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Good afternoon,

My name is Lorri Koster, I am the former Chairman and CEO of Mann Packing Company (retired), one of Monterey County's largest employers. Many of Mann Packing's over 1,000 employees live and raise their families in the City of Salinas. I am currently the editorial director of *Coastal Grower Magazine*, which has covered our ag industry and Monterey County communities since 1988. Most importantly, I was born and raised in Salinas. I love my hometown.

As a former board member of the Big Sur Land Trust and current board member of the Center for Community Advocacy, I am writing to ask you to support and vote for approval of the Carr Lake Restoration and Open Space Project. This past year, spending time in natural open spaces for many has become more important than ever. I would like to see an accessible place for our residents to connect with nature, themselves, and the community in a natural open space within the City of Salinas, particularly North East Salinas. This new park will offer mental and physical health benefits, provide amenities for various age groups and an outdoor classroom for lessons in biology and ecology that will be real and meaningful to our youth and families in a neighborhood where we need it most (possibly even inspiring future career paths). By recommending the approval of the Carr Lake Restoration and Park Development Project, we validate the work of over 800 Salinas residents who have committed personal time to develop and maintain a Native Plant Garden at the project site and who together, worked on designing the current park concept plans. This community-driven project will bring much needed and desired park and open space to the City of Salinas that will add value and beauty to our city, youth, families, and residents. For these reasons, I am in full support of this project.

Thank you for your time.

Lorri A. Koster

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