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To Whom It May Concern:

Santa Clara is the Mission City and an important part of our Mission was the fruit trees and plants used to help the Indians farm the land. The plants introduced by the early missionaries helped the Santa Clara Valley discover the uniqueness of this Valley for growing food, especially fruit trees.

As part of the City's Mission City heritage we need a collection for the Mission Period plants. Because of BAREC's history and the fact that it is set up for education and growing plants with wells, irrigation systems, greenhouses, and a conference room, BAREC is the best place to locate this collection.

We also need such a place for our students to study the relationship between man, history, ecology, and plants and we have no room on our campus for this. To be successful there are many departments on campus which need such a place. Also, BAREC is adjacent to public transportation which links it to the University and the Valley, an important element for students.

Sincerely,

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