

LEVITT PAVILION SAN JOSE

STATEMENT

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By: Friends of Levitt Pavilion San Jose

Re: Court Denies Petition for Writ of Mandamus - St Claire Historical Foundation v City of San Jose

The Friends of Levitt Pavilion San Jose (FLPSJ) is pleased with the Superior Court's decision to uphold both the EIR [Environmental Impact Report] and Historic Preservation Permit for St James Park, and we look forward to focusing our work again on building San Jose's first permanent outdoor music and performing arts venue on this site. St James Park is the oldest, most historic park in San Jose, and FLPSJ is invested in celebrating this legacy by bringing people together for free performances and live music.

Levitt Pavilions across the country have an almost 50 year history of success, playing a pivotal role in transforming under-utilized parks into welcoming destinations, and San Jose can now move forward in building their own success story. As many as 50 free concerts annually will help to build community through free live music and the arts, transforming St James Park into a safe and inclusive destination for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Levitt Pavilion, along with the city's creative and historically sensitive new design for the park, will finally be the catalyst for change the community has been waiting for.

The court's decision has made it clear that the City has legally and professionally done their job in protecting the values, history, and legacy of St James Park. Through the design and construction of the Levitt Pavilion, and overall park renovation, FLPSJ believes that San Jose is addressing a clear need for better access to arts, culture, and live music. The time has come to build the pavilion, renovate the park, and put the community first. We look forward to working with ALL our neighbors to make St James Park, the surrounding neighborhood, and the City of San Jose the best that it can be.

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