FW: Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024 2025 Budget

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Mon 5/6/2024 7:53 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kathryn Hedges <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:03 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers:

I am a registered voter in District 3 near City Hall and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice.

I am also Disabled and want to see the end of police injuring or killing people who need help in a mental health or substance abuse crisis. Yes, there are stories of police handling calls well and providing needed support. But there are a lot of calls where police either shot someone for noncompliance in a crisis ($4.2 million in wrongful death settlements in the past year) or (as discussed at a recent public safety town hall) decided to "de-escalate" using non-lethal projectiles. That's not what mental health professionals mean by de-escalating a situation. They also wouldn't recommend handcuffing someone in crisis and throwing them in the back of a squad car for transport... which is what SJPD spends about 20-25% of their time doing. (It's department policy even if the subject is cooperative.)

Send the right responders to calls for medical crises: EMS for physical health crises and TRUST for mental health or substance use crises. Don't leave the City open to an ADA lawsuit by the ACLU for discrimination against people with mental health disabilities by refusing to fund adequate alternative responders--that could cost far more than $2 million for another TRUST field team.

TRUST response times in Downtown San Jose are about an hour, because the current field teams are outside San José or barely inside the western border. We need a more centrally located team to improve response times in Downtown and the neighborhoods east to Alum Rock.

Giving TRUST more resources to respond to mental health calls will reduce the SJPD resources needed to respond to those calls. SJPD can spend more time on violent crime and major property crime instead of knocking down

mentally ill people with beanbag guns and transporting them to the psych ER. TRUST currently handles about 400 calls in San José each month (total around 600 across the county) so a fifth team would add about 150 more calls to their capacity per month. How much does it cost SJPD to handle that many mental health calls? How much can San José save by reducing liability for wrongful death cases?

Do the right thing for Disabled residents of San José and expand TRUST. It's just common sense.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Hedges
[redacted]

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Mon 5/6/2024 10:18 AM

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From: Diane Guinta <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 10:04 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: May 8 Study Session for Public Safety–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Dear City Officials,
I am writing to support funding for the TRUST program. There is no reason for delay, this funding should not wait.

My perspective is as a volunteer chaplain with CIC in the Elmwood Jail and as a leader of a month-long rotating church homeless shelter that we host every year in August as part of a Bay Area shelter network run by LifeMoves. I have seen the police respond to mental hea th crises at our shelter, where many folks with mental illnesses and addiction problems come to sleep and eat good dinners and be in community with us. It is a complete waste of police officers' time that leads not only to a wasted resource for the community but a poor outcome for the person needing either de-escalation of a crisis by skilled people or a ride to a hospital. And for folks of color, they would rather suffer than risk the police being called.

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Sincerely yours,

Diane Guinta
CIC volunteer chaplain , Elmwood Jail
Host, Hotel de Zink Homeless Shelter
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto
SURJ member

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Patty Linder <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 11:06 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Debora Ow <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 11:47 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Many people have suffered at the hands of San Jose Police because they were having a break down and the police were ill equipped to handle it. How much has the city paid out as wrongful death settlements? Police time is better spent handling crime, not mental health issues. Another TRUST truck in San Jose will save money - and lives.

Sincerely,
Debora Ow
San Jose

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 12:08 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
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Even in light of the budget crunch for this coming fiscal year, funding an additional TRUST team for San Jose can't wait. Yes, it's an investment of resources. And the ROI - both short-term and long-term - should absolutely justify the expenditures.

My quirky, creative, and smart youngest brother has lived his whole adult life with a serious mental illness which, when he's off his meds, makes him unpredictable and frightening. In such an event, what he needs is the right type of response and responder - someone with experience and the mindset of a mental health professional rather than that of a control-and-subdue-at-all-costs law enforcer. This is precisely what shifting resources to TRUST will provide.

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Sincerely, Karen Matsueda, San Jose District 3

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From: Deborah St. Julien <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:18 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Council Member Jimenez, Council Members of San Jose and Mayor,

I write as a 40 year resident of district 2, a homeowner, tax payer, and a deeply involved lay leader in my faith community and SURJ@SH.

I have a neighbor who is mentally unstable. If he goes into crisis, he needs the right responder like TRUST. He is one on the many lives expanding TRUST could save.

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It is irresponsible to ignore the recent findings of the 911 analysis, that clearly pointed out how many calls made to 911 need a different response than police.

Courageous, strategic, data-based leadership calls for San Jose to focus on funding the proven, cost-effective alternative for mental health crises response - TRUST.

Sincerely,
Deborah St. Julien
Volunteer, faith community outreach, SURJ@SH
District 2 homeowner, tax payer, neighbor
Lay leader, Urban Sanctuary

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Mon 5/6/2024 3:30 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Mary Helen Doherty <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:27 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Your support for TRUST is a vote that will save lives!

Thank you
Mary Helen Doherty, Resident of District 3.

Sent from my iPhone

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Wed 5/8/2024 8:01 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kim Guptill [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 5:11 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: May 8 Study Session for Public Safety–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Sincerely,

Kim Guptill
District 6

FW: public comment on Budget Study Session 5/9/24 -- Neighborhood Services (Parks)

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Thu 5/9/2024 8:01 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

1 attachments (714 KB)
D6NLG re Park funding, May 2024.pdf;

From: Lames [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:39 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
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Subject: public comment on Budget Study Session 5/9/24 -- Neighborhood Services (Parks)

Hello,

Attached please find a letter from the District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (D6NLG) regarding Park Funding.

Thank you,

~Larry Ames, D6NLG Chair

District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group

The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor of San José,
and Members of the San José Council,
via email, sent 5/8/24

Subject: Park Funding

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

We in the District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (D6NLG) are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in a sustainable and equitable San José. ***Parks are important to us all***: they improve our physical and mental health, engage our youth, and build community and a sense of place – a reason to live, work, and play in San José.

- We ***support*** the City Manager's proposal for ***no cuts to the Maintenance and Operations of the city's parks, trails and sports fields***.
  - Well-maintained parks are a sign of a thriving city, which helps attract investment.
  - The Parks maintenance budget suffered major cuts in prior economic downturns, and the standards were lowered. Park maintenance currently is inadequate, and is rationed to only the most needy areas. A well-staffed park maintenance operation would slow the growth of the infrastructure backlog, which now is over $500 Million.
  - Also, the Parks Dept. works with our diverse young adult populations to provide career pathways to higher paying jobs – keeping our youth out of homelessness.
- We ***oppose*** the ***extension of waivers or cuts*** to the Development Park Trust Fund or Construction and Conveyance (C&C) tax: **the Parks' *Capital* budget must be stabilized**.
  - The Parks' capital budget is almost completely dependent on Park Trust Fund fees and C & C taxes, which depend on development. The City sought to spur residential development by granting Park fee waivers, but development is far more impacted by cyclic global matters such as interest rates than by our modest park fees. These waivers to the C&C and Park Trust Fund – basically public subsidies to private development – directly reduce the safety and usability of Parks, but, according to the City's consultants, have no measurable impact on the feasibility of the projects. Residents expect their city to keep their parks safe and the playground equipment in good condition – without having to wait for 3 or 5 or 7 years for repair.
  - The freezing of Park Trust Fund fees at 2017 land-values has resulted in 30% to 50% less purchasing power.
  - Beginning with the Great Recession, the Park Trust Fund and C & C tax also covers over $10 M of personnel costs – Parks, Public Works, volunteer management and senior executive management.
- ***We urge the City to work towards a solution.***
  - The City has not had a Park Funding measure since 2000, followed by 3 major downturns and a pandemic.
  - We urge you to set aside budget to ***create a strategic plan*** to stabilize park funding and address the $500M infrastructure backlog, while considering and evaluating the likelihood of success from multiple pathways.
  - Quantify outcomes of different revenue pathways: is it realistic to expect a conservancy to raise significant money? Would privatizing parks bring in significant revenue, or does it only raise questions of equity of access and limits health benefits to only those with moderate or high income?
  - Communicate clearly to all stakeholders the funding problem and how it's linked to dependence on the development cycle.
  - Conduct robust polling to explore multiple pathways for revenue.
  - Build support for a park focused ballot measure to maintain safety, integrity and health benefits of parks.

In support of parks,

~Lawrence Ames, Chair, D6NLG.

cc: SJ City Manager Jennifer Maguire; City Clerk; PRNS Director Jon Cicirelli

FW: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Thu 5/9/2024 9:17 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Alison Cingolani [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 8:52 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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San Jose residents, your constituents, have consistently ranked affordable housing as a top priority for the community. This is always the top priority for Black and Latinx residents who suffer the most under the weight of our housing crisis.

Our community is facing a severe affordable housing crisis. The exorbitant cost of housing in our city has left approximately 70,000 families rent-burdened and struggling to simply get by. Studies show that affordable housing greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence. We can agree that all of these should be prioritized.

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Alison Cingolani
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From: Fatima Burgos [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 11:08 AM
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Fatima Burgos
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From: Mary Helen Doherty <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:32 PM
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Mary Helen Doherty
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95112

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ana Cortes [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:14 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Andrea Gera <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:16 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Andrea Gera
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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Gregory Kepferle[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:05 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Gregory Kepferle
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95134

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Thu 5/9/2024 3:38 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Alyssa Serrano [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:10 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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From: Adriana Caldera [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:03 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Adriana Caldera
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95125

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Thu 5/9/2024 3:41 PM
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From: Kathryn Hedges <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:36 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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City Clerk City Clerk,

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

I am a resident of D3 in Downtown, and a member of SURJ, RECS, and Catalyze SV. I am deeply concerned that, once again, this year's budget proposes to shift critical funding for affordable housing into temporary shelters and abatement efforts. We are looking to the City Council's leadership to support an alternative sustainable funding source for interim shelters and a realistic and humane approach to supporting our unhoused neighbors living along our creeks.

Taking funds from permanent housing to spend on temporary shelters will prevent people in shelters from having housing to transition into from temporary shelter. We can't just warehouse people in giant congregate shelters or our other temporary options indefinitely, but that's what will happen if we stop providing key funding to our affordable housing developers. (We also need social housing, but I doubt we can pivot from supporting development to creating development this fiscal year.)

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Kathryn Hedges
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95112

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Thu 5/9/2024 4:14 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Alex Shoor [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:04 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Alex Shoor
[redacted]

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Thu 5/9/2024 4:56 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:51 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano
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Fri 5/10/2024 7:45 AM
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From: Susan Price <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 5:45 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; action@housingready.org; esmeralda@destinationhomesv.org
Subject: Please protect much-needed local funding for affordable housing

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

Please do not make cuts to funds for affordable housing as you struggle to balance the budget! We cannot tolerate that a sizable section of our community has to sleep in the bushes because real estate investors have priced out seniors, teachers, very low income working families with children out of the rental housing market. We are living in one of the richest and most innovative parts of the World, yet if we allow homelessness to happen to our most vulnerable residents, we should be ashamed! I have two now homeless neighbors, a 43 year old Spanish speaking woman and her 23 year old son (US citizen) sleeping on mattresses on the floor of my converted garage. They need help and I cannot do it alone - I am 75 years and retired and am trying to help my 35 year old son and 12 year old grandson who are living in the home of my friend. Eventually, my son will take over our house… and I Am concerned about where my neighbor will live the future if she does not find affordable housing. (I do not charge her rent or even utilities; I tell her and her son to save up for the deposit in case they find permanent affordable housing.)

I urge you to prioritize more funds for permanent affordable housing in the upcoming budget. Creating more deeply affordable and supportive homes is one of the best investments San Jose can make in addressing homelessness.

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Please work to keep more affordable housing projects moving forward while addressing other urgent needs in our community.

Thank you!

Susan L. Price
[redacted]

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From: larry bursch <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 5:35 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; action@housingready.org; esmeralda@destinationhomesv.org
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{Signed}

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From: Kathryn Hedges [redacted]
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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

I have been working on housing issues in San Jose since 2016 with a number of different organizations. We need to keep going forward and not fall back by sacrificing permanent housing funds to build temporary shelters.

I urge you to prioritize more funds for permanent affordable housing in the upcoming budget. Creating more deeply affordable and supportive homes is one of the best investments San Jose can make in addressing homelessness. We need to provide both affordable housing to prevent people from falling into homelessness and permanent supportive housing for people currently unhoused.

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Sincerely,

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Fri 5/10/2024 7:45 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: MaryLynn Pedone [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 5:26 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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MaryLynn Pedone
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95125

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Mollie Nabe[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 8:46 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Mollie Naber
[redacted]
Redwood City, California 94061

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From: Maia Bookoff <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:56 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; action@housingready.org; esmeralda@destinationhomesv.org
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Thank you!

Maia Bookoff
San Jose resident

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Fri 5/10/2024 7:50 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Carol Owendro [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 6:05 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; action@housingready.org; esmeralda@destinationhomesv.org
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Carol Owendro

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Fri 5/10/2024 7:50 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Bronwyn Hogan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 7:16 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Bronwyn Hogan
[redacted]

[redacted]
Fremont, California 94538

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Fri 5/10/2024 7:50 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Bill or Rhonda Lakatos [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 7:26 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; action@housingready.org; esmeralda@destinationhomesv.org
Subject: Protect much-needed local funding for affordable housing

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to prioritize more funds for permanent affordable housing in the upcoming budget. Particularly during tight budget times, creating more deeply affordable and supportive homes is one of the best investments San Jose can make in addressing homelessness. I volunteer at The Arena, the transitional housing project in District 6. The sad thing I find there is that even when residents find employment, take advantage of available services and have readied themselves for permanent housing there is nothing available for them. Most have lived their whole lives in San Jose, and have deep connections here, but there is no housing they can afford. The same is true for families who struggle to pay rising rents on low incomes. The majority of our lowest-income neighbors spend more than half their income on housing costs and are often just one unexpected expense away from losing their housing. We need these residents in our city and benefit from them having stable housing they can afford.

There are difficult budget decisions this year but we can't sacrifice funding for affordable housing development. Affordable housing is one of our most dire needs and a consistent top priority for residents in San Jose. The severe shortage of affordable homes here is fueling our homelessness crisis. There are more than a dozen new shovel-ready affordable housing developments waiting to be built in San Jose (with 1,500 affordable apartments). Without more dedicated local funding, we run the risk of killing those projects. Shifting funds away from affordable housing ignores our region's severe housing affordability crisis and will have long-term negative impacts.

Please work to keep more affordable housing projects moving forward as you address other urgent needs in our community.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Lakatos

[redacted]

San Jose, CA 95126

FW: Subject: May 8 Public Safety Study Session: Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Fri 5/10/2024 7:50 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Alexis Jane Torre [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 10:24 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Subject: May 8 Public Safety Study Session: Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

TRUST can't wait. Alternate crisis response can't wait. Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report makes clear that behavioral health is a large category of police interactions that could be diverted to more appropriate responders, and we already have the right responder for these tens of thousands of crises each year–TRUST. It's not only more expensive for police to respond to these types of situations, but also it's more dangerous for community members experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand for its services, especially in San Jose, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. Already, TRUST is the most frequently utilized of the available alternate crisis response options in the county. Response times for field teams average 30 minutes in North County and can be as much as an hour in San Jose, numbers that are unacceptable for other types of first responders. There is only one TRUST field team serving SJ even though San Jose on average gets four times the number of calls for service as the other service areas. Given the findings of the 911 events report, funding another SJ TRUST field team is common sense. Funding alternate response is LONG OVERDUE–this was a Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation back in 2022–a report that has not been acted on in any serious way. TRUST is an existing program that matches the right responder with behavioral health crises, requires no new infrastructure, and is already successful. Out of the 691 calls TRUST received in December 2023, 73% were resolved over the phone and zero were escalated to law enforcement. TRUST *is* public safety. We just need to continue to expand it to meet demand. Investing in TRUST will not only save the city money, but it will save lives. The TRUST program offers a safe path to help for ALL of us, but especially for our neighbors who have been most vulnerable to police violence. Act now. Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget.

FW: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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Fri 5/10/2024 7:52 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Tram Ngo <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 9:39 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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Tram Ngo
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San Jose, California 95111

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Fri 5/10/2024 10:27 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Carina Campos Munoz [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:29 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Kathie Pham [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:16 AM
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Subject: Please protect much-needed local funding for affordable housing

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Thank you!

Warmly,

[redacted]

KATHIE PHAM

Pronouns: she/her/hers

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Fri 5/10/2024 10:45 AM

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From: Catherine Curtis [redacted]
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Catherine Curtis
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San Jose, California 95126

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Fri 5/10/2024 10:52 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Maureen Damrel [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:40 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Maureen Reyes Damrel

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Fri 5/10/2024 11:42 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Camille Llanes Fontanilla [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:25 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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I am a mother and community leader raising my young family in East San Jose, and I truly beleive that we cannot divert resouces from proven (with data) housing solutions that produce durable change to long standing systemic problems, to short-term solutions.

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Camille Llanes Fontanilla
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95127

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Fri 5/10/2024 2:19 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kristine Andarmani <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:13 PM
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Kristine Andarmani
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95156

FW: Destination: Home letter re FY 24-25 Proposed Budget

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Thu 5/9/2024 4:14 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

1 attachments (102 KB)
DH letter re City of San Jose FY 24-25 Proposed Budget 05092024.pdf;

From: David Low [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 3:56 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Destination: Home letter re FY 24-25 Proposed Budget

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Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

Please find attached a letter from Destination: Home CEO Jennifer Loving expressing our serious concerns about the deep cuts to affordable housing included in the proposed operating budget. We hope you will consider exploring alternative options to preserve more funding for affordable housing and address other dire needs, and to begin explore new sustainable sources of revenue that will allow to us advance all of our important community priorities.

We stand ready to work with each of you to come up with strategies to preserve affordable housing in this constrained fiscal environment.

Thank you,
David

DESTINATION: HOME

DAVID LOW
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May 9, 2024

Mayor & City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: City of San Jose FY 24-25 Proposed Operating Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

We know that the City is facing a very challenging financial landscape that will require many hard choices in the weeks ahead. However, we are very distressed about the proposed cuts to desperately-needed affordable housing in the upcoming year's budget.

In particular, **we are deeply concerned that the Proposed Budget would slash the ENTIRE $35 million Measure E allocation for affordable housing unless additional and highly speculative external grant funding is secured**. While we understood the City's fiscal challenges would likely require budget cuts in the upcoming fiscal year, it's particularly concerning to see affordable housing take such a disproportionately large cut when Measure E represents only 3% of the General Fund and there were much smaller budget reductions in the other much-larger parts of the City budget.

Even when accounting for other housing funds, the City would only be able to count on about $21 million for affordable housing production next year, ***leaving just enough funding to advance two new affordable housing developments***. This would be particularly devastating given that there are more than a dozen new affordable housing developments (representing 1,500 affordable homes) in San Jose that were waitlisted in the City's last NOFA. And since the proposed budget envisions deep cuts to affordable housing the following year as well, we risk seeing the rest of our pipeline of affordable housing projects not only delayed, but potentially killed altogether.

Surveys consistently show that affordable housing is one of our community's most urgent priorities, and it would be a shame to leave these projects on the chopping block at a time when tens-of-thousands of San Jose families remain severely rent burdened and struggling to maintain stable housing.

Furthermore, **our collective efforts to end homelessness will not succeed unless we continue to invest in affordable housing**. The research is clear: our homelessness crisis is being driven by the lack of affordable housing options in our community, and connecting people to safe and affordable housing is proven to both help people exit homelessness and prevent at-risk individuals from falling into homelessness in the first place. Yet, with this budget, the City proposes to spend more on encampment abatements ($30 million) than affordable housing ($21 million), and almost 3x more on shelter and safe sleeping sites ($58 million).

While we support expanding shelter options in San Jose, these efforts will not yield the results we're hoping for without adding more affordable housing options to support people in transitioning out of shelter. Data published by the Santa Clara County Continuum of Care found that only 25% of those who accessed shelter last year successfully transitioned into a permanent housing location; and roughly 3/4 of those who were successful, did so with the help of an affordable housing subsidy or unit. That means without more affordable housing options, we risk seeing people stuck languishing in shelter settings for years with nowhere to go (or even worse, return to homelessness).

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And it will become simply impossible for our shelters to keep up with the number of new people being pushed into homelessness every day, leading to more people living on our streets, in the creeks and other parts of our community.

We must preserve desperately-needed affordable housing funding in San Jose and urge the City Council to take two key actions:

1. **Adopt alternative budget proposals that will allow the City to preserve more dollars for affordable housing while still addressing other urgent needs.** We know the City is facing a challenging budget, but we believe there are other options worth seriously considering - including forgoing or delaying some new budget proposals and/or considering alternative cost reductions - and we'd welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with you on such alternative strategies.
2. **Direct staff to explore new revenue measures that will allow the City to meet all of its most urgent needs.** Our housing and homelessness crisis is the result of decades of bad policy choices and historic disinvestment at all levels of government, so solving it will require us to find new resources - particularly given the significant ongoing operating costs associated with the City's shelter strategies (projected to reach $70 million annually in just a few years). Instead of continuing to sacrifice one important need for another, let's instead work to raise the revenue necessary to build more affordable housing, expand shelter and other homelessness initiatives, protect our waterways and meet the many other community needs.

We know that this budget will require you to make some tough tradeoffs, but **the decisions you make around affordable housing in the next few weeks will truly have large, long-term implications for our collective efforts to solve our housing and homelessness crisis**.

There are ways to keep more affordable housing projects moving forward while addressing other urgent needs in our community, and we stand ready to roll up our sleeves and aid you in coming up with a budget that will let us do that.

We thank you for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Jennifer Loving
Chief Executive Officer

FW: 5/14/24 City Council Meeting - 5/14/24, item #3.4

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2 attachments (535 KB)
PNA Letter to CSJ Council item 3.4_051424.pdf; Mike.Kraus.PNA.Biz.Card.pdf;

From: Mike Kraus [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:40 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Sharon Root [redacted]; Jack Gao [redacted] Ngo, Stephen <Stephen.Ngo@sanjoseca.gov>; Nguyen, Lam <Lam.Nguyen@sanjoseca.gov>; Richard Santos [redacted] Otto Lee <supervisor.lee@bos.sccgov.org>
Subject: 5/14/24 City Council Meeting - 5/14/24, item #3.4

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Good Afternoon City of San Jose Clerk,

Please accept my written public comment to support the city council meeting dated, 5/14/24, item #3.4,
Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2024-2025 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues.

Thank you in advance

Mike Kraus
President-Penitencia Neighborhood Association
[redacted]

Together, we can do more!

Mike Kraus, President

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www.PenitenciaAssociation.com

PNA: Over 500 members on 67 streets and courts located in the Upper Penitencia Creek region of the City of San Jose, CA, District 4

PENITENCIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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P.O. Box 610903
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May 9, 2024

The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor of San Jose
And Members of the San Jose Council

Reference 1) City Council Meeting, 5/14/24, Item 3.4 Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2024-2025 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues.

Subject: Penitencia Creek Homeless Encampment Funding

We are reasonable people seeking reasonable solutions to complex problems. As the president of the Penitencia Neighborhood Association, I am the recipient of multiple community members emails of concern with the homeless encampment nuisance issue along Penitencia Creek and therefore attempting to consolidate those concerns with this single correspondence.

In an effort to bring a voice from the community to the elected or assigned government representatives that advocate for the residents of Santa Clara County district 3, city of San Jose Mayors office, city of San Jose district 4, city of San Jose district 5, Valley Water and SJPD, I want to bring to your attention the homeless issue along and within the Penitencia Creek from Capitol Ave to King Rd. The reason I am addressing this note to representatives of all the applicable government agencies, Santa Clara County, the city of San Jose and the Valley Water district is to document this concern and to force accountability from the applicable agency that is responsible for addressing the encampments and their cleanup. Among the three government agencies, there must be ownership of the encampment issues or the ability to collaborate among each agencies to reconcile it. We as a community are tired of hearing the issue does not belong to their respective organization and is the responsibility of one of the other government agencies or there are roadblocks that

prevent progress. This approach just deflects ownership and accountability with no resolution of the problem.

Respectfully request that a plan with funding be put in place to mitigate the community homeless encampment nuisance situation along the Penitencia Creek from Capitol Avenue to King Road with defined organizational responsibilities and estimated completion dates.

Thank you in advance for your advocacy for our communities

Regards,

Mike Kraus
President - Penitencia Neighborhood Association
[redacted]
URL: www.penitenciaassociation.com

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Fri 5/10/2024 5:16 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Allan Campbell <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 4:54 PM
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Allan Campbell
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95132

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Mon 5/13/2024 7:55 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Revathi Konduru <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 5:48 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Measure E is one of the key sources for funding affordable housing pipeline development, and diverting these funds to unsustainable solutions is not acceptable. The strategy we

adopt now is crucial to balance the needs for interim shelter and affordable housing development.

Sincerely,
Arjun Raju and Revathi Konduru

Revathi Konduru
[redacted]

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Mon 5/13/2024 7:55 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Delma Hernandez <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 10:22 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Delma Hernandez

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Andrea Perry
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Marisa Martinez
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Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

On behalf of Abode Housing Development, a non-profit affordable developer focused on creating permanent supportive housing developments in the Bay Area, I write to express our deep and significant concerns over the proposed changes to the Measure E spending plan.

When Measure E was approved in 2020, the voters were told that this tax would predominantly go towards building more affordable housing and the City Council adopted a corresponding spending plan that allocated this funding to a number of key housing programs - with the vast majority of funding going towards new affordable housing production, which we know is the best evidence based long term solution to ending homelessness and is critically-important to solving our homelessness crisis.

Abode Housing Development has been actively pursuing supportive housing developments in San Jose for more than 10 years and all of them have required significant funding from the City of San Jose to be viable. Measure E is a crucial component in the development of supportive housing that is the true solution to solving homelessness. Affordable housing developments in general and supportive housing projects in particular require City, County, Housing Authority, generally state and federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits (“LIHTC”). The State and Federal Funding require the leveraging of local funding to be competitive.

We currently have one project under construction with City Measure E funding, Parkmoor Community Apartments. This 81 unit project will provide supportive housing for transitional aged youth coming out of foster care and affordable housing for very low income families. It would not have been able to start construction in November 2023 without Measure E funding from the city of San Jose.

We have 4 projects in our pipeline that are relying on Measure E funding with 312 units between them, at least half of which are reserved for people experiencing homelessness. Three of those projects applied for the San Jose NOFA in November of 2023. Algarve was recommended for a funding award which, once that funding is allocated and committed from San Jose, allows us to apply for the last portion of funding, the Low Income Housing Tax Credits, in August 2024 with a construction start in the spring of 2025. Two other projects, Casa de Novo Phase I and Milestone Arts Colony were waitlisted due to lack of available funding from San Jose. These projects will become viable to apply for tax credits after additional Measure E funding from San Jose is awarded to them. At this point these two projects are stuck in predevelopment because they lack a city funding commitment that allows them to continue towards construction. They are both entitled and ready to go other than not having sufficient funding.

The competitive nature of state and federal funding is already substantial with most funding sources being heavily over subscribed, so every local dollar is critical for the projects be able to secure other funding and be viable. For LIHTC projects, city housing funding is generally leveraged 5 to 7 times resulting in a much greater investment in the city without spending local money. Eliminating San Jose as a source of funding will have long term negative impacts both to the individual affordable housing projects, but will also cause San Jose to miss out on bringing state and federal funding to the City in the range of $20M to $50M per project.

These are real projects that the City will simply be unable to fund if it goes through with this drastic shift in Measure E funding. And even if the City is in a position to restore affordable housing funding in the future, any short-term pause in affordable housing funding creates exponentially longer delays in bringing new developments to fruition and threatens to kill some projects all together. Further, for every year the project is stuck in predevelopment, the cost of the development generally increases by at least 10% due to inflation.

It’s important to note that we acknowledge the need for temporary housing and shelter options in San Jose, but those are short term emergency room type solutions and are not solving the problem of homelessness because people will not live in a shelter permanently. You need new affordable housing developments to solve the problem of homelessness. We appreciate the City’s efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but instead of pitting one strategy against another, it’s time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance BOTH community priorities.

Please protect affordable housing funding in this year's budget and let's come together to develop a real plan for funding and sustaining a comprehensive approach to our housing and homelessness crisis. We look forward to partnering with the city of San Jose to build more desperately needed affordable housing and providing safe and dignified homes for people who are experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,

Jonathan White
Chief Real Estate Officer
Abode Housing Development

Jon White
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Maria Rodriguez
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FW: Public Comment re Proposed Measure E Reallocation

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FY24-25 Summary of HCDC discussion on Measure E reallocation.pdf;

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Cc: Housing and Community Development Commission 10 <HCDC10@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 2 <HCDC2@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 3 <HCDC3@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 4 <HCDC4@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 5 <HCDC5@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 6 <HCDC6@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 7 <HCDC7@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 9 <HCDC9@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission 10 <HCDC10@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission ML <HCDCML@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission MR <HCDCMR@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing and Community Development Commission CW <HCDCCW@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing Community Development Commissioner Lived Experience <HCDCLE@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing Community Development Commissioner Lived Experience ALT <HCDCLEALT@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment re Proposed Measure E Reallocation

Good afternoon Clerk,

Please see attached for a letter summarizing the discussion that was had within HCDC about the proposed reallocation of Measure E funds.

_____
Huy Tran
District 8 Commissioner
Housing and Community Development Commission

May 10, 2024

RE: HCDC Votes 6-2 to Reject Proposed Reallocation of Measure E Funds

To Mayor Matt Mahan, Vice-Mayor Rosemary Kamei, and our esteemed Councilmembers,

After a presentation from Budget Director Jim Shannon, hearing from numerous participants via public comment – all of which opposed changes to Measure E Allocation, and a robust discussion among Commissioners, the Housing and Community Development Commission voted 6-2 to oppose the proposed reallocation of Measure E funds. The Commission also voted 6-2 to call for the Housing Department to report back throughout the coming fiscal year with measurable data as to how Measure E funds were being spent.

This letter summarizes the arguments brought up by Commissioners that resulted in the 6-2 vote to oppose the proposed reallocation of Measure E funds. The following commissioners were present[1]:

District 1 – Roma Dawson
District 3 – Barry Del Buono
District 5 – Ruben Navarro
District 7 – Vice Chair Victoria Partida
District 8 – Huy Tran
District 10 – Roberta Moore
Mobilehome Residents – Daniel Finn
Mobilehome Landlords – Chair Ryan Jasinsky

First Round of Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Moore suggested that a viable housing model would be group homes or shelters where there was no end date. This could be a lower cost model that does not result with people back on the streets once they stay within a group home or shelter beyond a certain amount of time. She also stated that any residents in these homes or shelters would have to observe all rules or risk being asked to leave.

Commissioner Finn expressed frustration at the proposal to shift most or all of Measure E's allocations away from affordable housing to interim housing because that is not what he voted for when he supported Measure E. He recognized that there are mechanisms in place that allow the Council to enact the reallocation, but stressed that the will of the voters be honored. Commissioner Finn also expressed concern that a significant portion of Measure E funds were being directed towards creek cleanups. He acknowledged that there was a tangential connection to homelessness but that there had to be other sources to address creek cleanups that did not take away money from what was intended to support affordable housing construction. Commisssioner Finn expressed support for the idea housing idea that Commissioner Moore described.

Commissioner Dawson expressed a sense of betrayal that the Council is again considering such a drastic reallocation away from affordable housing to interim housing. She shared that she worked

[1] Commissioner Jen Beehler for District 6 was present during the meeting but left prior to the discussion of Measure E.

to support Measure E based on the promises made by its authors that the allocation would focus on affordable housing construction. This sense of betrayal was so strong that if the Council adopted such a draconian Measure E budget, she would never be able to vote for general tax again. She also expressed concern that Measure E funds were being put towards creek cleanups instead of the Measure's intended purpose.

Commissioner Tran stated that the proposed reallocation of Measure E funds was an abdication of the City's responsibility to solve the housing crisis in a responsible way. Adopting the proposed reallocation in favor of interim housing was a white flag saying that the City of San Jose was giving up on long-term solutions to the housing crisis and instead would focus on sweeping unhoused people under the rug so that residents would simply not see them for 12 to 18 months. He also urged the Commission to reject the proposed reallocation outright and not waste time trying to come up with an HCDC solution because what the proposals should not be validated through negotiation.

Chair Jasinsky asked clarifying questions about the fines the City faced for failing to address the need for creek clean ups. He also asked clarifying questions about the ongoing cost of maintaining interim housing such as shelters. He reserved comment until the next round to continue ruminating about the proposed reallocation.

Vice-Chair Partida asked clarifying questions about the number of affordable housing units that could be built with $11 million (the amount that would be shifted from affordable housing to interim housing if we should go from Scenario 1 to the contingency Scenario 2). Senior Development Officer Shelsy Bass provided estimates that were roughly equivalent to a 1:2 ratio of what $11 million could fund in affordable housing construction versus interim housing beds, but provided the caveat that funds were awarded on a project-basis rather than a per-unit basis.

Commissioner Navarro asked where funds for creek cleanups would come from prior to the adoption of Measure E. Budget Director Shannon answered that it would come from the general fund, which would require an equal reduction from other allocations. He then asked if there were other programs that can be used to address creek cleanups. For example, there are programs that allow residents to call the City to pick up large disposables. He asked if residents can use those programs to call for pick up of large items in creeks. Staff answered that there are scenarios where that could happen.

Commissioner Del Buono stated that he would reject the proposal to re-allocate Measure E funds.

<u>Second Round of Commissioner Comments</u>
Commissioner Moore stated that those opposing the re-allocation were falsely assuming that the City was raiding Measure E funds. There was less money available under Measure E because of less eligible property transfers, not because the City was affirmatively taking money away from Measure E. Commissioner Moore stated that she would support the re-allocation because it would produce twice the number of interim units than permanent units.

Commissioner Tran challenged that any assumptions had been made. The reason for opposing the re-allocation was not related to the amount of money that was collected under Measure E. His reason for opposing the re-allocation is that interim housing is by its nature a temporary solution. Shifting the vast majority of Measure E funds away from affordable housing to interim housing is a band-aid that does not address the actual problem of the housing crisis.

Chair Jasinsky stated that more funding should be allocated to homelessness prevention. The money spent towards prevention is more impactful and beneficial than dealing with the aftermath.

Motions

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt only Scenario 2. Commissioner Navarro then moved to substitute that motion with a Motion to reject the proposed reallocation in its entirety. The substitute motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Partida and passed 6-2. The Commission then considered the new motion and voted 6-2 to reject the proposed reallocation.

The Commissioners voted on the final Motion as follows:

District 1 – Yes	District 8 – Yes
District 3 – Yes	District 10 – No
District 5 – Yes	Mobilehome Residents – Yes
District 7 – Yes	Mobilehome Landlords – No

Commissioner Tran then moved to create an ad hoc committee to send a summary of the discussion around Measure E to the City Council. This was seconded by Commissioner Finn and passed 7-1. The Commissioners voted on the Motion as follows:

District 1 – Yes	District 8 – Yes
District 3 – Yes	District 10 – No
District 5 – Yes	Mobilehome Residents – Yes
District 7 – Yes	Mobilehome Landlords – Yes

Commissioner Moore then moved that staff report back to the Commission on the measurable performance of any Measure E expenditures. This was seconded by Chair Jasinsky and passed 6-2. The Commissioners voted on the Motion as follows:

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Housing and Community Development Commission, District 8

FW: RCD Comment on Item 3.4, 5/14/24 Council Meeting

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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:47 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: RCD Comment on Item 3.4, 5/14/24 Council Meeting

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Hello,

Please see attached for a public comment from RCD regarding Item 3.4 on the 5/14 Council Agenda.

Best,
Courtney

Courtney Pal | she/her/hers | Policy Manager
Resources for Community Development
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RCDHOUSING.ORG | [redacted] #

From: Courtney Pal
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:45 AM
To: 'mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov' <mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District1@sanjoseca.gov' <District1@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District2@sanjoseca.gov' <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District3@sanjoseca.gov' <District3@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District4@sanjoseca.gov' <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District5@sanjoseca.gov' <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District6@sanjoseca.gov' <District6@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District7@sanjoseca.gov' <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District8@sanjoseca.gov' <District8@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District9@sanjoseca.gov' <District9@sanjoseca.gov>; 'District10@sanjoseca.gov' <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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abatement efforts.

We are looking to your leadership to maintain funding for affordable housing and seek an alternative, sustainable, dedicated funding source for shelters and services for unhoused neighbors living along creeks. Please protect Measure E funding for its original intended purpose and maintain your investments in permanent affordable housing.

Sincerely,
Courtney

rcd
Creating & Preserving Affordable Housing

May 14, 2024

Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Proposed Changes to Measure E Spending Plan (Item 3.4 on May 14 agenda)

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers:

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RCD is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating and preserving affordable housing for people with the fewest options. RCD houses over 5,550 low-income residents, many of whom have previously experienced homelessness, in our 63 properties throughout the Bay Area.

We all know our community is facing a severe affordable housing crisis. The exorbitant cost of housing has left about 70,000 families rent-burdened and struggling to get by. Non-profit affordable housing developers, like RCD, are working with the community to plan new homes to meet this need, as demonstrated by the seventeen affordable housing developments that applied for funding as part of the City's FY 23-24 Measure E NOFA. Yet, 13 of those 17 projects remain unfunded. This proposed reallocation of Measure E would realistically mean that those proposed new homes will be stuck and unable to enter construction until 2026 or later.

We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options, but we cannot do so at the expense of desperately needed affordable housing. Instead of pitting one strategy against another, it's time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue for temporary shelters and abatement efforts.

We urge you to maintain your investment in permanent affordable housing.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
[redacted]

Dan Sawislak
Executive Director
Resources for Community Development

Resources for Community Development
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FAX
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FW: Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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From: Tatyana Foltz, LCSW <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 10:17 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; [redacted]
Subject: Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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As a mental health provider, consumer and mother of a San Jose resident predisposed to mental illness I want my family and I to have TRUST in a crisis. Please find them to save lives.

TRUST can't wait. Alternate crisis response can't wait. Given the findings of the 911 events report, funding another SJ TRUST field team is common sense. Funding alternate response is LONG OVERDUE–this was a Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation back in 2022–a report that has not been acted on in any serious way. Funding TRUST will not only save the city money, but it will save lives. TRUST is public safety. I support Option 1 in the MBA.

Tatyana Foltz, LCSW
Pronouns: They / Them
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (CA BBS 73986)
Reclaim You, Inc. Website: ReclaimYou.support

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FW: Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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From: Jill Anderson <[redacted]
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LOS - Protect Measure E Funding 5.13.2024.pdf;

From: Abigail Hindson <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:08 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Emily Schwing <[redacted]>; Fernando Fernandez <[redacted]
Subject: Letter of Support for item 3.4 at 5/14/2024 City Council meeting

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Good morning,

Please find attached a letter of support from Veggielution regarding retaining funding for Measure E in the City's FY2025 budget.

Thank you and best,

Abigail Hindson
She/her/hers
Advocacy Manager
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May 13th, 2024

Mayor Matt Mahan and City Council

200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

RE: Item 3.4, Reallocation of Measure E Dollars

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of Veggielution, I am writing to urge you to maintain Measure E funding at its current levels. While the creation of temporary shelters is vital, repurposing valuable funding that is reserved for building affordable housing is not the answer.

According to a report published by Santa Clara County, "On any given night, there are about 7,400 homeless people living in Santa Clara County. Three-quarters of them are living on the streets, unsheltered from the elements. In addition, over 2,000 are considered chronically homeless. That is, they have one or more disabling conditions, and have been living on the streets for a year or more. Unfortunately, Santa Clara County has the third-highest rate of chronic homelessness in the U.S."[1] It is clear that there is a crisis here in Santa Clara County.

At the same time, "studies have shown that people are more likely to achieve their goals when they are stably housed. For example, finding and keeping a job is much easier when you have stable housing. Conversely, staying sober or keeping a doctor's appointment is much harder when you are homeless…stable housing is the foundation for homeless people to achieving independence and well-being."[2]

At Veggielution, we have seen the stress on families who have not had stable housing - community members who have had to drop out of our economic mobility programming, change their childrens' schools, and lost their transportation, all because of housing issues, and sometimes in a matter of days. We know that affordable housing takes the burden off of low-income families from spending more than half of their income to put a

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1 https://housingtoolkit.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb501/files/Evidence%20That%20Supportive%20Housing%20Works.pdf, p. 2

2 https://housingtoolkit.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb501/files/Evidence%20That%20Supportive%20Housing%20Works.pdf, p. 3

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roof over their heads and allows them to focus on growing a business, supporting their kids in school, and working towards economic well-being.

San José needs more shelter options - and at the same time, our families are looking to the city government for affordable housing solutions now. Let's work together to find creative solutions that maintain Measure E funding for affordable housing and fund temporary housing for unhoused residents. Please maintain Measure E funding for affordable housing.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Emily Schwing, Acting Executive Director
Veggielution

FW: Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget and 3.5 Disability Affairs

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Mon 5/13/2024 11:28 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kathryn Hedges <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:13 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget and 3.5 Disability Affairs

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I also protest the proposal to roll the Office of Disability Affairs into Racial Equity. Although I am well aware of intersectionality, the primary functions of Disability Affairs are separate from Racial Equity functions.

Kind regards,
Kathryn Hedges
[redacted]

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Mon 5/13/2024 11:28 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Andrew Siegler <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:21 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Andrew Siegler, and I am a registered voter in District 3 and a member of SURJ at Sacred Heart.

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Thanks,
Andrew Siegler (he/they)
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[redacted]
Schedule a 1-on-1: https://calendly.com/andrewsiegler/1on1

FW: Public Comments: item 3.4 of City Council meeting on May 14, 2024

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1 attachments (137 KB)
ACLU Santa Clara Valley Public Comment re 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets 05_13_24.docx.pdf;

From: SCVchapter ACLUNC <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 1:00 PM
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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Clerk,

I hereby submit the attached letter as public comments for agenda item 3.4, “Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2024-2025 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues,” of the City Council meeting to be held on May 14, 2024.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely,
Victor Sin
Chair (volunteer)
Santa Clara Valley Chapter of ACLU of Northern California

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Santa Clara Valley Chapter

May 13, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Matt Mahan, Mayor
Councilmember Rosemary Kamei
Councilmember Sergio Jimenez
Councilmember Omar Torres
Councilmember David Cohen
Councilmember Peter Ortiz
Councilmember Devora Davis
Councilmember Bien Doan
Councilmember Domingo Candelas
Councilmember Pam Foley
Councilmember Arjun Batra

Re: Item 3.4, Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2024-2025 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California, I submit public comments on agenda item 3.4, "Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2024-2025 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues" of the City Council meeting on May 14, 2024.

We write again to urge the City to invest in long-term, affordable housing – this is the effective solution to our community's housing crisis. Temporary, emergency stop-gap initiatives do little to solve the underlying issue, and we are concerned that the proposed budget does not adequately invest in affordable housing.

This draft of the budget would leave no Measure E funds for affordable housing in the upcoming year unless the City is able to secure outside grant funding. We are concerned that, for the third year in a row, the City is proposing to cut Measure E dollars intended for affordable housing production and shift them to temporary shelters. The budget proposal cuts $36 million from affordable housing—342 bedrooms in 240 new affordable homes—which would have served thousands of families over 99 years.

This budget ignores the Annual Community Survey, which shows that San Jose residents want the city to provide more affordable housing, a critical asset to our communities. Providing more

affordable housing is the top priority for Black and Latinx residents who suffer the most under the weight of our housing crisis. Cost burden and overcrowding are the primary factors driving displacement and more of our neighbors into homelessness every day. Affordable housing is essential to the well-being of our communities; it greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence. It frees up $900 a month of additional income per household to return into the local economy.

We will not make meaningful progress in addressing homelessness without more affordable housing. This budget dedicates over $30 million into sweeping encampments and towing vehicles people use as shelter rather than building the homes people need. High housing costs are the root cause of homelessness, and we will not make progress without taking steps to address the broader affordability issue. Shelters don't work without affordable housing. Only 25% of people who accessed shelter in 2023 were able to exit to permanent housing, and 75% of these people did it with the help of a housing subsidy.

We need new permanent revenue to advance a balanced plan that prioritizes building affordable housing and ensures people who move into shelters will ultimately move into permanent homes. We are concerned that this budget prioritizes unsustainable shelter strategies that will cost over $70 million a year. Without a plan for more funding, the interim shelters will fail, and we will never address the need to balance both of these dire community needs.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Victor Sin
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Santa Clara Valley Chapter of ACLU of Northern California

FW: Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/13/2024 1:56 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Francesco Yepez <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 1:54 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Hello,

My name is Francesco Yepez, and I'm a clinical psychology student who lives in San Jose. I am submitting this as my written comment on tem 3.4 of the 2024 - 2025 budget. Having worked in crisis intervention in the past and through my graduate education, I have unique insights into the efficacy of emergency response teams. Research shows that, nationwide, police responding to mental health emergencies increase many of the worst outcomes for our mentally ill constituents: emergency department admissions, use of force by police, and arrests. Conversely, non-police programs that are cropping up all over the country consistently show that they lead to better outcomes: stabilization, food security, and housing security to people who receive their services. Non-police emergency response teams are better suited to helping people in crisis stabilize and find safety.

These findings were replicated in the 911 report by the city of San Jose that was published in February. Police response to mental health crises puts our mentally ill constituents in danger, whereas TRUST response saves lives. Funding TRUST will provide our city with the right tools for the job. You wouldn't use a hammer to cut a piece of wood, so you shouldn't send police to mental health emergencies.TRUST is public safety. I support Option 1 in the MBA.

Thank you,

-Francesco

FW: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Tue 5/14/2024 7:43 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karen Kindorf <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:14 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but we can not do so at the expense of desperately-needed affordable housing. Instead of pitting one strategy against another, it's time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance BOTH community priorities.

Karen Kindorf
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95123

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:43 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Linda OConnell <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:09 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Linda OConnell
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95136

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:43 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kim Guptill <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:12 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Kim Guptill, and I am a District 6 resident and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice.

I was recently driving through downtown San Jose and saw a man who was clearly struggling. It was a wet, chilly day, and he wasn't wearing a shirt and one of his pant legs was rolled up. When he jumped up to accost a woman entering a business on Santa Clara Street, it occurred to me that someone watching this might think to call the police to report what could be considered threatening behavior. Instead, my friend and I called 988 and asked to speak to a TRUST team. They concluded that sending a TRUST truck was in order. **It took almost exactly an hour for the team to arrive.** This is unacceptable.

San Jose on average gets **four times** the number of calls for service compared to the other County service areas, and it's clear that we need an additional field team for San Jose. There is precedent for the City pitching in to support the County in public health and safety services. I implore you to fund a TRUST field team in the FY 2024-2025 Budget.

Sincerely,

Kim Guptill

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:43 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Balinda Martinez [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:19 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Balinda Martinez
[redacted]
SAN JOSE, California 95127

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Donna OCONNELL [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Donna OCONNELL

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From: Tom and Carol Hamilton [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:05 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Marilynn Smith [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:00 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Marilynn Smith
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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Reagan Speth-Martinez [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 8:11 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Reagan Speth-Martinez
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95138

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:43 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Carnation Salinas [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 7:36 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Carnation Salinas
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95125

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Lisa Feldberg <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:20 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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City Clerk City Clerk,

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

As a registered voter in district 3 and a retired library worker, I am well aware of the city's budget shortfalls. However, I am disappointed that the current proposal is to take money allocated for affordable housing to use for temporary shelters and abatement efforts. While we need temporary shelters, we will continue to have an unhoused crisis if we don't invest in the long term.

I am privileged to have owned my own house for over 30 years, but I would never be able to afford to rent or buy currently and would be forced to leave the area. I can not imagine how any non-tech worker manages. Not having safe and affordable housing impacts so many other things- education, health, nutrition, community involvement and stability and this affects the quality of life for all city of San José residents.

We must find additional revenue sources or other creative ways to ensure that permanent affordable housing funding is not reduced.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope, support.

Lisa Feldberg
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95112

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Debora Ow [redacted]
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Debora Ow
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San Jose, California 95136

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From: Carol Valentine [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:35 PM
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Subject: Please protect much-needed local funding for affordable housing

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers, The homeless situation in our city is a humanitarian crisis and needs to be a City priority. I urge you to prioritize more funds for permanent affordable housing in the upcoming budget. Creating more deeply affordable and supportive homes is one of the best investments San Jose can make in addressing homelessness. I understand you face difficult budget decisions this year but we cannot sacrifice funding for affordable housing development – one of our most dire needs and a consistent top priority for our community. The severe shortage of affordable homes in San Jose is fueling our homelessness crisis. The majority of our lowest-income neighbors spend more than half their income on housing costs and are often just one unexpected expense away from being pushed onto the streets. Without more dedicated local funding, we run the risk of killing more than a dozen new shovel-ready affordable housing developments waiting to be built in San Jose (with 1,500 affordable apartments). Shifting funds away from affordable housing essentially ignores our region's severe housing affordability crisis and will have long-term negative impacts. Please work to keep more affordable housing projects moving forward while addressing other urgent needs in our community. Thank you! {Signed} Note: Don't forget to sign your letter with your name

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From: Luzmaria Huerta <[redacted]
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Luzmaria Huerta
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From: Laura Reymundo [redacted]
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From: Hugo Velizgilmore <[redacted]
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From: Karely Alavez Esteban [redacted]
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Tina Iaquinto
[redacted]
San jose, California 95118

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From: David Noel <[redacted]
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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to seek your support of the mayor's proposed budget, including the provision to steer near-term Measure E funds to provide shelter and services for as many homeless individuals as quickly as possible. Polls consistently show this humanitarian crisis as the biggest concern of residents, businesses and investors. **Please fund emergency solutions, and hold the City Manager accountable to implement them with great urgency.**

Concurrently we need to address these structural issues:

- **The cost and timeline to build housing**, especially in the locations and densities already carefully selected in our General Plan.

- Regional revenue sharing for housing. **I would like to see some budget spent on lobbying at the regional and state levels to direct a fair share of revenue created by jobs to the cities who provide housing for those employees.** It takes $1M/door and 5 years to create an affordable housing unit, but it only takes a few days for a nearby city to create a job to fill that housing unit. We could bankrupt our city and still not make a dent on housing affordability. ***We need to fight for new regional funding paradigms now in order to make a difference in the future.***

As a neighbor and early supporter of the Cherry Ave EIH, I am hugely disappointed that the project is not completed by now, as promised when it was approved by City Council last year. The original 9 month timeline is extending to over 24 months. **Until then, please seek solutions to minimize the impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods and businesses of the ~160-200 encampments (and growing) currently in Guadalupe River area between Blossom Hill and Branham.**

I am encouraged to hear that the cross-functional team working on homeless solutions will soon be located together, and operate using "agile" business practices with regular "sprints" and daily stand-up meetings. Please support that effort and focus.

Thank You!

David Noel, President
Erikson Neighborhood Association

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Stephanie Mortenson
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From: Nancy Brayton [redacted]
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Nancy Brayton
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From: Simret Habtemariam [redacted]
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Simret Habtemariam
[redacted]
Campbell , California 95008

FW: Open Forum Encampments

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Tue 5/14/2024 7:47 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Bridget McKay [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 10:11 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: RE: Open Forum Encampments

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

I am asking you to support Mayor Mahan's proposed
2024-2025 budget and to seriously consider using Measure E Funds to remove homeless encampments
from our waterways and parkland.This is necessary
to avoid even more dire conditions and consequences. Costly fines for not protecting our waterways will erode an already constrained budget. The reduced use by residents and visitors of our open
space due to personal safety concerns caused by homeless encampments underminds the intended uses of these public spaces.

It makes sense to give those who are without a roof over their head a camping tent to sleep in, a tiny home to stay
in or a safe parking space for
their trailer, van or car where they able to sleep.

Sanctioned locations can be supported with wrap around services, garbage pick up, portable toilets and other temporary amenities.

Measure E funds can make
this all possible now. Why
wait for affordable housing
that will take years to build?That will not address the
crisis that exists right now.

As Mayor Mahan has stated the ability of a homeless person to get back on their
feet increases when they are
in a supportive environment.

People living near rivers and creeks has led to pollution of
our waterways. It's difficult
to assess their needs when
they are not in a sanctioned location.

Clearing our waterways
should be done by any means possible. Now is the time to act.

There are also other locations where homeless individuals should not be allowed to live such as property owned
by a public utility, railroad or transportation agency.

As a Multifamily Housing Provider I'm personally dealing with a homeless encampment near my property. This homeless encampment is located on a Union Pacific Railroad Signal Department property. Two fires were set last week. San Jose Fire Department response
was needed. Garbage from
this encampment is being dumped into the street near
a storm drain that empties
into the Guadalupe River.

Families with children live in
my apartments. Accidental exposed to drugs, feces
or other hazardous waste
is a real concern since this encampment is in close proximity of my apartments.

If Measure E Funds were available the homeless individuals living on the Union Pacific Railroad property could be offered an alternative.

Shouldn't the possibility of
an accidental train derailment
be enough to immediately shut this encampment down?

Please vote YES to use the Mayor's proposed amount
of Measure E Funds to provide
rapid housing for our homeless residents.

The remainder of Measure E Funds can build some of the affordable housing we need. Let the Economic Development Department with the assistance of the Housing
and Planning Departments find additional resources and funds to meet the bigger affordable housing goals. City of San José staff are up to this task
if given the opportunity to pursue more creative solutions in collaboration with builders developers and representatives of the building trades.

Vote YES to use Measure E Funds to end encampments.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bridget McKay
Resident of District 6
Multifamily Housing Provider
District 3 & 6

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karen Matsueda [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 6:20 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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[redacted]
San Jose, California 95112

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Cecelia Salberg [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:41 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Cecelia Salberg
[redacted]

[redacted]
San Jose , California 95128

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:47 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rachel Wuerstlin <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:03 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Rachel Wuerstlin
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95126

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Debra Tucker [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 7:13 PM
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From: Deborah StJulien [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:49 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Repeated studies have shown PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING is the most successful way to address the housing crisis.

This diversion of funds is uniformed, short-term "robbing Peter, to pay Paul" strategy.

And it flies in the face of what San Jose residents have repeatedly said they want overall and specifically with regard to Measure E funds.

The Mayor ties to present these ideas as "new, out of the box," strategies. But they aren't! And your own Housing and Community Development Commission is trying to tell the

Mayor and City Manager this as well!

Council Members, I am relying on your long view, data informed judgment and intervention here.

Sincerely,
Deborah St. Julien
[redacted]
Board Member, Urban Sanctuary faith community
Person who love research and data-driven problem solving

Deborah StJulien
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95136

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Elisa Martinez <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 6:13 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Elisa Martinez
[redacted]
San jose, California 95133

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Maria Estrella [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:31 PM
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Maria Estrella
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95128

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Robert Woodard <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 6:10 PM
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Robert Woodard
[redacted]
San José, California 95122

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:47 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: carolejg [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 8:23 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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[redacted]
San Jose, California 95120

FW: Measure E Tax Funds Transfer for Homeless Concerns

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Tue 5/14/2024 7:47 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jeanine Brown [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 8:15 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Measure E Tax Funds Transfer for Homeless Concerns

Dear Mayor Mahan, City Clerk and San Jose City Councilmembers,

I am writing to let you know I am in full support of the Mayor's proposed budget, especially in regard to the city's homeless crisis.

I am asking that the Measure E tax funds be transferred to be used for emergency shelter and services instead of permanent affordable housing. San Jose needs to get people off the street and connected to services as quickly as possible.

I feel the unsheltered homeless crisis is an even more pressing problem than the housing affordability problem at this time. Getting people into basic managed shelter is essential for both the unhoused and the community at large.

We need an "all of the above" strategy to address housing affordability and homelessness, but at this time it is prudent to steer Measure E transfer tax funds to basic shelter instead of long term affordable housing, especially given the huge fines the city will be subject to if it doesn't solve its pollution problem for water flowing into the bay.

Speaking of polluted water, as a neighbor and early supporter of the Cherry Ave EIH, I am hugely disappointed that the project is not completed by now, as promised when it was approved by City Council last year. The original 9 month timeline extends to over 24 months. Until then, please seek solutions to minimize the impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods and businesses of the ~160-200 encampments (and growing) currently in the Guadalupe River area between Blossom Hill and Branham.

Thank you,

Jeanine Eidinger

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:47 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kristina Seldal [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 5:26 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Kristina Seldal
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95128

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:48 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Lena Fine [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 6:55 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Lena Fine
[redacted]
Campbell, California 95008

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From: Leticia Martinez [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:11 PM
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Leticia Martinez

[redacted]

San jose , California 95118

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:48 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Elisabeth Aller[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:43 AM
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Elisabeth Allen
[redacted]

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:56 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jason Wilson [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:55 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Jason Wilson
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95112

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Tue 5/14/2024 7:56 AM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Socorro McCord [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:25 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Socorro McCord
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95130

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From: Erika Cruz <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 10:15 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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1 attachments (148 KB)
24-0510 MidPen Comment Letter - SJ Budget Proposal.pdf;

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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:16 PM
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Cc: Nevada Merriman [redacted] Alyssa Serrano <[redacted]
Subject: MidPen Housing - 5/14 Council Meeting Comment Letter

Hello,

Ahead of the 5/14 Council Meeting tomorrow, please find attached MidPen's comment letter regarding the 2024-2025 Budget Proposal.

Please be in touch with any questions or follow-up.

Thank you,

Alex Rogala (he/him) | Policy Manager
MidPen Housing
[redacted]

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May 10, 2024

RE: City of San Jose FY 24-25 Proposed Operating Budget

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of MidPen Housing to express our concerns that the proposed budget once again shifts Measure E funding away from affordable housing production.

For the 3rd year in a row, the City is proposing to cut Measure E dollars intended for affordable housing production and shift them to temporary shelters. The budget proposal cuts $36 million from affordable housing—342 bedrooms in 240 new affordable homes—which would have served thousands of families over decades to come, all with a self-sustaining model that does not need to raise funds for operations each year. We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but instead of pitting one strategy against another, we ask the City to focus instead on how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance a "both/and" approach to our community's priorities.

For the housing system to be effective, our shelters require viable exits to affordable housing. Only 25% of people who accessed shelter in 2023 were able to exit to permanent housing, and ¾ of these people did it with the help of a housing subsidy. Addressing the homelessness crisis requires that we invest in a spectrum of housing solutions. Interim housing and short-term shelters are important parts of the continuum, and we see first-hand how they can support people's success in moving to permanent housing.

MidPen supports All Home's "1-2-4 Framework for Homelessness Solutions" that involves a strategic and coordinated set of concurrent investments: for every unit of interim housing created, another two units of permanent housing and another 4 interventions should be invested in homelessness prevention. Together, these actions can help eliminate unsheltered homelessness in the Bay Area by 75%. This approach aligns with the rationale behind the existing Measure E allocation.

MidPen's pipeline project, VTA Capitol Station, received a waitlisted award from the City's 2023 NOFA for affordable housing funds. In partnership with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) and Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing (OSH), this project will repurpose an existing surface parking into a vibrant, walkable, bikeable, sustainable, and transit-oriented mixed-use development. The project will create a total of 203 affordable rental homes, including 51 permanent supportive housing (PSH) units and 51 units reserved for extremely low income (ELI) households. Over half the PSH units will be 2-BRs, and 3-BRs sizes—a rare unit type in the market but one that is desperately needed by low-income families seeking an affordable home with supportive services.

Critical new construction projects like VTA Capitol Station depend on City funding programs, and many will be delayed or scrapped if Measure E revenue is diverted entirely to interim solutions. This will have an impact on the City's pipeline of affordable homes for years to come.

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City financing is a vital tool for leveraging federal and state funding, which we cannot afford to leave on the table.

It is essential to understand that long-term operating costs are identified and baked into the upfront underwriting of permanent affordable housing. Annual operating costs for permanent units often represent one-third or one-half the cost of interim operating costs, which continue to rise at an unsustainable rate and put significant pressures on the City's general funds. Furthermore, when one considers the cost-efficiency on a per bed basis, the difference is even greater. While interim solutions typically focus on providing single beds, affordable housing projects like VTA Capitol Station provide two and three bedrooms per unit. This means that every dollar supports more beds in permanent housing. Both solutions serve an important role in the system, so it's important to keep in mind the long-term cost efficiency of permanent housing.

Please protect affordable housing funding in this year's budget and let's come together to develop a real plan for funding and sustaining a comprehensive approach to our housing and homelessness crisis.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact Nevada V. Merriman, Vice President of Policy & Advocacy, at [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Matthew O. Franklin
President & CEO
MidPen Housing

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Nevada V. Merriman

Vice President of Policy & Advocacy

MidPen Housing

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Tue 5/14/2024 9:37 AM
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From: Kevin Wang [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:30 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; city.manager@sanjoseca.gov; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item Number 3.3 Budget Hearing - Support Viva Calle

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I am disappointed at the cuts affecting Viva Calle. Please bring us more events!

- Kevin

FW: Letter from the REAL Coalition re Measure E Reallocation and FY25 Budget

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REAL Coalition Letter re Measure E Reallocation and FY25 CSJ budget.pdf;

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Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:26 AM
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Subject: Letter from the REAL Coalition re Measure E Reallocation and FY25 Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and City Council,

Please see attached a letter from the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition regarding the Measure E reallocation proposal and the FY25 Budget. We look forward to your discussion on these items.

Thank you,
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Pronouns: he/him

May 14, 2024

Mayor & City Council, et. al
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: May 14 City Council Meeting, Measure E Reallocation and the FY25 Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and City Council,

This letter is being submitted by 41 nonprofit and ally members of the Racial Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition. Please consider our comments regarding the reallocation of Measure E funds and the FY25 budget.

We are disappointed to see a draft budget that repeats a shortsighted effort to drain our affordable housing coffers, fails to follow through on City Council pledges to prevent violence and increase community safety, and overall falls short in centering equity and racial justice.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we offer the following analysis of where this proposed budget falls short and how we can do better:

Measure E, Affordable Housing and Homelessness

This draft budget would leave ZERO Measure E dollars for affordable housing in the upcoming year unless the City can somehow secure outside grant funding. The budget proposal cuts $36 million from affordable housing—342 bedrooms in 240 new affordable homes—which would have served thousands of families over 99 years.

We will not make meaningful progress in addressing homelessness without more affordable housing. This budget pumps tens of millions of dollars into sweeping encampments and towing vehicles people use as shelter rather than building the homes people need.

High housing costs are the root cause of homelessness, and we'll never get ahead of it if we don't make the largest possible investments in affordable housing. Shelters don't work without affordable housing. Only 25 percent of people who moved into shelter in 2023 were able to exit to permanent housing, and 75 percent of these people did it with the help of a housing subsidy.

This budget ignores the Annual Community Survey, which shows that San Jose residents want the city to provide more affordable housing, a critical asset to our communities. Providing more affordable housing is the top priority for Black and Latine residents who suffer the most under the weight of our housing crisis; Unaffordable rents and overcrowding are the primary factors driving displacement and more of our neighbors into homelessness every day:

- 52,000 families in our community pay over half of their income on housing.
- Nearly 10,000 households are severely overcrowded.
- For every one person who exits homelessness, 1.7 enter it.

Affordable housing is essential to the well-being of our communities; it greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence. It frees up $900 a month of additional income per household to return into the local economy.

We must preserve more affordable housing dollars this year and have a plan for more guaranteed local revenue in the future. We need a balanced approach that prioritizes permanent homes while also providing emergency relief and services to unhoused community members. This budget sets us up to fail by pursuing unsustainable shelter strategies that will cost more than **$70 million dollars a year** of money we don't have. Without a plan for more money, the interim shelters will fail, and we will never address the need to balance these urgent community needs. We can't rely on the regional measure passing in November.

The timelines for EIH development and stormwater remediation plans can be extended. A slightly longer timeline will allow the city to meet its commitments, move forward at a more viable and realistic pace, and free up money for permanent housing projects we know can move forward this year.

Safe Parking
More than 700 RVs in the City need safe parking. This budget proposes massive investment in remediation and enforcement but offers no additional investment in off-street safe parking beyond the already approved Berryessa site.

Community Safety

The draft budget does not reflect broad support from the City Council to invest more in violence prevention and explore alternative responses to police dispatch. In February, the council approved a referral from Vice Mayor Kamei to explore increased investment in violence prevention work. We appreciate the increased focus on the Children and Youth Services Master Plan, but this budget appears non-responsive to the recommendations in this area from the Reimagining Public Safety Committee–namely creating an Office of Community Safety and Violence Prevention to "prevent violence in the community, the home and the workplace; provide alternatives to police intervention; and create healing and restoration for a safer and thriving San José for all."

We are pleased to see a staff proposal to fund TRUST. However, the council should consider options beyond the binary choice presented in the memo and commit to sustainable ongoing funding to expand the program. Recognizing that creating a new city apparatus for TRUST may not be feasible at this moment shouldn't limit the city's options to do more than the minimum.

San José needs to join other cities, including Los Angeles, and recognize TRUST as a public safety imperative and fund TRUST. The 911 call analysis presented in February showed how great the need is for more alternative response, including TRUST. TRUST is a public safety resource and the city has a responsibility to keep its residents safe. Funding TRUST guarantees that people get healthcare instead of police, and frees up the police for the work they're supposed to be doing.

Alternative Speed Enforcement
We are pleased to be included in the planning and community outreach about deploying speed cameras throughout the city. We ask the City to explicitly lay out the associated costs in the budget so we can assess whether the plans for community outreach and engagement are sufficient.

Racial Equity/Community Engagement

Measure I and the new Office of Racial and Social Equity

We appreciate the proposed increased investment in this office and the City's expected commitment to equity standards and assessments of its budgets, programs and policies.

Promotoras

In addition to this investment, we need to expand funding in the promotores program, diversify the communities promotores represent, and create an advisory board to assist the City in creating target services and programs, as well as input to program goals, outcomes, and evaluation design.

The promotores model is a grassroots approach to building community capacity that engages promotores in strengthening their leadership skills as they connect people to needed information, services, and resources. We would like to see the promotores model to include a real career pathway for those leaders as well as to develop this as a significant part of our civic infrastructure, City-wide.

City Racial Equity Staffing

The City has made much progress embedding an equity mindset, skills and practices necessary to address and eliminate racial inequities in the City's workforce. However, progress is being impeded because key racial equity positions have not been filled in three departments (Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement; and Transportation). For progress to be made, leaders within each department are needed to drive this important work, but it appears unlikely that the temporary nature of the currently posted positions as well as the position level is making hiring difficult. We propose that these three positions be converted to permanent Program Manager positions.

You can reach REAL by emailing iselar[redacted]

Sincerely,

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Katie Joh
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Kristopher Scott
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Kathy Cordova
Recovery Cafe San Jose

Poncho Guevara
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About the REAL Coalition

The REAL community of nonprofit leaders and allies has been meeting since June 2020 to use our positional power to advocate for a more racially-just and equitable society; to establish a peer network of leaders committed to fighting white supremacy and systemic racism in ourselves and our institutions; and to hold each other accountable to the promises we made in the Nonprofit Racial Equity Pledge. The REAL Coalition is broadly representative of the nonprofit community including human and community services, behavioral health and health, arts and culture, domestic violence, older adults, food distribution, education, environmental, farming, legal, disability rights, LGTBQ rights, ethnic, immigrant rights, housing and homelessness, criminal justice reform, urban planning, and intermediary organizations, and others. Over 125 organizations have participated in the REAL Coalition.

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Cory Laurence
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FW: City of San Jose FY 24-25 Proposed Operating Budget

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CSJ - Budget - Housing Needs - 5.14.24.pdf;

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Subject: Re: City of San Jose FY 24-25 Proposed Operating Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council Members,

I am submitting the attached letter on behalf of John A. Sobrato regarding this evening's agenda item on the FY24-25 Proposed Operating Budget.

Thank you,

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Vice President- Silicon Valley Programs
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Re: City of San Jose FY 24-25 Proposed Operating Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

We are writing to call on the Council to commit to a budget that addresses both our persistent housing and homelessness needs.

The persistent housing and homelessness crisis in our community is the most pressing issue of our time. We, as a community, cannot afford to lose ground at this critical moment. To ensure that all people in Silicon Valley are secure, stable, and connected to place, with opportunities to leverage both the resources and institutions that reside here and the power to focus on their desired futures, we must leverage every tool available to reverse the damage the homelessness crisis is wreaking on our communities.

The Sobrato Organization supports a multi-pronged approach to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis, and we are currently investing in an array of housing levers to target this complex challenge. In addition to supporting transitional housing efforts, we also support affordable housing. Research shows that the homelessness crisis is primarily driven by the lack of affordable housing, and connecting people to safe and affordable housing is proven to both help people exit homelessness and prevent at-risk individuals from falling into homelessness in the first place.

We urge the City Council to adopt alternative budget proposals that will allow the City to support multi-pronged approaches, addressing immediate needs, and ensuring long-term, durable solutions.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedicated service to our community.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

John A. Sobrato
The Sobrato Organization and Sobrato Philanthropies

FW: Comment for City Council

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Tue 5/14/2024 1:16 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Loureen Murphy <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 1:08 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Comment for City Council

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My name is Loureen Murphy, and as a resident of the Guadalupe Washington Neighborhood, I want to commend the Mayor's Office and Councilmember Torres' office for their work in addressing issues involving unhoused residents. Our neighbors have concerns
--for the unhoused, and
--about the unhoused.

FOR - Many of us want to see those who are especially vulnerable and perhaps unable to make rational decisions for themselves get the multi-faceted help they need. We also want all the unhoused to have the dignity and health of a decent living environment.

ABOUT - We are a neighborhood of families, many with young children. Keeping our streets, walkways, and park areas clean and safe are high priorities for us. We've been surrounded by encampments and have had many within the neighborhood, including in Brenda Lopez Plaza, right next to the Kindergarten playground at Washington School. We strongly support the Mayor's and City Council's efforts to keep our living, working, and playing areas safe and sanitary.

Thank you.

Loureen Murphy
[redacted]

FW: Public Comment May 14, 2024 Item 3.4

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/14/2024 12:02 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Debra Townley <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:42 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment May 14, 2024 Item 3.4

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Permanent Supportive Housing has been a lifeline for my son and I. We both have disabilities and were homeless for 5 years, living in our vehicle.

Rapid rehousing and shelters were offered and refused because they were not a good fit for us. We have very low incomes and cannot afford a market rate apartment. Realistically, we will likely never be able to afford market rate housing due to illness. We rely on our social security disability incomes and permanent supportive housing to take the time we need to heal and explore alternative options for better quality of life. We are diligently working on that but it takes a long time. Rapid rehousing and shelters create more obstacles that would further set us back as it is difficult to create a fruitful life while temporarily and minimally sheltered and not having a stable and permanent home as a foundation for personal growth. The constant worry of housing instability creates fear, anxiety, depression, trauma and distraction that runs in the mental background and interferes with our progress. I don't know if you have ever experienced housing instability, but it feels like impending doom. And homelessness creates constant fear that, to me, felt like the initial panic of falling off of a ladder nearly every moment I was unhoused. It was very difficult to function while experiencing this.

While PSH has had problems, it has not YET been given a strong and stable chance at being the best that it can be.

Right now, there are professionals and people with lived experience meeting in focus groups and work groups across the country with goals that include improving and fine tuning the standards for PSH.

We are identifying weak points in PSH and addressing them. For example, by providing appropriate training for staff, bridging the gaps between services and property management, creating strong tenant education about rights and responsibilities, coordinating better with non-profit resources and developing a strong sense of community within PSH and with our neighboring community, we can create a culture of thriving community in and around PSH.

Permanence creates stability.

Permanent affordable housing ends homelessness.

The pandemic created many obstacles for PSH that are currently being overcome with pointed effort but it takes time.

PSH is one of the best options for many people ending homelessness by coming to live inside.

Please do not cut funding for where I live and for where others will live in the future.

Homelessness worsened our physical and mental conditions and weakend us greatly. If my son and I ever have to return to the streets again or ever have to live in congregate shelters, we would surely further deteriorate and die. We are

immune compromised and have medical conditions that require privacy and stability to mitigate; not unlike many who have already died or who are currently dying on the streets or in shelters today.

Please keep PSH alive and allow us the time we need to recover from homelessness while we are finding ways to add value to our community in spite of our struggles.

It is of utmost importance, not just to me and my son but to the other 80 residents in my building and the hundreds to thousands of other tenants much like my son and I who need support and a safe and stable place to live.

Thank you for seriously and compassionately considering our plea.

You have the power to save lives.

FW: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Tue 5/14/2024 12:02 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Virginia Guttenbeil <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:58 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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San Jose residents, your constituents, have consistently ranked affordable housing as a top priority for the community. This is always the top priority for Black and Latinx residents who suffer the most under the weight of our housing crisis.

Our community is facing a severe affordable housing crisis. The exorbitant cost of housing in our city has left approximately 70,000 families rent-burdened and struggling to simply get by. Studies show that affordable housing greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence. We can agree that all of these should be prioritized.

We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but we can not do so at the expense of desperately-needed affordable housing. Instead of pitting one strategy against another, it's time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance BOTH community priorities.

Virginia Guttenbeil
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95125

FW: Public Comment for May 15th FY24-25 Budget Study Session - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Chris Santantasio <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 1:59 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for May 15th FY24-25 Budget Study Session - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

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Good Day,

The comment herein is submitted for the public record pertaining to the Neighborhood Services agenda item on the May 15th FY24-25 City Council Budget Study Session. The comment is below as well as in the attached document. Thank you.

Best regards,

Chris Santantasio

Begin public comment:

It is time that the San Jose Public Library catch up with other Bay Area library systems to go "late fines free" for all. While late fines accrue at the same rate for residents across the city, the negative economic and social impacts fall disproportionately on those residing in our most under-resourced neighborhoods. It is no coincidence that the San Jose zip codes with lower circulation rates coincide with those that show a high concentration of patrons owing more than $20 in late fines, specifically, zip codes 95111, 95112, 95113, and 95148. This correlation is a strong indication that the accumulation of fines, and the fear and shame that comes with it, presents a barrier to library access that is not shared equitably by our residents.

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Allegra Watson <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:21 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Allegra Watson
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95124

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Maureen Matthews [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:09 PM
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Campbell, California 95008

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From: Suzanne Regul <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 3:51 PM
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Suzanne Regul
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San Jose, California 95130

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From: Danielle Evangelista <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:59 PM
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Danielle Evangelista
[redacted]
San Jose, California 95135

FW: May 14,2024 corrected email on Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Fri 5/17/2024 3:14 PM
To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kathryn Hedges [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 3:10 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: May 14,2024 corrected email on Item 3.4–Fund a 24/7 TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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I originally picked Option 2, because we don't need to reinvent the wheel for the call center, but I didn't read Option 2 closely enough to realize it was only part-time. **TRUST needs 24/7 staffing to qualify for Medi-Cal/insurance reimbursement, so I support Option 1.**

TRUST can't wait. Alternate crisis response can't wait. Given the findings of the 911 events report, funding another SJ TRUST field team is common sense. Funding alternate response is LONG OVERDUE–this was a Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation back in 2022–a report that has not been acted on in any serious way. Funding TRUST will not only save the city money, but it will save lives. TRUST is public safety. I support Option 1 in the MBA.

The City of Los Angeles is funding its comparable alternative response system through Medi-Cal reimbursement, which is about $2800/call for Medi-Cal patients. The reimbursement for Santa Clara County patients would be higher, up to $3100/call, and 30-50% of TRUST calls are for people who have Medi-Cal. A new State law requires private insurers to cover crisis stabilization field team visits. The criteria for reimbursement by private insurance and Medi-Cal include stipulations that ONLY non-police response is covered, and that teams must operate 24/7.

TRUST can pay for itself here too. But as long as response times are so long (60 minutes for Downtown) that the person often leaves before the team arrives, they'll end up going to more unbillable calls.

Alternatively, people who are in crisis could end their lives or die of an overdose while waiting an hour for TRUST.

Please fund TRUST for San José.

Kind regards,
Kathryn Hedges
SURJ
[redacted]