

April 28, 2008

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San Jose Municipal Rose Garden
1300 Senter Road
San Jose, CA 95126

Re: 2007 Public Garden Evaluations

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The Public Garden Committee of All-America Rose Selections recently met and reviewed all evaluations submitted for this past year. Evaluations of the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden indicated that conditions have improved somewhat since the garden was put on probation three years ago. I have enclosed these evaluations for your review.

Evaluators noted the following concerns during their 2007 evaluations:

- Roses were in need of more consistent deadheading, pruning and general weeding
- Black spot was present throughout the rose garden

The evaluators did report some improvements that we would like to thank you for:

- The roses in the garden were generally clearly marked
- The beds were filled with plants
- Disease was under better control than in previous years

We know that beginning this past year, there was a change in garden management and a great amount of community involvement to restore the garden. We have decided to keep the garden in our program because of the efforts of the last year, but it will remain on probation until the current year's evaluations can be reviewed at our winter meeting. In the meantime, the committee is requesting written explanation of the actions being taken at the garden to rectify the aforementioned problems. We would like to receive this correspondence for its consideration at our upcoming meeting on August 4th.

We look forward to your reply. If you have any questions please contact me at 415-717-8880 or tracy@rapplin.com.

Best regards,

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