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I grew up living and going to schools in North San Diego County. My family is currently living in San Marcos, CA where I frequently visit in between academic semesters. San Marcos is a unique town with residential communities, commercial areas, various natural spaces, and higher education institutions. San Marcos is connected to the rest of San Diego with an incredible transportation system that I have enjoyed my entire life. The buses and light rail systems would help me get to the beach, passport appointments, library, work, and many other responsibilities. I even took the bus all the way to Lake Morena for a 20-mile backpacking trip. Closer to home, there is a complex of trail systems along the San Elijo hills dominated by chaparral which is also prone to wildfires. My family and I have been evacuated from our home a number of times due to the proximity of these fires to residential homes. Wildfires are a complex issue across the state, and the answer is *not* to continue urbanization. My experiences in natural spaces around San Diego has helped me feel more connected to my family and the greater San Diego community. I want to see more accessibility, especially for communities of color, to natural spaces in San Diego.

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