previously resided there. I write to enthusiastically support the Carr Lake Restoration and Open Space Project and ask that you approve the request to rezone the site. The conversion of this space presents a unique opportunity to enrich the entire community, one in which hundreds of Salinas residents have already staked a personal investment of their time. Salinas's "central park" is not unlike that famous planned park in New York in its purpose. It offers a refuge from an otherwise stressful urban existence, provides a natural open space for families to spend time together, presents a venue for recreation with its mental and physical health benefits, and engages residents of all ages in learning more about ourselves and how we interact with, impact, and best support our ecosystem. The planning and development of the beautiful Native Plant Garden reflect a significant achievement of Salinas' residents as part of this restoration. More importantly, it represents the promise of a larger vision made possible, made real through their work. Though this does not fall under the traditional definition, this truly is a city improvement project that will benefit its residents substantially in their quality of life and yield incalculable dividends to the city. Your consideration and approval is an essential step in this effort. Thank you for your time.