From: <u>Maira Flores-Nunez</u>

To: <u>Thomas Wiles</u>; <u>Courtney Grossman</u>

**Subject:** FW: Carr Lake Restoration and Park Development Project

**Date:** Monday, August 2, 2021 8:32:04 AM

Good morning,

Please see comment letter from Ana Toledo.

Thank you, Maira

From: Toledo, Ana <AToledo@nheh.com> Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:26 AM

To: Public Comment ComDev-Plan < Public Comment CD-P@ci.salinas.ca.us>

Subject: Carr Lake Restoration and Park Development Project

Mr. Chair and members of the planning commission:

My name is Ana Toledo. I am a Salinas resident and a Center for Community Advocacy Board Member. I am asking you to support and vote for approval of the Carr Lake Restoration and Open Space Project. I would like to see more accessible places for our residents to connect with nature, themselves, and the community in a natural open space within the City of Salinas. This new park will offer mental and physical health benefits, provide amenities for various age groups and an outdoor class room for lessons in biology and ecology that will be meaningful to our youth and families. 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 and benefit residents of all ages. For these reasons, I am in full support of this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ana Toledo