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Subject: San José State University's STARS Submission

Dear Committee Members,

Since the early years of the environmental movement, tradition at San José State University is rich with examples of our community's commitment to sustainability. Earth Day was proposed by a San José State University alum in 1970 and, that same year, marked the infamous burial of a car on our campus to protest pollution caused by internal combustion.

Today, those efforts continue. We are in pursuit of LEED-EB certification for our King Library. Construction is underway for a new student union, which is being designed to LEED Silver standards. We will also soon turn on our new campus irrigation loop, which will be fed entirely with recycled water.

On behalf of San José State University, and as a charter participant in the AASHE STARS program, I am pleased to present this submission for a STARS Silver rating. SJSU's sustainability audit was conducted with participation and contributions from nearly every academic department and operational unit of the University. We are encouraged by its findings and look forward to building on our progress.

Sincerely,

Mohammad H. Qayoumi
President