

FW: Letter

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Tue 6/18/2024 7:53 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

 1 attachments (48 KB)

Mayor Mahan.pdf;

From: Mark Turner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:18 AM
To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Leland <Leland.Wilcox@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Letter

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Hi Matt,

I wanted to send this letter along regarding the item on your council agenda pertaining to Supportive Outdoor Sleeping as well as an invitation to form a working group with both Morgan Hill and San Jose city staff members.

Thanks so much,

Mark Turner

Mayor

City of Morgan Hill

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City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Mahan,

The unhoused crisis in our cities is one of the most difficult challenges we face as elected leaders. I commend the efforts all of you have taken, especially with your leadership, to compassionately address the crisis you face in San Jose.

It has recently come to my attention that there is a site being considered for potential supportive outdoor sleeping in the South Coyote Valley (Parcel Number 725-01-023). I believe there are some challenges and concerns with the use of that site for the proposed purpose of supportive outdoor sleeping.

As neighboring cities, there are a number of issues and opportunities ahead of us that we can work on together to find solutions and success, as you and I have proven in the past. I would like to extend the invitation to create a working group between members of Morgan Hill and San Jose staff members that would allow us to keep lines of communication open, identify upcoming issues and opportunities that affect both cities, and create collaborative efforts to support goals and objectives where possible.

If this is of interest to you, we can determine details of who, when, and how the working group can best be assembled along with the cadence of meetings.

Thanks so much

Mark Turner
Mayor

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 6/20/2024 8:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: J Kerr <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:55 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject:

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Disc golf is important to the community. This is not cool.

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FW: Kelley park disc golf course is a safe clean park for people of all ages 👍

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Darrick Truong <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:29 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Kelley park disc golf course is a safe clean park for people of all ages 👍

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Hello,

I would like to email to express my disappointment with this new plan to make Kelley park disc golf course a homeless facility. The course was built with community funds and manpower from Silicon Valley disc golf club members. The club as upwards of 350+ members that frequent the course. And there are hundreds of other non-member participants daily. Kelley park disc golf course was built to get homeless out of the area and now the plan is to bring them back and kick out a community that provides a safe clean park for the citizens of San Jose to enjoy? Sounds a little lazy to me. Please find a different location.

Thank you for your time,
Darrick

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FW: Kelley Park Safe Sleeping Site

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:38 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Kelley Park Safe Sleeping Site

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Hello there Local Government Officials,

I recently heard that Kelley Park (including the Disc Golf Course) was being considered as a safe sleeping site.

I want to urgently express my immediate sadness and disappointment after hearing about this consideration. Kelley Park disc golf course is a HUGE part of the San Jose community, and of the disc golf community across the United States. When people visit Silicon Valley, Kelley Park is one of the few courses that is always recommended, discussed, and praised. It has thousands of volunteer hours poured into it each year, community raised club funds and man hours to keep it clean and add new tee pads and baskets, and it has events nearly every week of the year for people to exercise, compete, and develop community. It is a revenue stream for the city and people pay for passes every day to use the course.

I strongly advise against any further consideration of using Kelley Park as a safe sleeping site. I love acts of kindness and genuinely want to get the individuals the help they need, but destroying a vital part of the community to get there is not an avenue worth taking.

It would be a stab in the back to all of the folks who established it and use it regularly.

Thank you,

James Brahney, Kyle Brahney, Christopher Berthelet, and all of the folks and friends we invite, introduce, and play with at Kelley Park.

FW: Please remove Kelley Park from consideration for Homeless Encampment Site

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Raymond Lee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:46 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear City of San Jose Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to convert Kelley Park Disc Golf Course into a homeless encampment. This course is not only the largest and most utilized in our city, but it also serves as a significant year-round revenue stream through parking fees from the thousands of players who enjoy it.

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Turning this valuable recreational space into a homeless encampment would jeopardize the safety, enjoyment, and economic benefits it currently provides. Such a conversion is likely to lead to an increase in crime and drug use, fundamentally altering the character of the park and making it less accessible and attractive to families and disc golf enthusiasts.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative solutions that do not compromise the integrity and utility of Kelley Park. The community has invested significantly in this course, and it

should remain a cherished and safe space for recreation.

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Sincerely,

Raymond Lee



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From: Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:12 AM**To:** Raymond Lee <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan
<mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** RE: Please remove Kelley Park from consideration for Homeless Encampment Site

Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out. We have received other inquiries about this site and so I wanted to share with you what I've shared with them. Please note that no specific area of Kelley Park has been conclusively identified and substantial further analysis would be required before any determination is made.

I understand the perspective you've raised and the team will further evaluate several sites, a portion of Kelley Park is among them. However, as Public Works Director Matt Loesch noted during the Council meeting, unpaved areas tend to come at significant cost so the team is evaluating other sites first. There are other limitations about that area and so while we did get the direction from Council to be able to further evaluate sites we will be thoughtful about which ones and on what time frame. Any site would likely be months away and we will be communicating again publicly with the Council this fall. We will ultimately further evaluate this Kelley Park site but it is really too early to determine whether anything is possible or even could go there.

All of which is to say that the City is going to be careful even as it moves with urgency to further evaluate which sites would be appropriate on what time frames. Just as some sites have already been ruled out, more are likely to be ruled out as we do more investigation and others may emerge as more promising candidates as more work is done.

Best regards,

Omar Passons



Omar Passons | *(he/him/his)*

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Sincerely,

Raymond Lee

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ronit Taggart <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 1:39 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>;
City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Keep Kelley Park Disc Golf Course!

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Good afternoon, I am writing to request removing Kelley Park Disc Golf Course from consideration for the safe sleeping site proposal being considered by city council.

The Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club has almost 3,000 members, this does not include the thousands of players in neighboring areas of the north bay that come to Kelley Park.

Members of your community are already limited in where they can play this sport, yet the city of San Jose has numerous parks, parking lots and other facilities available to provide needed safe housing.

Please do not remove one of the only 2 disc golf courses within a 40 mile radius.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Ronit Taggart

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FW: SOS Resolution Kelley Park

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Kelley Park Issues.docx;

From: David Ralston <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:19 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: SOS Resolution Kelley Park

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From: **David Ralston** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, Jun 19, 2024 at 9:17 AM

Subject: Fwd: SOS Resolution Kelley Park

To: <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>

Hello City of San Jose,

This letter concerns the SOS initiative, 8.4 on the June 18th City Council Meeting Agenda, specifically the consideration of the Kelley Park located at the end of Phelan street. Kelley Park is home to high traffic walking paths, a picnic area and a 21 hole disc golf course that was built by the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club through volunteer labor and grassroots funding, costing the City absolutely nothing but gaining all of the benefits that the exponential increase in usage brings, such as parking fees and abatement of the homeless encampments that were rampant in the park.

The club has gone to great lengths to continue maintenance of the land and promote its use through improvements made to the course, reporting of illegal activities, removal of graffiti and vandalism, refreshing of signage, hosting of events and more. SVDGC and our disc golf courses and players have been a boon to the park, the city and beyond and now that very same city is keen to shoot themselves in the foot and endanger all that has been built up since the 2015 completion of the course.

Attached to this email is another correspondence that the club had with the City Parks department showcasing the behaviors and situations our board, members and the public have had to endure from the current illegal encampments along the Guadalupe River running along side the course. In summary, assaults and threatening behaviors with deadly weapons including machetes and baseball bats, daily fires smelling of burnt plastic and chemicals, vandalism and theft, trash and refuse. Calls to the SJPd and Park Rangers have gone completely unanswered in these instances.

Now the City has stated they are considering putting a safe sleeping site literally on the disc golf course, effectively shutting down the course and burning the time, money and efforts of the very communities that the council claims to serve.

I and the community around me are begging you to not include the Kelley Park as a safe sleeping site in the interest of public safety, health and community resource access.

Regards,

David Ralston

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Hello San Jose City Parks Department,

It is frustrating to even need to write this letter but there is an increasing issue of safety and vandalism occurring at the Kelley Park Disc Golf Course resulting from the inaction of the San Jose City Parks Department and the San Jose Police Dept. Our members have been chased off the course by machete and baseball bat wielding transients. Multiple counts of theft of players bags and discs, some of those cases being as they were walking up to their throws. Multiple fires have already been set off this year. Multiple teepad signs have been stolen, destroyed, or dumped in the creek. One of our baskets had the lock cut and stolen, to be later found ditched in the creek. Another basket has just been completely destroyed. These baskets, costing upwards of \$1000 a piece, have all been paid for by the generosity of the players and club members that make up the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club. This will be the second one that the club will need to replace following a county vehicle running over one of our baskets at Parque De La Raza last year and being subsequently ignored when we requested an investigation into the matter.

Our members and the members of the community are being made to feel unsafe at Kelley Park and something needs to be done. The ranger line provided on park signage never results in anyone picking up the phone and SJPD never responds when calls are made to them, even when there is an active issue occurring. This is completely negligent, and it will be only a matter of time before someone is hurt or worse.

It goes without saying that our club puts a lot of time, money, and resources into the maintenance of Kelley Park, including the initial build of the course in 2015, multiple initiatives to mow the course at no cost to the city and the added benefit of reducing the fire danger during the summer months. Our players and the rest of the public should be made to feel safe when visiting Kelley Park and the club should be made whole from the unanswered vandalism and theft we have experienced due to the inaction of the departments in question.

Regards,

The Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club

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Issues:

Hole 17, Fire started on tee pad, refuse dumped on course. 4/27/23



Hole 21, DGA Mach 7 Vandalized 4/27/23, suspected vandalizer pictured



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Roderick Kast 🗨️

It was probably the homeless guy from last night screaming about how we are destroying his home. I called SJPD because we was so irate and they did nothing about it.

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Like Reply Share 55m

Heath G Allison

I've been talking to my boss about doing a company disc golf day. I was gonna do it at Kelley (with the short tee pads for beginners) hoping it would be a chill day but now after everything that's been happening lately with these losers. I doubt I'll go forward with Kelley. Maybe take em to Villa Maria 🤔

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Hole 16, DGA Mach X Stolen, shackle cut, basket later found in creek 4/22/23



4/21/23 Multiple reports of transient with baseball bat chasing players and smashing course signs

Matt's Post ✕

 **Matt Hayes**
5d · 🌐

Just a heads up. On hole 15, after my drive I was followed by a homeless guy with a bat. He was about 50 feet behind me and destroyed the hole 15 sign with his bat, you can see the broken pieces. He followed me for a little bit and I dipped out for a while before going back. I could hear him hitting stuff while I was on 18. Be careful.

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 **Jim Koch**
That is terrible Matt. Way to take caution and stay safe



4/19/23 Fire with caustic smell started near the creek off of the course hole 10



Dorota Umeno

April 19 at 7:58 PM · 🌐



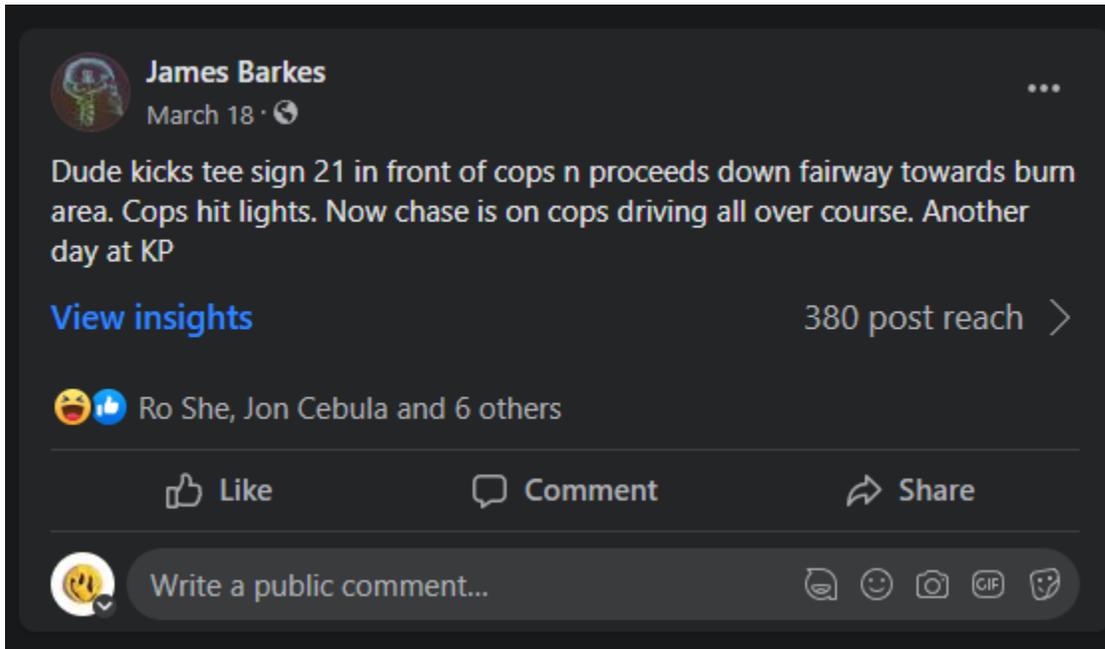
A little excitement at Kelley... our neighbor across the river set something on fire. Thick acrid definitely not good for your lungs smoke...



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3/18/23 Transient Vandalizes Tee Sign 21 and leads officers in police chase around the course



A screenshot of a Facebook post by James Barkes, dated March 18. The post text reads: "Dude kicks tee sign 21 in front of cops n proceeds down fairway towards burn area. Cops hit lights. Now chase is on cops driving all over course. Another day at KP". The post has 380 post reach and is liked by Ro She, Jon Cebula, and 6 others. The interface shows options to Like, Comment, and Share, along with a text input field for public comments and icons for adding media.

James Barkes
March 18 · 🌐

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3/17/23 Structure fire in storage container

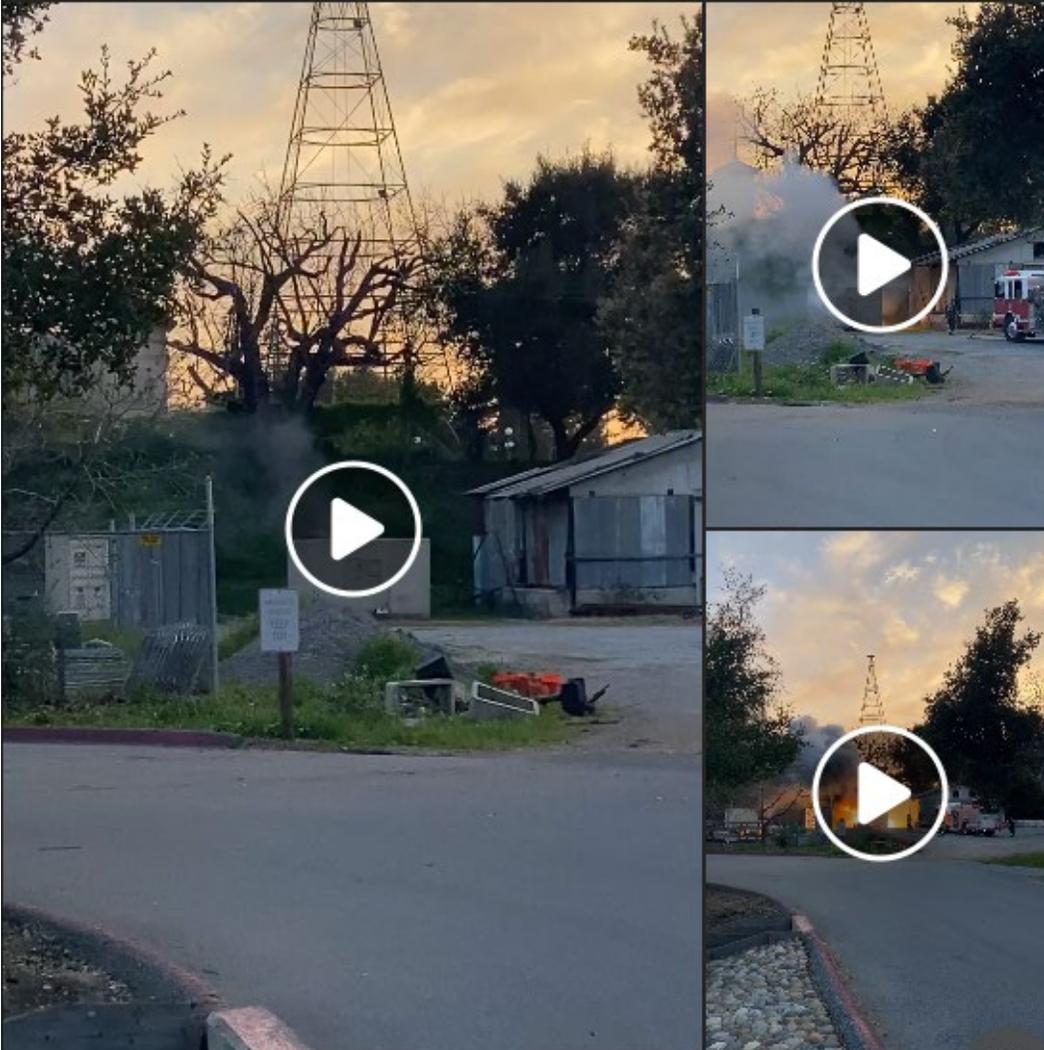


Brandon Lohmann

March 17 · 🌐



My buddy and I finished our round and noticed one of the shipping containers past the basket on 21 had some smoke coming from it. Went closer to inspect and decided we should call it in. Once SJFD arrived and opened it up the whole thing quickly went up in flames. No idea the cause but seemed like an electrical fire inside the container. Lots of sparks and burning hot. Melted the entire metal container to nothing.



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March 17

21ablaze at kp



2/17/23 Transient chasing players whilst armed with a machete



Roderick Kast
February 17 · 🌐

Just a heads up, one of the homeless guys at Kelley park chased a solo thrower yesterday with a machete on the right side of hole 16. No one was hurt and the cops got called to look for him, be careful out there.

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Tim Steeves
If that dude charges me or anyone while I'm around you won't have to worry about him any more

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Greg Baker
Somebody should post something next time he's out . He will be taken care of

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FW: Kelley Park - Issue 8.4 (Outdoor sleeping sites)

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 6/20/2024 8:40 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: steve chung <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:42 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Kelley Park - Issue 8.4 (Outdoor sleeping sites)

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To whom it may concern:

Please do NOT use Kelley Park as an outdoor sleeping site. This park is vital for the physical and mental health of many residents and we have already had bad encounters with the handful of homeless people who have lived by the creek on the edges of the park. Public parks are an extremely valuable resource for taxpaying citizens and I implore you to use other locations for this project. Thanks for your time.

Steve Thorpe

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FW: Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Devin Lee <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 3:25 PM

To: Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Rutner, Jiri <Jiri.Rutner@sanjoseca.gov>

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Despite our ongoing efforts, we have faced significant challenges due to issues arising from the homeless individuals currently inhabiting the park. Incidents such as theft, property damage, numerous violent encounters, public indecency, and fires have been distressingly common. While the park is currently managed by the city and already has established rules, these problems persist, often with inadequate response from authorities. If all of these issues exist while the homeless currently reside behind the creek, moving them directly into the park closer to the entrance would further endanger parkgoers and nearby residents, completely deterring anyone from visiting the park.

Moving safe sleeping sites into Kelley Park would further compromise the safety and enjoyment of all park users and nearby residents. We understand the need for the city to address homelessness compassionately and effectively, but we firmly believe that choosing Kelley Park as a site for housing is not in the best interest of our community.

Instead, I urge the city to consider alternative locations for these initiatives—places that are less frequented and where potential impacts on community safety and recreation would be minimized. Such a solution would better serve both the homeless population and our community's need for safe and accessible public spaces.

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Sincerely,

Devin lee
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From: Ian Gerbode <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 4:04 PM
To: Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Shawn Miller

SVDGC member and disc golfer

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FW: Concerns Regarding Proposed Homeless Encampment in Kelly Park

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 6/20/2024 8:41 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Luis Alvarez Sanchez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:04 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>;
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Dear Mayor Mahan,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern and strong disagreement with the proposal to establish a homeless encampment in Kelly Park. While I appreciate the city's efforts to address homelessness, I believe this decision is misguided and counterproductive.

Placing a homeless encampment in Kelly Park, located on the east side of San Jose, is not a viable solution to the homelessness crisis. Rather, it exacerbates existing issues and deepens the class divide within our city. The east side has historically borne the brunt of socio-economic challenges, and this proposal unfairly places an additional burden on this community.

Distributing homeless encampments evenly across all districts, rather than concentrating them in one area, would more effectively address the issue. This approach would ensure that no single community is disproportionately impacted and would promote a more equitable distribution of resources and support services.

Furthermore, Kelly Park is a cherished community asset, providing recreational and cultural benefits to residents. Turning it into a homeless encampment would compromise its value and accessibility, negatively affecting the quality of life for families and individuals who rely on it for leisure and community activities.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative solutions that do not unfairly target the eastside of San Jose. We need a comprehensive, city-wide strategy that addresses homelessness with compassion and fairness, distributing responsibilities and resources across all neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and am hopeful for a more balanced and equitable approach to addressing homelessness in our city.

Sincerely,

Luis Alvarez Sanchez

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FW: Concerns Regarding Homeless Encampment (Safe Sleeping Sites) at Kelley Park

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: David A <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:44 PM
To: Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding the proposal to establish safe sleeping sites within Kelley Park. As a member of the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club (SVDGC), which dedicates considerable resources to maintain and improve the park, I feel compelled to voice our collective opposition to this initiative.

Kelley Park holds immense importance as a recreational hub for our community, and is heavily maintained by the efforts and investments of SVDGC members. Despite our ongoing stewardship, we have encountered numerous challenges stemming from the presence of homeless individuals in the park. Incidents such as theft, property damage, violent altercations, public indecency, and fires have unfortunately become all too frequent. The current management of the park by the city has not adequately addressed these issues, and we fear that establishing safe sleeping sites within the park boundaries would only exacerbate these concerns, jeopardizing the safety and enjoyment of park users and nearby residents alike.

While we recognize the city's obligation to address homelessness, we firmly believe that Kelley Park is not the appropriate location for such accommodations. We urge the city to explore alternative sites that are less central to community activities and less likely to impact public safety and recreational

activities adversely. Such an approach would better balance the needs of the homeless population with the preservation of our community's cherished public spaces.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this matter. We remain committed to collaborating with the city to find solutions that uphold the safety, recreational value, and inclusivity of Kelley Park for all residents.

Sincerely,

David Afraimi

SVDGC Member

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FW: Concerns regarding safe sleeping sites in Kelley Park

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Thu 6/20/2024 8:42 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ian Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:51 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Rutner, Jiri <Jiri.Rutner@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Ian Moore

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Thu 6/20/2024 9:34 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:50 AM**To:** Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; Rutner, Jiri <Jiri.Rutner@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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Moving safe sleeping sites into Kelley Park would further compromise the safety and enjoyment of all park users and nearby residents. We understand the need for the city to address homelessness compassionately and effectively, but we firmly believe that choosing Kelley Park

as a site for housing is not in the best interest of our community. I often bring my child to the park to enjoy the outdoors with me, either playing disc golf or just walking the paths and enjoying nature. The existing homeless population there has more than once cut our visits short due to my concern over my son's safety- there are plenty of mentally disturbed or drug-addicted individuals aimlessly wandering around the park including one who regularly wields a machete and makes everyone feel less safe.

Instead, I urge the city to consider alternative locations for these initiatives—places that are less frequented and where potential impacts on community safety and recreation would be minimized. Such a solution would better serve both the homeless population and our community's need for safe and accessible public spaces.

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Sincerely,

Jase Zappel

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FW: Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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Thu 6/20/2024 1:06 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dave Szuter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:36 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern over the choice to possibly use some of the flat spots of Kelly Park's disc golf course to host safe sleeping sites for the homeless. While I voted for the mayor in hopes that he would tackle the homeless situation, compromising a disc golf course to do this may not be the best decision. This course is used every day of the week during almost all daylight hours by a very large disc golf community, and the city's proposal would effectively shut the whole course down. I personally can attest to the physical and mental health benefits of getting exercise out in nature, as well as the social benefit of a group of friends enjoying a good game. Additionally I am one of dozens and dozens of volunteers that provide free maintenance to the grounds to keep the park looking good and keeping it playable.

Please try to locate an alternative site for the homeless other than our parks and recreational areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Szuter

FW: Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 6/20/2024 2:02 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kimberlin McGinty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Kim McGinty <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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Sincerely,

Kim McGinty

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Eddie <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:44 PM**To:** Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; Rutner, Jiri <Jiri.Rutner@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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Sincerely,
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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: wilson linker <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:06 PM**To:** Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; Rutner, Jiri <Jiri.Rutner@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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Sincerely,

Wilson Linker

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FW: Kelley Park and Safe Sleeping

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 6/21/2024 8:49 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Stephen Neuendorffer <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:30 PM

To: Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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At the recent city council meeting, the Phelan parking lot at Kelley Park was removed from consideration for a safe sleeping site. As a user of the disc golf course at Kelley Park, this was a relief, since the loss of the parking lot would significantly impede use of the course, in addition to history park. However, the meeting left open for consideration the use of other unimproved areas in the park. I'm concerned about the direct and indirect impacts this might have on the disc golf course and other activities in the park and I specifically oppose the use of the disc golf course area for a safe sleeping site.

I have been personally involved with the significant improvements and maintenance that the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Course has made in this area. Although they may not be highly visible on a map, I believe that these improvements, combined with other concerns discussed at the meeting, such as cost and loss of parking revenue should remove this area of the park from further consideration as a safe sleeping site.

More generally, I'm concerned that any safe sleeping site in Kelley Park will exacerbate the current situation there. The park facilities in the area, including the disc golf course, have a history of vandalism and some users of the park have been aggressively approached, notably in at least one instance by a man wielding a machete. The police response to these incidents has been ineffective. I wonder how long it will be before someone is seriously injured.

Clearly the living situation of unhoused people in the city is a crisis that must be addressed, and there is likely no perfect location for safe sleeping sites or temporary housing. I do appreciate the careful consideration that I'm sure the city staff will put into selecting the sites and implementing the goals of the city council.

Stephen Neuendorffer
Resident, District 10

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FW: Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 6/21/2024 9:09 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Matt Stout-Garcia <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:23 PM**To:** Rutner, Jiri <Jiri.Rutner@sanjoseca.gov>; Passons, Omar <Omar.Passons@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Safe Sleeping Sites in Kelley Park

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Matt Stout-Garcia

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FW: Supportive Outdoor Sleeping

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Fri 6/21/2024 9:09 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: DamonAndJenn Holst <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:45 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@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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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal to designate the South Coyote Valley Site, APN 725-01-023 as a Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Basic Needs site via Item 8.4 on the 6/18/24 agenda. Specifically, my concern stems from its proximity to Ann Sobrato High School. As a resident of San Jose & a veteran Realtor, I strongly believe that the safety and well-being of our students should be a top priority as well as protecting home values. Placing a sanctioned encampment so close to a high school could potentially expose students to safety risks and other negative influences, such as exposure to drugs and drug dealing. I am not sure that you are aware that there is an area of South San Jose that is in Morgan Hill School District and whose children are assigned to Sobrato as their designated high school, so this is of concern to San Jose residents despite it being outside of the San Jose city limits. While I understand the need to address homelessness in our city and support efforts to provide humane solutions, including SOS's, I urge the City Council to reconsider the suitability of the South Coyote Valley Site for this

purpose. There are alternative locations on the “short” list that would not pose the same risks to our students while still meeting the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. I also encourage the City Council to engage in a broader community discussion on this matter, involving input from residents, parents, and school officials. Such a dialogue could help identify more appropriate locations and ensure that any decisions made are in the best interest of all members of our community. The current staff recommendation does not provide enough opportunity for public input on the various sites and additional opportunity for the City Council to weigh in on the different sites following the vote on 6/18/24. Thank you for considering my concerns regarding this important issue. I look forward to your thoughtful deliberation on this matter. Sincerely,

Jenn Holst

Resident of San Jose



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