

## FW: comment in support of Kamei memo item 3.4

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Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei and councilmembers,

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Thank you. Please vote yes in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo.

Matt King  
policy director  
Sacred Heart Community Service

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Leaders and Stewards,

As the Founder and CEO of Lighthouse Silicon Valley, and a member of the REAL coalition, I am writing to express strong support for Vice Mayor Kamei's memo on Violence Prevention Service Models (item 3.4).

After nearly 2 years, it is nice to see movement and action towards the recommendations, allowing us to be proactive in establishing a welcoming and safe community for all.

At Lighthouse, we are lived experience at work, and we are very knowledgeable as it relates to transforming conflict - many times the precursor to violence. We look forward to finding partnership with cities, the county, and our diverse leadership to create a culture of collective impact, programs centered in lived experience, and outcomes which produce regional healing.

Please vote yes in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo. Thank you,

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Quency L. Phillips (Que.)  
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I write today representing Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence and as a member of the REAL coalition in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's [memo](#) for item 3.4 Violence Prevention Service Models.

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Thank you.

Please support Vice Mayor Kamei's memo.

In Solidarity, Love, and Intention,

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Executive Director



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Dear Mayor Mahan and Council Members,

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**Ofisa Pati** (he/him)  
Advocacy Coordinator  
AACI

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February 5, 2024

Mayor Matt Mahan and  
Members of the San Jose City Council  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
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Sincerely,



Vaughn Villaverde, MPH  
Director of Advocacy  
AACI

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Hello,

I'm writing as a 20 year resident of San Jose D10 and a member of the Re-imagining Public Safety Committee.

In May 2022, the community presented to City Council a slew of well researched recommendations aimed at improving safety in San Jose. I'm glad to see the city finally proposing to increase the City's investment in violence prevention.

In particular, I appreciate seeing a call to increase funding for effective BEST partners, expanding capacity to prevent violence, and calling for more collaboration (for example, there may be joint funding opportunities with the county given this [recent referral from Supervisors Ellenberg and Arenas](#)).

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*Sandra Asher*

*Director, Governing Board*

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***Member,***

***Safety for All Disability Justice Coalition***

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***RECS: Race, Equity and Community Safety***

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**From:** Josh Selo [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon.

I am writing today as CEO of Bill Wilson Center, and as a member of the REAL coalition, in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo for item 3.4 Violence Prevention Service Models.

We are excited to see the City moving forward with the recommendations made by the RiPS committee, and exploring ways to invest in violence prevention and community safety.

I want to bring your attention to the BEST partners, a coalition of community based organizations on the frontlines of violence prevention work in San Jose. Our network of agencies touches the lives of countless youth, young adults, and families each year through a range of programs and services. Increased funding to support the work of these agencies, alongside funding that increases access to recreational and educational offerings for young people, are valuable tools that can help keep our communities safe.

I hope you will advance the needs of our City and communities by voting yes in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo.

Sincerely,

Josh Selo  
Chief Executive Officer  
(he/him)  
Bill Wilson Center



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**Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Analyst**

**Sacred Heart Community Service**

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and San Jose City Council:

Please find a letter from SVCN, attached, regarding item 3.4 on tomorrow's City Council agenda.

Best,  
Kyra

**Kyra Kazantzis | CEO**

**Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits**

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San José City Council  
San José City Hall  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, California 95113  
*Sent via electronic mail*

*Re: Support Item 3.4 Violence Prevention Service Models, February 6, 2024*

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and Members of the City Council:

I write to you on behalf of Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), an alliance of community-based organizations working to support thriving and equitable communities in Santa Clara County.

We are writing in strong support of the memorandum from Vice Mayor Kamei. We hope that Council will direct staff to work with community stakeholders (including SVCN, the REAL Coalition, BEST providers, and grassroots community leaders with lived system experience) and the County to develop an aligned plan, and to generate specific ideas and programs that can be considered by Council during the FY25 budget process. Investment in prevention and intervention, especially as alternatives to unnecessary policing and incarceration, are among SVCN membership's highest policy priorities in 2024.

Feel free to reach out to me at (408) 605-6586 or [kyrak@svcn.org](mailto:kyrak@svcn.org) to discuss this issue.

Regards,



Kyra Kazantzis  
CEO

About SVCN

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) advances the role, voice, and capacity of the nonprofit community in Santa Clara County so it can be a force for positive social change and support the creation of equitable, vibrant, and thriving communities. SVCN has committed to be a change-agent and a model of possibility by centering racial justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion principles in everything SVCN does internally and externally. One of our strategic commitments is to support the nonprofit ecosystem by being a trusted source and hub of information, resources, and connection for nonprofits across Silicon Valley, that facilitates nonprofit collaboration and collective impact. We also leverage our power, positionality, and access, in order to partner with, amplify, and support community to influence decision-makers to change systems in ways that address the biggest challenges facing nonprofits and the communities they serve. SVCN's nonprofit membership is 170+ strong; we also offer Ally Membership to individuals, businesses, and foundations. To learn more about SVCN please visit [www.svcn.org](http://www.svcn.org).

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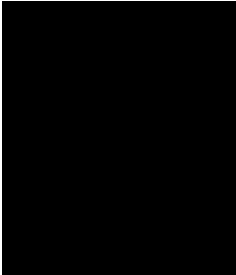
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It is encouraging to see a proposal to take action, try effective approaches, and make essential investments in violence prevention and community safety.

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FCS/Caminar as part of the REAL and BEST coalition urges the city to look at developing a broader strategic plan and goals for increasing community safety from a trauma informed lens for our most fragile and marginalized areas where crime and low socioeconomic households are concentrated and where youth and families are most vulnerable to socio-economic inequities and social and environmental injustices. We look forward to discussing these ideas in detail in the very near future with the council and city staff.

Thank you. Please vote yes in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo.

Sincerely,

  
Maritza Henry

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Here's the [Item 3.4\\_Violence prevention\\_letter of support.pdf](#) for you to review.

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**From:** Jen Myhre [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2024 5:23 PM

**To:** Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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To:

San Jose City Council

Re: Item 3.4

Date:

February 5, 2024

From: Jen Myhre, Senior Organizer for SURJ

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Jen Myhre (she/they)  
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**From:** Dana Bunnett [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 6:23 AM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I write today representing Kids in Common and as a member of the REAL coalition in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo for item 3.4 Violence Prevention Service Models.

Nearly two full years after the city received the report and recommendations from the RiPS committee, it is heartening to see a proposal to take action, try new approaches, and make larger, critical investments in violence prevention and community safety.

We know that steps to prevent violence and support community is critical to creating true public safety for SJ residents. The call to increase funding for effective BEST partners is one way to do this. Doing so, expands our capacity to prevent violence. And a focus on collaboration is also critical to preventing violence. (for example, there may be joint funding opportunities with the county given this recent referral from Supervisors Ellenberg and Arenas).

REAL also urges the city to look at developing a broader strategic plan and goals for increasing community safety apart from law enforcement activities, gather and evaluate data, invest in policy and program development, and more. We look forward to discussing these ideas in detail in the very near future with the council and city staff.

Thank you. **Please vote yes in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo.**



**Dana Bunnett** | Executive Director | we/she/hers

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**From:** Kylie Clark [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 8:05 AM

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Hello,

My name is Kylie Clark and I'm a member of the REAL Coalition. I'm writing in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's [memo](#) for item 3.4 Violence Prevention Service Models.

I was very excited to see this memo, as it is crucial to take actions on the RiPS Committee recommendations that were submitted in May 2022. The city, its leaders, and its community members put significant time, resources, and effort into this process, and this is a great opportunity to turn this effort into action.

There is so much value in investing in prevention and community safety rather than only responding to violence. These forms of investments are the only way to create a community in which violence response is no longer necessary.

It is also worth considering collaboration with the County, which is also pursuing violence prevention work ([see here](#)).

Thank you for your consideration. Again, please vote yes in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's memo.

In solidarity,

**Kylie Clark** (she/her)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2024 9:28 AM

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Good Morning,

My name is Brittany Alvarez and I am the Executive Director of The Latino Education Advancement Foundation, and also a member of the REAL Coalition. I write today in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's [memo](#) for item 3.4 Violence Prevention Service Models.

Nearly two full years after the city received the report and recommendations from the RiPS committee, it is heartening to see a proposal to take action, try new approaches, and make larger, critical investments in violence prevention and community safety.

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Sincerely,

Brittany

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**Brittany N. Alvarez** (She/Her)

Executive Director



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Good morning,

I write today representing Gardner Health Services, and as a member of REAL coalition in support of Vice Mayor Kamei's [memo](#) for item 3.4 Violence Prevention Service Models.

Having served on the Board of Directors for YouthALIVE! in Alameda County, an organization focused on Violence Prevention, I know first-hand the importance of having such resources and service models to serve our communities. In ensuring these resources and services receive the appropriate, and increased funding, along with making these critical investments in violence prevention, will assist in a safer community.

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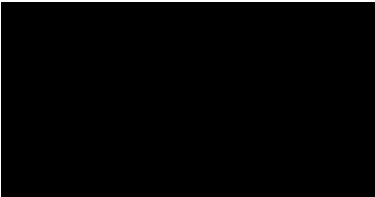
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**Rafael Vaquerano, MPH** | Chief Executive Officer

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**Gardner Health Services**

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