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Dear Councilmembers

As you consider the capital and operating budgets over the next few weeks, I urge you to support the Parks Department budget.

I understand that there are many competing priorities however, this past year has demonstrated the importance of parks to the mental, physical and emotional well-being of our residents. It is more important than ever that the Parks Department has adequate staff and resources. This relatively small amount of funding will go a long way towards providing a variety of opportunities for residents to enjoy the outdoors through **natural-surface trails** throughout the County.

Please support the Parks Department!

Thank you for your consideration.

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