

# CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

Albertson's Parkway Trail  
Grand Opening  
Saturday, August 29, 2009



## REMARKS

Councilmember Ash Kalra  
Council District 2

Director, Albert Balagso  
Department of Parks, Recreation  
and Neighborhood Services

President, Alex Kennett  
Santa Clara County  
Open Space Authority

Assistant Director, Dave Sykes  
Department of Public Works

*Albertson Parkway Trail contributes to the City of San José's Green Vision by expanding the City's network of trail systems to 100 miles. Trails encourage residents to travel by bicycle or foot, to navigate through the natural habitat and landscape corridors. The City seeks to enhance, strength and connect neighborhoods by building a 100-mile trail network by 2022.*



Photo by Ron Horii

## ABOUT MR. GARY ALBERTSON

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Albertson Parkway Trail is named after Mr. Gary Albertson, former president of the San José Alliance of Homeowners and a member of the Santa Clara Valley Coalition. While traveling home from buying a Christmas tree, Mr. Albertson and his family, wife, Doris and two daughters were driving northbound on Monterey Highway. Their vehicle was suddenly struck head-on instantly killing both Mr. Albertson and his daughter Denise. Doris was in critical condition and passed away two days later while in the hospital. The crash also took the lives of the driver and a passenger in the colliding vehicle.

Ironically, Mr. Albertson was a strong advocate for improving the road conditions of Monterey Highway. Between the years of 1973 and 1984, Monterey Highway was nicknamed, "Blood Alley" after 69 fatalities and 745 injuries occurred. Albertson Parkway Trail was first named for the memorialization of Mr. Gary Albertson by the City Council in the 1970's. His contributions to Silicon Valley and his advocacy for the construction of Highway 101 in order to divert traffic on Monterey Highway will not be forgotten.

## TRAIL FEATURES

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The Albertson Parkway Trail is a 1/2 mile parkway developed on City and PG&E properties. It serves the Santa Teresa Neighborhood as a jogging and walking path that connects to the 1500 acre Santa Teresa County Park, is accessible from the Santa Teresa Light Rail Station and provides an off-street route for children attending nearby schools. The new landscaping along the parkway beautifies the area while capturing storm water to percolate back into the ground water supply reducing the impact on our rivers and the bay.

*"The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority is proud to assist the City of San José with their Trail Program by providing funding for the construction of the Albertson Parkway Trail Project*



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*through the Authority's 20% Funding Program."*

- Alex Kennett, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Board Member, District I

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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