

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 2020  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: District Manager  
SUBJECT: Consideration of Support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act –  
**Supplemental Information #2**

Attached for your review please find correspondence received subsequent to the preparation and distribution of the staff report regarding the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act scheduled for the August 6, 2020 Board Meeting.



Dan Paranick  
District Manager

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**From:** David E. Ross  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, Item #9.c

The map shown in the agenda packet for item appears to place the entire community of Oak Park within the extended national park. If that is true, then I strongly oppose the Act. It would impair the ability of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District to operate and maintain developed parks within the community. It might also place a cloud over the titles to our homes.

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David E. Ross

Oak Park, CA 91377

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**From:** Kim May  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 6:51 PM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Rim of the Valley

I support the Rim of the Valley.  
Thank you,  
Kim May

Simi Valley, Ca 93066  
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Kim May

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**From:** Joshua Brumbach  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 9:49 PM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Support for Rim of the Valley

Hello,

I am writing to support the Rim of the Valley proposal for expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Thank you very much,

Rabbi Joshua Brumbach  
Oak Park, CA

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**From:** Joanne Richards  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 9:57 PM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Rim of the valley

Hi,

As a cyclist and hiker, I would like to voice my support for the Rim of the Valley project. I hope they cyclists will not be excluded. As a resident of the North San Fernando Valley, it is difficult to find legal trails to ride on. LA County dirt has been off limits to cyclists. I love riding on the Santa Monica Mtn trails but would really like to have somewhere closer to home. I think it's important also to preserve the environment for wildlife and to have a place where people enjoy nature.

Thank you for your involvement in this,  
Joanne Richards

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Lori Martinez  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 10:45 PM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Simi Valley

I want you to know that I support keeping Simi Valley beautiful. I am worried about all the construction and home building.

Lori Martinez  
Resident for 25 years

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jack Nosco  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 6:26 AM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Rim

I support the rim project.

Thank you, Jack Nosco

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**From:** Ryan Valencia  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 7:18 AM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Rim of the Valley

Hello Boardmembers,

I am contacting you as a lifetime resident of Simi Valley and a national parks superfan, to request your support of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act. Having worked for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area for a number of years, I can tell you that personally, the very thought of our Valley's inclusion in its potential future expansion is thrilling. I ask us to picture this:

Simi Valley would be the northern boundary of the national park and a hub for backpacking, mountain biking, and other outdoors activities. We could advocate for a Visitor Center to be located right here in our town, with visitors from around the world trying to get their stamp in their parks passport books. Backpackers would be coming over the mountain to look for a place to rest. We have massive potential for ecotourism and a boon to our local economy.

But before then, I want to address some common misconceptions:

- One, the legislation specifically outlines that eminent domain cannot be used
- Two, the legislation does not automatically federalize all open spaces on its map. Instead, it just allows the park to expand through donation or purchasing from a willing buyer in those areas in the future. It's why it's taken over 30 years for the park to even get as big as it has now. Other local or state authorities could still take that land or hold it.
- Three, the national park is a mosaic of local, state, and federal land. It does not attempt to overtake local authority. Look at the City of Malibu or Calabasas, whose cities are engulfed in the park's boundaries. All local authority is maintained. The legislation protects local authority.

Thank you,  
Ryan Valencia



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**From:** Tamara L. Napier  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** I Support Rim of the Valley

I'm been an avid mountain biker, living in the Conejo Valley, for the last 27 years and I fully support The Rim of the Valley. We need to protect and preserve our mountains & wildlife for generations to come.

Tamara Napier

Newbury Park, CA

*That which does not kill us makes us stronger! (Friedrich Nietzsche)* 🧠

Sent from my iPad

## Sandee Covone

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**From:** Rick Ladd <rickladd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Support for Rim of the Valley

Folks:

I just want to express my strong support for the inclusion of Rim of the Valley to our National Parks System. This is a beautiful and special area and deserves protection so many may enjoy it in the future. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

Rick Ladd  
Simizen

## Sandee Covone

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**From:** Plyler, Kathryn <kathryn.plyler.686@my.csun.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** Sandee Covone  
**Subject:** Rim of the Valley Proposal Comment

Hello all,

I'm not going to pretend that I understand every nuance of this Rim of the Valley proposal. It seems non-controversial and generally positive at the surface level. Who doesn't want to protect our land? I surely do! However, I worry that if I were to peel back the layers of this proposal, I might find some unsavory secrets.

I cannot accept any proposal that incorporates toxic Santa Susana Field Lab land. To do so would not only be negligent but sinister as well. I noticed in the "Modern Hiker" article that "Space Age" sites were included in the noteworthy characteristics of the land, along with Native American cultural sites. All this sounds interesting and worthy of protection. However, I don't think it is right to mention "Space Age" sites without detailing the nuclear meltdown that occurred there. To ignore/ hide that information would be an abdication of your duties as elected officials sworn in to project and serve the people of this community. The public should know what happened there--the whole truth. It is also worth mentioning that the cultural sites near the SSFL land are toxic, and the push to make them official cultural sites without the proper clean-up (as per NASA's 2010 promise to do so), would also be an abdication of duty because NASA could use it as yet another excuse to not clean up the land. Again, cultural sites and protecting the land and honoring our space history sounds great, but not at the cost of our people's health.

Please do the right thing and select a proposal that does not include SSFL land. We need to push back against NASA and force them to clean up their mess and fulfill their promises, not forgo their responsibility. We have a beautiful city that definitely deserves and needs protection. But it can't be surface level protection. We must peel back the layers, and see that some of our land is sick, and hurting, and needs to be cleaned and reckoned with before it can be fully enjoyed by its people.

I look forward to hiking safely in our gorgeous hills! Good luck reaching a consensus.

Thank you for your time,  
Kathryn Plyler