



CITY OF SANTA ANA

March 7, 2022

Via E-mail

Mr. Steve Jones, Mayor
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

RE: Open Space at Willowick

Dear Mayor Jones:

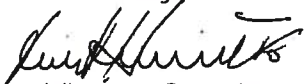
Thank you for taking the time to meet with myself and Kristine regarding your Willowick property. I know your endeavor to sell has been a very lengthy and exhaustive process for your Council and staff. I just wanted to further express **Santa Ana's interest in preserving a large portion of the land for open space.** As you know, Santa Ana has a deficit of park space which is critical to the health of our community, something that was abundantly clear as we battled the pandemic.

We understand you have not completed your formal decision making but did want to share that we fully support your selection of a partner that will create new and meaningful open space at the Willowick Golf Course property in Santa Ana. Recently, the three responders to the City of **Garden Grove's offer to sell have reached out to Santa Ana and we have been forthright in our desire to secure a large portion of the site for open space, recreation and community benefits.**

A potential win-win solution would be for Santa Ana to acquire, directly or in partnership with one of the responders, a majority of the site for open space and park uses, with the balance either being leased or sold outright to a third-party developer. I look forward to working with Garden Grove to ensure we can both serve our residents and future generations with the re-use of a majority of the Willowick Golf Course for community benefits.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with me directly, please feel free to contact me at 714-647-6900.

Sincerely,


Vicente Sarmiento
Mayor

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