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Santa Ana Public Works Agency 20 Civic Center Plaza Ross Annex, M-20 Santa Ana, CA 92702

Re: SANARTE Public Art in Pacific Park

Dear Director Saba,

I am writing to express my support for the SANARTE History Walk project on the Pacific Electric Bike Trail. I attended their history walk launch in September and was impressed by SANARTE's innovative use of technology to highlight Pacific Park's history and share it with the residents of Santa Ana. The Pacific Park neighborhood has already benefited from this partnership and I hope that the additional installation of physical signs along the trail will help to teach Santa Ana residents about their local history

Awareness not only fosters neighborhood pride but also connects residents to our broader community. Thanks to funding from the Santa Ana Art Commission, SANARTE was able to work with former Santa Ana History Room Archivist Dylan Almendral as the lead researcher for the project. The project website, <u>www.sanartesa.com</u>, presents these historical narratives in English, Spanish, Vietnamese & Khmer.

The SANARTE History Walk also promotes fitness by encouraging residents and visitors to enjoy the beautiful bike trail. Adding SANARTE's artfully designed signs will help to beautify the trail become the the location of Orange County's first augmented reality public art trail right in the heart of Santa Ana. I look forward to seeing installation of the physical SANARTE signs along the bike path, ensuring that future generations have a valuable public resource to learn about the exciting history of Pacific Park.

Sincerely,

Vicente Sarmiento Supervisor, Second District Orange County Board of Supervisors