

## FW: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

Lewis, Teresa <[REDACTED]>

Thu 5/30/2024 8:14 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Fatima Burgos <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 7:48 AM

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

**Subject:** Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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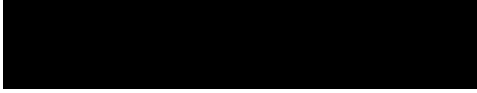
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Fatima Burgos



San Jose, California 95110

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Tue 6/4/2024 7:45 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Raul Sanchez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 5:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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Raul Sanchez  
[REDACTED]



San José California , California 95110

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**FW: Measure E**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 5/31/2024 1:54 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Eugene Torres [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 9:42 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>**Subject:** Measure E

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Honorable Mayor &amp; Councilmembers,

My name is Eugene, and I am the Director of Programs at Family Supportive Housing. We are writing to express our concern about the latest budget proposal, which slashed desperately needed funding for affordable housing.

We welcome hundreds of homeless families to our Shelter every year. The vast majority simply need an affordable place to live. They are hard working folks, who pay their taxes and contribute in a positive way to the fabric of our community. They simply need an affordable place to live. Shelter alone does not end homelessness. Affordable housing will end homelessness. We provide a temporary place for homeless families to stay. When their temporary stay is over, there is nowhere for them to go, but back on the street. This is not solving homelessness! We must use Measure E funds to build affordable housing, as was intended.

The proposed budget would potentially leave ZERO Measure E dollars for affordable housing and, instead, shift funding into temporary shelters and abatement efforts. We cannot abandon the permanent affordable housing our community desperately needs, and we are looking to your leadership to find funding alternatives to maintain both community priorities.

Thank you for your leadership; I am confident we can accomplish this together.

Eugene Torres  
Director of Programs  
Family Supportive Housing, Inc.

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**FW: Measure E preserving funds for affordable housing**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Thu 5/30/2024 12:49 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Richard Konda [REDACTED]**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 12:28 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>**Subject:** Measure E - preserving funds for affordable housing**Importance:** High

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Honorable Mayor &amp; Councilmembers,

My name is Richard Konda, and I am the Executive Director at Asian Law Alliance (ALA). I am writing to express my concern about the latest budget proposal, which slashed desperately needed funding for affordable housing.

Many of our clients at ALA live in overcrowded or substandard housing. While most of our clients are currently housed, they live from pay check to pay check and could easily become unhoused. That is why it is critical to preserve Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing.

The proposed budget would potentially leave ZERO Measure E dollars for affordable housing and, instead, shift funding into temporary shelters and abatement efforts. We cannot abandon the permanent affordable housing our community desperately needs, and we are looking to your leadership to find funding alternatives to maintain **both** community priorities.

Thank you for your leadership; I am confident we can accomplish this together.

Sincerely,

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**Richard Konda (he/him/his)**

Executive Director

**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Email:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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## FW: Support for City Manager's Proposal to Protect Our Waterways

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 6/5/2024 12:32 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Alie Victorine [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 12:22 PM

**To:** District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Subject:** Support for City Manager's Proposal to Protect Our Waterways

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Dear Councilmember Doan,

I am writing to express my support for the San Jose City Manager's proposal to address the problem of pollution caused by homeless encampments in our creeks. As you know I have been a volunteer with Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful for many years and have witnessed first hand the environmental and public health risks posed by encampments along our creeks and nearby trails. This is both a humanitarian and ecological crisis, and needs immediate actions.

I urge you to support the temporary reallocation of Measure E funds to provide safe shelter opportunities for our neighbors experiencing homelessness, so that the work of restoring our vital riparian habitats can finally be accomplished.

Thank you,

Alie Victorine

[REDACTED]  
San Jose, CA 95111

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**FW: Subject: ACTION REQUIRED**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 4:42 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Story Road Recycling LLC 061024.docx;

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**From:** Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 4:22 PM

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

**Subject:** FW: Subject: ACTION REQUIRED

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Sincerely,

**Bien Doan**

San José City Councilmember

District 7

Phone: 408.535.4907

City of San José

200 East Santa Clara Street,

San José, CA 95113-1905



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**From:** Ralph Alcantar <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 4:07 PM

**To:** Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@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>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>;

Jennifer.macguire@sanjoseca.gov; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org

**Cc:** Dang, Tara <Tara.Dang@sanjoseca.gov>; Ralph Alcantar <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Subject: ACTION REQUIRED

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Dear Council Members,

Please review the attached document.

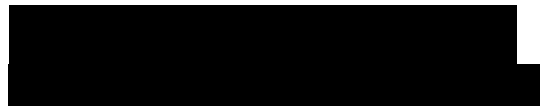
Regards,

Ralph Alcantar



**Ralph H. Alcantar Jr**

Story Road Recycling LLC-San Jose, Ca  
Story Mini Store-San Jose, Ca  
TOMRA Brokerage Services-California  
recyGO-Highland, Ca



**W: [www.storyroadrecycling.com](http://www.storyroadrecycling.com)**

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June 10, 2024

City Of San Jose  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, Ca 95113

**Re: Measure E Support Dollars for Temp Housing & Homeless Services**

Dear City Council Members,

I am the owner of Story Road Recycling LLC located in District 7. I urge you to please allocate more budget dollars from Measure E for temporary housing and homeless services. Hearing the challenge that the city of San Jose has of clearing the waterways of homelessness, will escalate the growing encampments issues without adequate shelters in place.

Our business has paid out a total of **\$20 million dollars** to the residents of San Jose who choose to recycle their beverage containers since we re-opened 5 years ago. Although we have made some progress in improving homeless encampments surrounding our business, there is still much work to be done and this issue requires on-going city commitment and support that requires funding.

Insurance companies are now scrutinizing general liability coverage for businesses with homeless problems, and this will only move business out. We are working to make additional investments in San Jose, but fearful there is no long-term planning to keep the homeless issue under control.

My business is committed to providing a clean, safe location for residents to recycle, but it will take a joint effort with the city to do their part in the neighborhood. We enforce strict policies at our location and refuse or ban service to those who do not follow proper etiquette.



If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Alcantar at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

*Ralph H. Alcantar, Jr*

Ralph H. Alcantar, Jr-Owner

Story Road Recycling LLC-[storyroadrecycling.com](http://storyroadrecycling.com)

Story Mini Store

TOMRA of North America Brokerage Partnership-[tomra.com](http://tomra.com)

## Agenda Items 3.3 and 3.4: Restore current levels of funding for Climate Smart and Climate & Seismic Resilience

Linda Hutchins-Knowles [REDACTED]

Mon 6/10/2024 5:20 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>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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MOFSV's letter re. funding for Climate Smart San José in 2024-2025 budget.pdf;

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please see the attached letter from Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley.

For our children, community, and climate,  
Linda Hutchins-Knowles  
Co-Founder and Team Coordinator  
Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley

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June 10, 2024

**Re:** Restore current level of funding for Climate Smart San Jose and the Climate & Seismic Resilience program

To Mayor Mahan, Vicemayor Kamei, and Councilmembers:

Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley is very concerned to see the proposal to cut funding for the Climate Smart San José program of the Environmental Services Department and the Climate & Seismic Resilience program.

While the Memo released on Friday by Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers Cohen, Davis, Foley and Torres proposes to add an additional \$100,000 to the amount originally proposed, which we appreciate, this still represents a **cut of 32%** from this year's Climate Smart nonpersonal budget as shown [on this table](#). The Memo also proposes a cut of \$100,000 to the Climate & Seismic Resilience allocation. These reductions are deeply troubling.

With the climate crisis escalating even faster than scientists predicted and the need for local action greater than ever, we should under no circumstances reduce the resources allocated to protect current and future generations from devastating climate impacts. As we fast approach irreversible climate tipping points that may lead to an uninhabitable climate, postponing action until later is TOO late.

While the City faces a challenging budget season, cutting climate funding today will result in greater costs down the road. Our residents already face climate threats today, such as extreme heat, indoor air pollution from gas appliances, and degraded air quality from gas cars and climate-fueled wildfires. We should be discussing how to increase our climate funding from last year, not how much to cut it.

We ask that you prioritize the health and safety of your residents by:

- A) restoring the Climate Smart funding to the amount allocated in FY 2023-24 (add an additional \$200,000 to the amount currently proposed), and
- B) restoring the amount originally proposed for the Climate & Seismic Resilience program.

On behalf of our children and community,  
Linda Hutchins-Knowles  
Co-Founder and Team Coordinator  
Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley

## FW: [Waterford Park] Agenda Item 3.3 and 3.4 - Public Comment

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 12:00 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Paul Nguyen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 11:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** [Waterford Park] Agenda Item 3.3 and 3.4 - Public Comment

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Dear San Jose City Clerk,

Please include the forwarded email below from my neighbor Kevin for public comment for agenda item 3.3 and 3.4 for the city council meeting today, 06/10/24.

Thank you,  
Paul

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 11:40 AM  
Subject: [Waterford Park] Temporary Housing Needed Urgently! - Allocate More dollars - Measure E  
To: Terry Gordica <tgordica@gmail.com>, <Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>, <Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov>, <Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org>, <David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov>, <Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>, <Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov>, <Mayor@sanjoseca.gov>, <Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov>, <Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov>, <Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>, <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>, <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>, <Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>  
Cc: <waterford-park@googlegroups.com>

Dear San Jose Council Members,

We are urgently asking you to support allocating **more budget dollars from Measure E for temporary housing and homeless services** instead of more affordable housing developments. We ask all San Jose council members to immediately **prioritize buying land for live-in RVs and building shelters for the unhoused. We urgently need to build homeless shelters NOW! Affordable housing does not address our immediate needs!**

Our neighborhood at Waterford Park is getting overrun with live in RVs, live in vehicles, and tents in our residential streets. Despite reporting to all the appropriate authorities, no enforcement is applied. The homeless affect the overall of our homes, families, children, and neighborhood. People are no longer feeling safe to leave their homes.



## FW: Items 3.3 & 3.4 (June 11, 2024) Measure E Allocation & Mayor's June Budget

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 3:49 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Resolution Championing Services to McKinney Vento Homeless Students and Their Families.pdf;

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**From:** Serena Alvarez [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 3:40 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@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>  
**Cc:** Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>; Wilcox, Leland <Leland.Wilcox@sanjoseca.gov>; Zarate, Sarah <Sarah.Zarate@sanjoseca.gov>; Hughey, Rosalynn <Rosalynn.Hughey@sanjoseca.gov>; Rios, Angel <Angel.Rios@sanjoseca.gov>; Maciel, Zulma <zulma.maciel@sanjoseca.gov>; Quevedo, Matthew <Matthew.Quevedo@sanjoseca.gov>; Jacob Sandoval <[REDACTED]>; Jose Barrera <[REDACTED]> Sylvia Alvarez <[REDACTED]>; Ann McEntee <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Items 3.3 & 3.4 (June 11, 2024) Measure E Allocation & Mayor's June Budget

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the San Jose City Council,

Since 2015, Latino Fellows of the Institute for Non-Violence and LULAC members have engaged in service of unsheltered neighbors, many of whom are Latino families with young children. Over the years, we've worked closely with devoted advocates and service providers, e.g. Winter Faith Collaborative, Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment, former Grace Baptist Church and Hope Village, among others. Our collaborative efforts contributed to the first (and for years the only) rotating safe parking programs, learning and realizing quick build sheltering like Pallet homes (e.g. [Casitas de Esperanza for families and children](#)), and best practices for designing a holistic pathway from street and creek to permanent supportive housing. Respectfully, please consider the following as you consider and deliberate on Items 3.3 and 3.4:

### Support McKinney Vento Students & Families

Our teams instituted a years-long effort across jurisdictions, supported by Phil Mastrocola, the SCCOE McKinney Vento team and Amigos de Guadalupe, to raise awareness and educate on [McKinney Vento unhoused students and families](#) in our city and county. See CA LULAC Resolution Championing McKinney Vento Services to Homeless Students and Families, adopted by CA LULAC State Assembly (Anaheim, 2019). Until our efforts, housing and other staff of multiple jurisdictions were not working with [McKinney Vento School District Liaisons](#) (often unaware of their existence) -- and some jurisdictions and organizations continue to require education and pressure to do so. We very sincerely urge you to think of these Latino and other families as you deliberate about Measure E budget allocations. District Liaisons are able to refer unhoused families to services and we urge that you budget to scale for Emergency Interim Housing family placements in partnership with the County and other providers. Our collaborative efforts have demonstrated a family-supportive pathway that doesn't leave children and families languishing in shelters -- instead building family-supportive communities

with incredible success rates in moving families with children into permanent supportive housing within boundaries of our city, county and beyond. BUT, availability of EIH is the family-stabilizing key and more is needed to match the dire need and emergency state in our city. Substantial realignment of Measure E to scale Emergency Interim Housing is encouraged if you assure that McKinney Vento families are prioritized. Please don't leave children and families behind, as they often are.

### Reimagine Public Safety

We trust you recognize the formative role that being unsheltered has in diminishing opportunities for health and educational success. Instability of family and home life resulting from external system causation (insufficient family EIH) leaves youth and families vulnerable to detrimental health and educational outcomes, including disparate justice systems contact. Provision of appropriate funding for these emergency measures is the type of social support that reimagines public safety and community empowerment. Please fund protective factors and build upon family assets. In addition, for unsheltered adults lacking behavioral health supports, carceral response is vastly more costly and likely. County studies have shown it costs \$85K/year per individual using carceral system response, while EIH and behavioral health services instead cost \$35K/year per individual. Realignment of Measure E reimagines public safety. This is a tremendous opportunity to shift from carceral strategies that wound our neighbors, often irreparably, to restorative, rehabilitative, empowering strategies.

Finally, substantial realignment of Measure E is consistent with affordable housing policy formulation advanced by [leading affordable housing advocates](#):

[All Home CA Blog: Strengthening Interim Housing as a Housing First Approach \(March 2023\)](#) (blog pasted below in full for ease of reference).

Please consider these matters as you deliberate Items 3.3 and 3.4. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

Serena Alvarez, Esq.

Executive Director, The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence

Co-Chair, CA LULAC Legislative & Health Committees

Advisor to LULAC National Vice President Farwest

President, LULAC Council 3090

Sylvia Alvarez, J.D.

Senior Latina Fellow, The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence

Trustee Emeritus, Evergreen Elementary School District

Retired Public Educator, Evergreen Elementary School District (26 years in classrooms, often Title 1)

Former President, Evergreen Teachers Association

Former Member, CTA/ABC Committee

Former Member, CA LULAC Executive Board

Member, LULAC Council 3090

# Strengthening Interim Housing as a Housing First Approach

Posted March 20, 2023 & filed under [Blog](#).

By Gail Gilman

*This is the second in a three-part series to help demystify interim housing and align the public and local decision-makers behind models that can work around the Bay Area.*



- The first part, [\*\*\*The Role of Interim Housing as a Homelessness Response\*\*\*](#), provides historical context, a definition of interim housing, and examples of how it appears in the Bay Area.
  - This post digs into the challenges and barriers to scaling interim housing, and expands on how it can be consistent with a Housing First approach.
  - The last part puts forward [\*\*\*7 Principles for Interim Housing\*\*\*](#), to help jurisdictions and service providers design, develop, and improve interim housing sites across the region.
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Interim housing is a critical component of our strategy to make homelessness rare and brief, along with permanent housing and homelessness prevention. But in order for interim housing to scale and achieve its potential, there are structural barriers to overcome. We'll get into some of these challenges in this post, including how we fund homelessness and housing, finding viable locations to build interim housing, the bureaucratic processes potential developers have to navigate, and workforce issues.

But before getting into all that, we want to be very clear about one thing and call out an elephant in the room: interim housing is absolutely consistent with a "Housing First" approach. It's actually *because* of our belief in Housing First that we believe so strongly in interim housing.

## Interim Housing and Housing First

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) [defines "Housing First"](#) as prioritizing a permanent home above other needs when assisting people experiencing homelessness. The approach is "guided by the belief that people need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to anything less critical, such as getting a job, budgeting properly, or attending to substance use issues." We couldn't agree more, and it's great that most of the homelessness response field is now aligned with this approach.

**Every human being needs a decent home—possibilities are endless when you have that foundation, and little is possible when you don't.** That's exactly why interim housing is so important, and why it's consistent with Housing First. **Permanent housing is always the goal**, but interim housing can address immediate safety and health concerns for people getting connected to permanent housing. In a region where more than 25,000 people sleep outside on any given night, and where deeply affordable housing is scarce and building more is costly and slow, **the streets should not be the waiting room for a permanent home.**

**We define *interim housing*** as a short-term dwelling in which to stabilize and heal after living on the streets, on the way to a permanent home. Interim housing features non-congregate sleeping arrangements (i.e. individual rooms with doors that close), and offers a basic level of supportive services, individual privacy, security, and space to keep belongings.

- **While more research is needed, interim housing with wraparound on-site supportive services appears to have a higher success rate exiting residents to permanent housing than traditional congregate shelter.** One [investigation of interim housing in Santa Clara and Alameda counties](#) indicated that residents of tiny homes with substantial supportive services on site were far more likely to exit to permanent housing than were residents of traditional "dorm-style homeless shelters."
- **People living outdoors are more likely to accept an interim housing placement than traditional congregate shelters.** The independence, privacy, and security that these sites provide is incredibly important, as we discussed in our [first post on this topic](#). During the historic rain storms of January 2023, [news outlets reported](#) that people who were unsheltered still refused to shelter in congregate settings. In Des Moines, Iowa, even with snow on the ground, a comprehensive survey found people rejected traditional shelter because of safety concerns and "problems with other people."



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Interim housing alone cannot solve homelessness, and people staying at such a site should still be considered homeless and in need of a permanent home as soon as possible. Still, it is widely seen as a significant improvement over traditional congregate shelter. NAEH has recognized this and laid out extensive guidance for [Reimagining Interim Housing](#) that is largely aligned with our thinking and elaborates on many issues raised in these posts.

Another concern about interim housing is the sense that it competes for funding with permanent housing. This problem is related to some of the funding challenges explained below. Unfortunately, we are operating in an environment with serious resource scarcity, and that inevitably breeds competition. **The bigger problem is the resource scarcity that pits one solution against another.**

As we explain in the [1-2-4 Framework for Homelessness Solutions](#), we need to invest simultaneously in multiple solutions *at scale* in order to significantly reduce unsheltered homelessness and make homelessness in the Bay Area rare, brief and non-recurring. We need a “yes, and” approach, and the funding to effectively do more than one thing at a time. When all three legs of the stool are working as intended, the whole system will work better.

So let’s focus on that resource scarcity—the real elephant in the room. But first, it’s important to understand the cost of the quality, well-supported interim housing we are talking about.

## Cost Considerations

While the costs for developing and operating effective interim housing vary considerably even across the Bay Area, two local examples can provide guidance for the on-site services required for successful programs and the annual funding required to provide them.

The [LifeMoves Mountain View site](#), developed in approximately six months using a modular construction process funded in part through [Homekey](#), opened in 2021. The facility contains 100 units (88 for single adults and 12 for families) and provides an array of on-site supportive services. **Eighty-six percent of families and 67 percent of single adults who reside at the facility successfully move to permanent housing thereafter.** The start-up capital costs for LifeMoves Mountain View amounted to approximately \$174,000 per unit, and ongoing operating costs have come to approximately \$27,000 per bed (or about \$34,000 per unit annually).

San Jose's Maybury ["Bridge housing community"](#) consists of forty small (approximately 80 square feet) tiny cabins for single adults. According to analysis reported in [one press account](#), approximately **57% of exits from this site are to permanent housing destinations.** Capital costs for this site amounted to approximately \$2.5 million (\$62,500 per unit), and ongoing operating costs have amounted to just over \$48,000 per unit annually.

While more evidence is needed, the costs listed above are notably higher than those of traditional congregate shelter. [Recent nation-wide research](#) estimates that nonprofit organizations operating traditional shelters receive an average of about \$28,000 in revenue per shelter bed annually. Average start-up costs to develop new congregate facilities in the Bay Area have been estimated at just over \$43,000 per bed, while the approximate operating cost to operate congregate sites in Alameda County [was pegged](#) at just over \$18,000 per bed annually.

The higher operating costs for more successful interim housing are because of the supportive services they provide, which are crucial to create the outcome (placements to permanent homes) that we all want to see from such facilities. In a well-functioning homelessness response system that is not overburdened, there is still a role for traditional shelter, but right now the system asks much more from those facilities than they are designed to provide.

**Although the per capita cost of non-congregate interim housing is higher than traditional large-scale shelters, the benefits to residents and the larger community are well worth the additional investment.**

## Clearing Hurdles to Scale Interim Housing

To be able to build and operate interim housing at the scale of the need in the Bay Area (and elsewhere in California), we see four categories where innovative solutions are needed.

**More Flexible Funding Sources:** Interim housing is not eligible for many of the traditional funding sources for both operations and capital that permanent supportive and other transitional housing can rely on. Housing providers have [noted](#) that funding sources such as housing vouchers, tax credits, and debt financing often have eligibility requirements, staff certification requirements, performance targets and reporting procedures, and bed rates designed for permanent homes or short-term emergency shelter, but unavailable for interim.

The lack of sufficient access to capital and funding is a huge barrier for would-be developers and leaves private and nonprofit sources to fill the gap. This also limits the scalability of project expansions. Importantly, the operating dollars needed to tailor appropriate support services at interim housing sites require flexibility due to the uncertain duration and variable needs of the population being served.

**Streamlining and Technical Assistance for Interim Housing Production:** Given those capital financing and funding challenges, very few for-profit or nonprofit developers are willing to build interim housing. Development of capital projects, and the approval and permitting processes, are extremely challenging to

navigate, even for traditional affordable or permanent supportive housing. It gets even more complicated for this new form of housing that may not fall under traditional planning and building code regulations. Navigating these challenges requires an unusually high level of expertise, coordination, and political savvy. In order to build the amount of interim housing our region needs, the system needs to be much simpler and easier to navigate. Even then, developers and service providers will likely still need significant technical assistance to do it well.

**Identifying sites and building neighborhood support:** Finding suitable locations for interim housing sites is difficult, and earning the support of neighbors and local stakeholders makes it even more challenging. There is a lot of stigma surrounding people experiencing homelessness, much of which is unfair and inaccurate. Most residents of interim housing sites would not stick out in a crowd or be identifiable as such, but unfortunately many people associate homelessness with personal failure, extreme mental distress or debilitating substance use. Folks in those acute states are very visible, but not representative. LifeMoves had to abandon plans for an interim housing site in Santa Clara in 2021 because of neighborhood opposition. As we discuss in our [interim housing principles](#), neighborhood relations are an important factor for site location choice and ongoing site management standards.

**Invest in the Homelessness Response Workforce:** Operating quality Interim Housing is difficult interpersonal work that requires trained and qualified staff. The people who provide the support services in Interim Housing sites are the key to success, and the current state of this workforce is a bottleneck in our system. The homelessness response workforce is notoriously [underpaid](#), [undersupported](#), and [burned out](#). There is a shortage of trained, qualified case managers, and insufficient career development pathways for people to move into more skilled positions. This is not the fault of the workers or even their employers in many cases—this vital work is ultimately funded by governments that contract with nonprofit service providers. Those contracts, and the government programs (often state and federal) that fund them, must do a better job at accounting and paying for the true cost of this work.

We hope that explaining these challenges can help local governments, policymakers, service providers, and developers begin to chart a path to addressing them. Don't miss the third and final post in this series, [7 Principles for Interim Housing](#).

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## ***California League of United Latin American Citizens***

### **RESOLUTION CHAMPIONING SERVICES TO MCKINNEY VENTO HOMELESS STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**WHEREAS**, homeless students in our public schools are the subject of McKinney Vento federal law and such students and their families are not presently benefiting from the coordination of City policies, County social services with County Offices of Education and school districts;

**WHEREAS**, Latino students and families account for the majority of the doubled up, underhoused, and unsheltered population but are effectively invisible to local jurisdictions during the formulation of local policies and budgets, thus vital aid fails to reach McKinney Vento qualified students and their families;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that California LULAC strongly urges the City of San Jose, the County of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, school districts and other local jurisdictions throughout California to initiate strategic coordination of direly needed housing assistance and social services for homeless students covered by McKinney Vento federal law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that California LULAC commits to working closely with local jurisdictions in advancing state and federal legislation that will provide greater resources for coordinated services to homeless students covered by McKinney Vento federal law.

**SUBMITTED by** LULAC District 14, Founded by Rev. Deacon Sal Alvarez, M.S.W.  
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Dear Councilmember Doan,

The D7 Leadership Group is a coalition of neighborhood associations and community leaders working to build a more vibrant, cohesive, engaged, and safe community in District 7.

I am writing this at the request of members of our group to express our support for the San Jose City Manager's proposal to address the problem of pollution caused by homeless encampments in our creeks. As you know, Coyote Creek runs through the center of District 7 and the Coyote Creek Trail should be a source of pride for our community, as well as a destination for nature and recreation enthusiasts in our city. Instead the creek and trail is being severely impacted by environmental and public health risks posed by encampments of hundreds of unhoused individuals. Many residents no longer feel safe using the trail, which runs near several schools, parks and community areas such as the Tully Ball Fields.

This is both a humanitarian and ecological crisis, and needs immediate action. Complying with the Federal Clean Water Act is not only legally necessary, it is morally the right thing to do. But this must be done with the consideration of the plight of the unhoused population that feel they have nowhere else they can survive in our city.

We also have many neighborhoods in our district that are literally overrun with RV's creating serious trash and biowaste issues. For example, Umbarger Road has been beset with up to 13 RV's along a 1/2 mile residential area near a park and trail.

For these reasons we support the one-time reallocation of Measure E funds to provide quick, safe shelter opportunities for our neighbors experiencing homelessness, so that the work of restoring our vital riparian habitats can finally be started and our unhoused population is supported and helped. We encourage solutions that will meet the needs of families, seniors, and disabled populations currently living along our creeks, such as sanctioned camps, safe parking lots, and smaller congregate shelters.

We must clean our creeks, help our unhoused neighbors, and do so without impacting our neighborhoods. We feel that the reallocation of Measure E funds this year will help us move the needle in the right direction.

Thank you,  
Alie Victorine, President



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I support using Measure E funds for emergency housing. Please vote to prioritize housing the homeless in quick, affordable solutions. I live along the Guadalupe river, at Hwy 85, and the little perc pond there used to be a nice place to take a walk. Even just a few years ago we would see dozens of neighbors enjoying an evening stroll around the lake. Now the area is overrun with homeless encampments. Bring beauty back to our city. Bring cleanliness back to our waterways. Get the homeless off the streets now!

The people camping out there can't afford even low income housing. By just building that, you are moving too slow, for far too much money and not even providing a solution that can help the worst off. The ladder to security and stability needs some lower rungs on it to reach those that really need the help.

-Daniel Skarbek

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**Cc:** <waterford-park@googlegroups.com>

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**Date:** Sun, Jun 9, 2024 at 7:19 AM  
**Subject:** [Waterford Park] Allocate More Measure E Dollars For Temporary Housing and Homeless Services  
**To:** <Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>, <Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov>, <Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org>, City of San Jose Mayor's Office <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>, <David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov>, <Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>, <Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov>, <Jennifer.macguire@sanjoseca.gov>, <Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov>, <Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov>, <Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>, <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>, <Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** <waterford-park@googlegroups.com>

Dear San Jose, City Council Members,

I am a resident of District 2, and I am urging you to please allocate more budget dollars from Measure E for temporary housing and homeless services, NOT more affordable housing developments. There are wants and needs. We urgently need to build homeless shelters NOW.

Our neighborhoods at Waterford Park and Vista Park are overrun with live-in RVs, live-in vehicles, and tents in our residential streets. Despite reporting to all the appropriate authorities, no enforcement is happening. The homeless are threatening the safety of our homes, families, children, and neighborhoods. They sexually harass women and make all of us feel unsafe when we walk in the neighborhood. They block sidewalks, chain their dogs to park trees without monitoring or correcting them and, care less about proper waste disposal. We no longer feel safe leaving our homes. A neighbor's dog was recently poisoned and required emergency medical services.

Our neighborhood is deeply committed to maintaining Waterford Park as a safe and enjoyable community space. We would appreciate your support and immediate action to address these pressing issues. We ask all San Jose council

members to immediately prioritize buying land for live-in RVs and building shelters for the unhoused. We count on you as our representatives to do the right things for the city and the San Jose citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Steve Merriott

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**Date:** Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 12:21 PM

**Subject:** [Waterford Park] Allocate More Measure E Dollars For Temporary Housing and Homeless Services

**To:** <[Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Mayor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Mayor@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org)>, <[Waterford-park@googlegroups.com](mailto:Waterford-park@googlegroups.com)>, <[Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov)>

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Our neighborhood is deeply committed to maintaining Waterford Park as a safe and enjoyable community space. We need your support and immediate action to address these pressing issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Sincerely,

Vlad Nalimau,  
Amber Grove HOA, President of The Board

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**Subject:** [Waterford Park] Allocate More Measure E Dollars For Temporary Housing and Homeless Services  
**To:** <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>, <Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>, <Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov>, <David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov>, <Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>, <Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>, <Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov>, <Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov>, <Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov>, <Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>, <Mayor@sanjoseca.gov>, <Jennifer.macguire@sanjoseca.gov>, <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>, <Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org>, <Waterford-park@googlegroups.com>

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Our neighborhood is deeply committed to maintaining Waterford Park as a safe and enjoyable community space. We need your support and immediate action to address these pressing issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Le

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Paul

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**Date:** Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 11:00 PM  
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**To:** <[Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Mayor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Mayor@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Jennifer.macguire@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.macguire@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org)>  
**Cc:** <[waterford-park@googlegroups.com](mailto:waterford-park@googlegroups.com)>

Dear City Council Members,

I am a resident of District 2, and I am urging you to **please allocate more budget dollars from Measure E for temporary housing and homeless services, NOT more affordable housing developments.** There are wants and needs. **We urgently need to build homeless shelters NOW.**

Our neighborhoods at Waterford Park and Vista Park are overrun with live-in RVs, live-in vehicles, and tents in our residential streets. Despite reporting to all the appropriate authorities, no enforcement is happening. The homeless are threatening the safety of our homes, families, children, and neighborhoods. They sexually harass women and make us feel unsafe when we walk in the neighborhood. We no longer feel safe leaving our homes. A neighbor's dog was recently poisoned and required emergency medical services.

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**as our representatives to do the right things for the city and the San Jose citizens.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Kim Buckley

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**Date:** Sun, Jun 9, 2024 at 12:54 PM  
**Subject:** [Waterford Park] Waterford Park - Allocate More Measure E Dollars For Temporary Housing and Homeless Services  
**To:** <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>, <Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>, <Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov>, <David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov>, <Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>, <Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>, <Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov>, <Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov>, <Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov>, <Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>, <Mayor@sanjoseca.gov>, <Jennifer.macguire@sanjoseca.gov>, <Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org>  
**Cc:** <waterford-park@googlegroups.com>

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

As a longtime resident and volunteer of an HOA community in District 2, I am hereby requesting that you **strongly support the allocation of more budget dollars from Measure E for temporary housing and homeless services, NOT more affordable housing developments.**

The need for action is long past due and staring us in the face.

Our surrounding neighborhoods of Waterford Park along Vista Park Drive are overrun with tents, dilapidated live-in RVs and vehicles, on our residential streets. Despite consistent reporting to all of the appropriate authorities, the enforcement of laws, ordinances and codes have deteriorated to where the security, health and safety of residents do not seem to matter leaving us to feel not supported. The homeless and vagabonds with criminal intent are threatening the livelihood of our homes, families, children, and neighborhoods. They make all of us feel unsafe in the neighborhood by blocking sidewalks, bicycle lanes and parking spaces. Their dogs run free or are chained to park trees without monitoring. Proper waste disposal has been consistently non-existent and trash build up has brought an increase of rodents and pests (rats &

roaches) to our once proud community. On a daily basis, unknown transients patrol the neighborhoods for theft of mail, packages or worse.

Our neighborhood is deeply committed to maintaining the Waterford Park surrounding area as a safe and enjoyable community space. We would appreciate your attention and immediate action to address these pressing issues. We ask all San Jose council members to prioritize buying land for live-in RVs and building shelters for the unhoused. This includes being our strong and repetitive voice to County Supervisors to deliver appropriate and expanded mental health services and the like.

We count on all of our representatives to serve the allegiance of the people within the City of San Jose effectively and efficiently.

Thank you for your immediate and sustained attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Mike Blanchard  
Vice President, Southcliff Homeowners Association

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-- Sami Boulos

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Dear City Council Members:

I am a long time resident of District 2. Instead of allocating money for additional affordable housing development,



I urge you to allocate more budget money from Measure E for temporary housing and housing services.

Our Waterford Park neighborhood has been increasing overwhelmed by live-in RVs, tents, and vehicles on our residential streets. We keep reporting these to the appropriate authorities, but there is simply no enforcement of existing laws. We feel the safety of our homes, family and community are threatened. My family and neighbors no longer feel safe leaving our homes.

As long time residents and stakeholders in the area, we are deeply committed to maintaining Waterford Park as a safe and enjoyable community space.

**We need your support and immediate action to address these pressing issues.**

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

Sami Boulos

President, Southcliff HOA

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Our neighborhood at Waterford Park is getting overrun with live in RVs. live in vehicles, and tents in our residential streets. Despite reporting to all the appropriate authorities, no enforcement is happening. The homeless are threatening the safety of our homes, families, children, and neighborhood. People are no longer feeling safe to leave their homes.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Denise Sanchez

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**Subject:** [Waterford Park] Agenda Item 3.3 and 3.4 - Public Comment

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**From:** christian lopez <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Sun, Jun 9, 2024 at 11:04 AM

**Subject:** [Waterford Park] Waterford Encampments: Urgent help needed

**To:** <Arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>, <Bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov>, <Cindy.Chavez@bos.sccgov.org>, <David.cohen@sanjoseca.gov>, <Dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>, <Domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov>, <Jennifer.macguire@sanjoseca.gov>, <Mayor@sanjoseca.gov>, <Omar.torres@sanjoseca.gov>, <Pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov>, <Peter.ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>, <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>, <Sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>, <Waterford-park@googlegroups.com>

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Paul

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**Date:** Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 5:16 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Waterford Park] Allocate More Measure E Dollars For Temporary Housing and Homeless Services  
**To:** <[waterford-park@googlegroups.com](mailto:waterford-park@googlegroups.com)>  
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Sincerely,  
Kim Buckley

On Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 12:47 PM Kelly Le [REDACTED] > wrote:

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Sincerely,  
Kelly Le

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**From:** Kathryn Hedges <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 5:04 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Budget Public Hearing, 6/10/24, Agenda Items 3.3 and 3.4

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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am a registered voter in District 3 downtown and a member of both SURJ and RECS.

I join these groups in strongly supporting the memorandum of Kamei, Ortiz, Candelas, and Jimenez.

Although we recommend a program where TRUST would be staffed 24/7 so that the City could recoup costs through Medi-Cal and insurance reimbursement, TRUST can't wait for a better budget year. Tenants throughout my building, Donner Lofts, are traumatized by frequent SJPd presence for welfare checks that are better done by mental health professionals. We never know if this will be an uneventful visit or yet another standoff ending with potentially a shooting or other violence. Nobody believes police are the right responders--and nobody should get shot "non-lethally" because they called 911 or 988 because they were feeling suicidal and officers couldn't take more than 20 minutes to talk them down. Where will the City find funds to pay out wrongful death or injury claims if SJPd continues its pattern of behavior and practice?

We also support maintaining affordable housing funding levels via Measure E funds until BAHFA funding has been secured. The only way to stop homelessness is to have enough affordable housing that people stop falling into homelessness because they are rent-burdened and have a financial setback. The alleged wastewater fines will not be assessed as claimed by the Mayor and we should not squander our limited housing funds on sweeps, "Encampment-free Zone" signage, an excessive amount of overpriced EIH tiny homes with limited lifespans, or massive South Hall type tents that are unsuitable for most unhoused people.

Because housing construction costs keep rising due to materials prices and wages, we get more housing for our money the sooner we complete the projects. Delaying projects by slashing the funds available means spending more for each unit built. I remember the cost per unit was half what it is now when Donner Lofts was built in 2016. Developers may also lose other components of their funding stack if they can't get the last pieces from the City, and need to start over--after wasting time and money getting that far in the process. It is not a sound long term strategy to delay affordable housing production.

We haven't discussed the after-school programs, but they are in line with our values of racial equity and self-determination and we support that as well.

Please approve the amendments given in this memo.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Hedges  
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,  
Denise Sanchez

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**From:** Juan Angel Lujano [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 8:16 AM

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

**Cc:** maricelabetancourt62 [REDACTED]

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Gracias,

Maricela Bentancourt

Hello, my name is Maricela Bentancourt, and I have lived in the east of San Jose in the departments of Virginia for 30 years. I am writing this message because I would like you to put your hand on your heart and not touch the funds designated for affordable housing because this would impact me and many low-income families. They see East San Jose as marginal but professionals also come out of here. My son was born and graduated in East San Jose and is now a sheriff of Santa Clara County. Between us neighbors we created a safe community where we strengthen the upbringing of our children. By defunding affordable housing these close-knit community ties will be lost and we could face eviction. We ask you not to touch measure E please.

Thank you,

Maricela Bentancourt

## FW: Protect Measure E funding for real housing solutions

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**From:** Chris Schildt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 9:24 AM  
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**Subject:** Protect Measure E funding for real housing solutions

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City Clerk City Clerk,

Honorable Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of Urban Habitat to support Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing, and not redirecting the funds for short-term interim shelter.

Urban Habitat partners with grassroots organizations to advance housing justice, transportation justice, and regional equity across the region and have done this work for more than 30 years.

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.

The proposed budget redirects over \$25 million in Measure E funds from permanent affordable housing to operating interim shelters. Measure E was intended to build affordable housing and now, only 25% of that funding will be used to build the new affordable homes that our communities desperately need. We are deeply concerned that unless you and your colleagues commit to restoring these funds, you will be balancing the budget by abandoning a critical need.

Our community is facing a severe affordable housing crisis. The exorbitant cost of housing in our city has left over 35,000 families currently paying over half their income for rent, struggling to stay afloat. Studies show that affordable housing is not only the solution to homelessness but also greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence.

To maintain our commitment to both permanent affordable housing, and the ongoing costs of interim shelters, the city council must find a new funding source for operating



shelters. Measure E was meant for affordable housing, and must be maintained for affordable housing.

Chris Schildt



Oakland, California 94612

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## FW: Please Restore Measure E dollars to Affordable housing

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 12:50 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Sujatha Venkatraman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 11:56 AM  
**Subject:** Please Restore Measure E dollars to Affordable housing

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Honorable Councilmembers,

My name is Sujatha Venkatraman, and I am the Executive Director at West Valley Community Services. I wanted to let you know about my concern about the latest budget proposal, which slashed desperately needed funding for affordable housing. We need these funds to keep our families in the region and build inclusive communities to help us build a thriving City. The proposed budget redirects over **\$25 million** in **Measure E funds** from permanent affordable housing to operating interim shelters. We need this council to commit to restoring this money. We mustn't abandon the permanent affordable housing our community desperately needs. We want your leadership to find funding alternatives to maintain **both** community priorities.

Thank you for your leadership; I am confident we can accomplish this together.

Sujatha Venkatraman, MSW

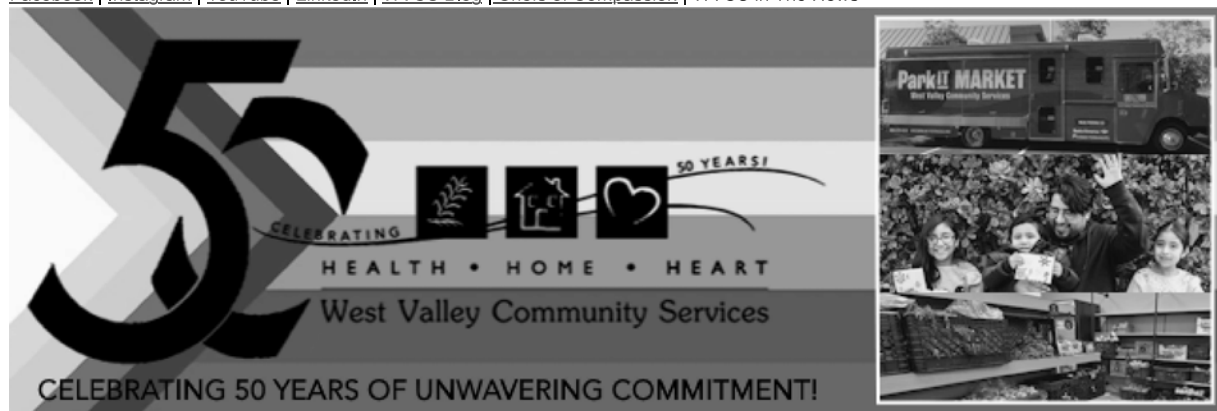
*(Pronouns: she, her, hers)*

Executive Director

West Valley Community Services

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**FW: 6/11/24 City Council Meeting Item #3.3 & 3.4 (TO BE HEARD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE CONSENT)**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 2:19 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Avaneesh Gorantla [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 2:11 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Re: 6/11/24 City Council Meeting Item #3.3 & 3.4 (TO BE HEARD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE CONSENT)

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On Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 2:03 PM Avaneesh Gorantla <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Mayor Mahan and Councilmember Candelas,

My name is Avaneesh Gorantla, and I'm a student [REDACTED] and am writing as a member of SVYCA. As a resident of San Jose, I am deeply concerned by this year's proposed cuts to the Climate Smart San José budget. We are all feeling the effects of climate change – from extreme heat waves to worsening air quality.

Climate change is an urgent threat to the future of my generation, and we must invest in solutions to address this crisis, especially if we are to meet our 2030 goals for net zero greenhouse gas emissions. While I appreciate the city's current efforts on climate change, I am writing to you today to urge you to significantly increase San Jose's climate funding.

Many cities across the country are demonstrating strong leadership by dedicating substantial resources to climate action. San Jose, a center for innovation and climate action, deserves to be a model at the forefront of this critical fight.

Therefore, I urge you to allocate a significant increase in climate funding in the upcoming budget. This investment is not just about protecting our environment; it's about ensuring a healthy, prosperous future for San Jose and its residents. Please demonstrate your support for a stabilized and livable climate and prioritize full funding for Climate Smart San José at least equal to its budget last year.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Avaneesh Gorantla, San Jose, CA (95135)

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## FW: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 2:19 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Carlos Arreola Jr <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 2:12 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,

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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.

Per Silicon Valley's 2023 Pain Index, it takes 3.7 minimum wage jobs to afford a two bedroom apartment. If Measure E dollars are not used for their intended purpose, then there will be less funds to build affordable housing thus ultimately increasing the number of minimum wage jobs needed to afford a two bedroom apartment adding extra pressure to folks already struggling to make ends meet.

Our community is facing a severe affordable housing crisis. At the moment, per Silicon Valley's 2023 Pain Index, the median rent in San Jose is \$4,176.00. The exorbitant cost of housing in our city has left over 35,000 families currently paying over half their income for rent, struggling to stay afloat. Studies show that affordable housing is not only the solution to homelessness but also greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence.

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Carlos Arreola Jr



San Jose , California 95134

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## FW: 6/11/24 City Council Meeting Item 3.3 and 3.4

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 2:25 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Kanika Rawat <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 2:20 PM

**To:** 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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** 6/11/24 City Council Meeting Item 3.3 and 3.4

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Hello Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

My name is Kanika Rawat, and I am a sophomore [REDACTED] San Jose and a resident of San Jose's District 4. I am a member of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action's San Jose team. I'm very concerned about this year's cuts to San Jose's Climate Smart Budget, and I ask that the city maintain or increase the \$400K that it has given in previous years to achieve our goal of carbon neutrality by 2030 and lessen our negative impact on the environment. I also ask that no cuts are made to the Climate and Seismic Resilience Planning Program in order to fund the Climate Smart Program, since both these programs are very important. As a very large city, we release a lot of greenhouse gas emissions into our air each year through our transportation, buildings, and power sources, all contributing to quickening global warming and worsening air quality. This global warming leads to more extreme temperatures and heatwaves, which have led to California's wildfires and even worse air quality. Over the past several years, I've noticed wildfires becoming more frequent: the clear, sunny skies which California is known for become hazy, and air quality becomes poorer and detrimental to health. Other extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, such as more atmospheric rivers leading to flooding and, on the flip side, more extreme droughts.

San Jose has great potential to reduce its carbon footprint by shifting to electric vehicles and vehicles and appliances, increasing public transit, and powering communities with clean power sources. If we don't put in the funding to combat the climate crisis now, we will be hit hard with its negative effects and suffer in the future.

Thank you,

Kanika, San Jose District 4 resident

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**FW: Items 3.3 and 3.4 for June 11 Council Meeting: Keep Measure E allocation for Permanent Affordable Housing!**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/10/2024 3:48 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** pegelwel [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 3:46 PM

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

**Cc:** mayoremail@sanjose.gov; district1@sanjose.gov; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Councilmember Omar Torres <district3-sanjoseca.gov@shared1.ccsend.com>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Councilmember Peter Ortiz <district5-sanjoseca.gov@shared1.ccsend.com>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Items 3.3 and 3.4 for June 11 Council Meeting: Keep Measure E allocation for Permanent Affordable Housing!

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Dear City Council members and Mayor Mahan:

**We must not reallocate Measure E funds away from permanent affordable housing!** I have had friends in the shelter system and it is no substitute for stable permanent housing. Measure E was voted on by the people and should not be changed.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Elwell  
District 4

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## FW: City of San Jose Council Meeting June 11, 2024 Agenda Item 3.3

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 7:58 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** huntercj [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 5:23 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>; Domingo Candelas <district8@officeofcouncilmandomingocandelas [REDACTED]>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** City of San Jose Council Meeting June 11, 2024 Agenda Item 3.3

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Mayor and City Council Members

City of San Jose

200 E. Santa Clara St., 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Proposed Changes to Measure E Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocations

I am Connie Hunter, a long-time affordable housing advocate and member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church which is located on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and San Salvador in San Jose.

I urge you to retain the Measure E spending priorities and allocation as they are. Please do not take money from affordable housing to fund interim housing and homeless services.

St. Paul's sanctuary was destroyed by an arsonist in June 2022. Early in 2023, St. Paul's community agreed to rebuild a smaller church and make room for affordable housing on our parcel. We are poised to release an RFP to affordable housing developers in the next week or two.

At this time, we are not very hopeful. I have spoken with many affordable housing developers and they all tell me the same thing. The money in the San Jose affordable housing pipeline is 100% allocated. Further, the Mayor's emphasis on interim housing leaves them feeling uncertain about the future for affordable housing funding in San Jose. In other words, the climate is not favorable.

Churches are ready and willing to make land available. Developers are jumping through hoops to raise the money for pre-development costs and design cost effective solutions for people who are working in San Jose and cannot afford a place to live.

What we desperately need is a commitment on the part of our Mayor and City Council members to retain funds already allocated for affordable housing – and not redirect them to other causes, like interim housing.

I urge you to reject the proposed changes to Measure E spending priorities and percentage allocations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Connie Hunter



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## FW: Support for reallocation of Measure E Funds

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 8:00 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Mary Schriver <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 7:34 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; 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:** Lugo, Misael <Misael.Lugo@sanjoseca.gov>; Arreola, Kiara <Kiara.Arreola@sanjoseca.gov>; d7leadershipgroup <[REDACTED]> Dang, Tara <Tara.Dang@sanjoseca.gov>; Mary Schriver <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support for reallocation of Measure E Funds

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I am writing this to express my support for the San Jose City Manager's proposal to address the problem of pollution caused by homeless encampments in our creeks.

Coyote Creek and Guadalupe creek run close to both District 3 - Goodyear Mastic (D3) and the Alma (D7) neighborhoods. Guadalupe has trails that neighbors are not able to walk or ride their bikes on or even take their children on due to the danger of some of the unhoused residing on these paths. As already brought to our attention the unhoused are polluting the creeks severely causing a great environmental destructive impact on our water system causing health risks.

We must definitely clean our creeks and help relocate the unhoused living in the creek without impacting surrounding neighborhoods. What we have been doing in the past is not working. I feel that the reallocation of Measure E funds this year will help change the creek's environmental health, safety of the trails, well being for our water system and the well-being of the unhoused.

Best Regards,

Mary Schriver,  
President,  
Goodyear Mastic NA (D3)  
Vice President/Secretary  
Alma NA (D7)

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## FW: 3.3 Proposed Changes to the Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocation of Measure E Real Property Transfer Taxes

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 9:45 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Myth letter to City Council\_6.2024 (Final).pdf;

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**From:** Delma Hernandez [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:21 AM

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

**Subject:** 3.3 Proposed Changes to the Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocation of Measure E Real Property Transfer Taxes

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Dear City Clerk,

Please reference SBCLT's Letter of support for Measure E Affordable Housing Funds. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Delma Hernández (ella/her)

Organizing Co-Director | [South Bay Community Land Trust](#)

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**South Bay Community Land Trust**

P.O. Box 26622

San Jose, CA 95159

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June 6, 2024

Mayor and Council members,

The Mayor's most recent budget message is based on several erroneous allegations that the City Council would be wise to reject. These are aside from the storm water permit issue that the Council will discuss on June 10, which may allow the City more time to carry out its creek clean-up responsibilities.

***Myth Number 1: The people of San Jose are demanding an end to the era of encampments, even if it means dramatically depleting its affordable housing program to do it.***

In fact, the City's December 2023 survey found that residents' top two priorities were to "address homelessness" and "provide more affordable housing." Providing more affordable housing is important because it not only helps address homelessness, but also alleviates the displacement and unnecessary suffering of tens of thousands of rent-burdened families, especially in communities of color. Homelessness is more than just a nuisance to neighborhoods. The unhoused are part of our community too - mostly longtime residents who found they could simply no longer pay San Jose's unaffordable rents.

***Myth Number 2: Affordable housing is too expensive.***

When costs of operations and services are factored in, shelters and Emergency Interim Housing units (EIHs) are more expensive, not less. Unless San Jose wants to follow the lead of red state politicians, who reject available federal funds for basic human needs, the "million dollar" affordable housing units the Mayor criticizes only cost San Jose taxpayers about \$200,000 – and they last for fifty years or more. EIH units usually cost at least \$100,000 a piece, paid for entirely by San Jose residents – but they are only built to last 15 years, and would have to be rebuilt three times to last over 50 years. EIH units each require \$30 – \$50 thousand per year to operate – again, paid for entirely by San Jose taxpayers. Over 50 years, that adds up to about \$2 million in operating costs per unit. In permanent affordable housing, on the other hand, long term operating costs are already identified and baked into its upfront underwriting. If San Jose continues to shift funds away from permanent housing into operating costs for temporary solutions, we will literally never solve our affordable housing and homelessness crisis – not a wise or compassionate choice.



***address homelessness.***

We don't have to wait five years. Affordable housing is continually coming on line right now, thanks to the work of visionary advocates and elected officials who crafted Santa Clara County's 2016 Measure A and San Jose's 2020 Measure E. Measure A is in the process of building over 5,000 units of permanent affordable housing, and Measure E is building hundreds more. Without these substantial programs, both our housing and our homelessness crises would be far worse than they are now. The real problem is what will happen five years from now if we stop allocating housing funds today. If we continue to expand our interim programs, without identifying an alternative revenue source to fund their operations, the pressure to continue diverting Measure E affordable housing funds may become irresistible going forward.

***Myth Number 4: the proposed \$40 million allotment for affordable housing is acceptable. The budget cannot satisfy everyone and we all have to tighten our belts.***

Firstly, \$40 million is not adequate. \$40 million would fund about 164 housing units, which would fulfill only 3.8% of our annual Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) affordable housing obligation and thus rendering the City's Housing Element as submitted for state approval as deceptive and dishonest. Secondly, that \$40 million is not guaranteed to be available and may, under the City Manager's contingency plan, be reduced to \$21.6 million. Some people argue that reducing affordable housing funds are not really budget cuts, but merely a reduction in new allocations. This is a distinction without a difference to the real families suffering from the crisis. Due to rent increases, San Jose actually loses hundreds of affordable housing units every year. This makes the situation of San Jose's low-income families ever more desperate over time. Already 48% of San Jose renter families are rent-burdened, and 84% of extremely low-income families are rent-burdened. The overwhelming majority of them are people of color, concentrating the hardship on our communities that are already the most vulnerable.

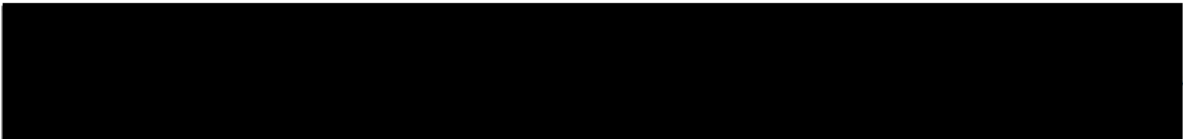
It is true that there needs to be a mix of temporary and permanent solutions, but such a drastic shift to "temporary first" will undermine real progress. EIHS, shelters, and "safe sleeping sites" do not end homelessness. In fact, they do not even end the era of encampments, because safe sleeping sites are encampments – people will still be sleeping in tents through winter storms, summer heat waves, and spare-the-air days. Interim solutions are only effective when there is a permanent affordable housing unit available to move into when the interim stay is over. Without permanent housing, people will be condemned to live in EIHS, shelters, or outdoor "sleeping sites," entering and exiting a revolving door for the rest of their lives.

Some of the Mayor's most vocal allies claim that people opposed to his plans are part of a "homelessness industrial complex" that oppose interim solutions because we make a lot of money advocating for the unhoused. This is actually the opposite of the truth. It is the Mayor's plan for steadily escalating operating costs that will actually provide over \$70 million a year in contracts for shelter and service providers. Sustained expansion of permanent affordable

housing, on the other hand, will ultimately reduce the need for temporary shelter and services.

In her response to the State Auditor's March report on San Jose's efforts to reduce homelessness, the City Manager summed up the situation perfectly: "The crisis continues because the systemic factors driving this crisis – from growing income inequality to the severe lack of affordable housing – are stronger than ever. If we do not address system factors that cause homelessness, we will continue to use resources to address the problem, but we will not solve it."

Submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and supportive community,



Josefina Aguilar, Executive Director  
South Bay Community Land Trust

Sandy Perry, Vice President  
Board of Directors

cc: *San Jose City Clerk*

## 6/11/24 City Council Meeting Item #3.3 and #3.4

Vaishali Ravikumar <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/11/2024 9:05 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello, Mayor Mahan and Councilmember Kamei

I am Vaishali Ravikumar, a San Jose D1 resident, a high school student, and a Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action member. I'm here to urge the Council to maintain the Climate Smart funding at \$400K.

Of the 8 years I've lived in San Jose, I have witnessed the firsthand impacts of climate change.. Wildfire smoke has disrupted our school days and threatened our health. Extreme storms have caused flooding and fallen trees, endangering our safety and imposing repair costs our families can't easily afford. In 2020, wildfires near San Jose forced my family to pack emergency bags, which we still keep ready.

Our future depends on our actions now. Climate scientists affirm that a livable future is possible if we reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to existing changes. San Jose has been a leader in this effort through the Climate Smart program. However, the proposed budget cuts this program's funding by half, undermining progress. Instead of funding staff to secure state and federal grants for crucial programs, the budget turns away, leading to greater economic, environmental, and human costs.

I urgently request that San Jose amend the proposed budget to retain the \$400K allocation for Climate Smart San Jose. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Vaishali Ravikumar  
District 1

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## FW: 3.3: Proposed Changes to the Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocation of Measure E Real Property Transfer Taxes

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 9:27 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Virginia Tenant Support Letter - Measure E 2024.pdf;

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**From:** Delma Hernandez [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:10 AM

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

**Cc:** 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>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** 3.3: Proposed Changes to the Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocation of Measure E Real Property Transfer Taxes

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and City Clerk,

Please reference the Virginia Apt Tenant Letter of Support for Measure E Affordable Housing Funds.

Thank you,

Delma Hernández (ella/her)

Organizing Co-Director | [South Bay Community Land Trust](#)

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June 9, 2024

To: Mayor and San Jose City Council Members  
From: The Virginian Apartments Tenants  
Regarding: Letter of Support: Protect Measure E

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to seek your support in protecting Measure E Affordable Housing Funds in the FY 24-25 budget, a critical step towards ensuring stable housing for many in our community.

First, we want to express our deep gratitude to Councilmembers Ortiz, Davis, Torres, Cohen, Jimenez, Candelas, and Vice Mayor Kamei for your ongoing advocacy and collaboration in safeguarding Measure E funds in the FY 23-24 budget. Your support has been invaluable in our collective efforts, along with the South Bay Community Land Trust (SBCLT), to secure the future of The Virginian Apartments at 1718, 1724, and 1730 Virginia Ave, San Jose, CA 95116, and the 18 families (68 tenants including 21 children) who call it home.

On March 15, 2024, SBCLT received a letter of intent for \$5 million from Measure E Acquisition and Rehabilitation Funds. We are currently working diligently to meet the conditions of the letter. Securing these funds is crucial for ensuring that the strong community ties of our low-income Spanish-speaking immigrant community, who have lived at the Virginian Apartments for over 20 years, are preserved. This financial support will allow us to purchase the property, rehabilitate it, and maintain it cooperatively, ensuring affordable housing for generations to come.

While we celebrate last year's Measure E funding victory, we continue to fight to preserve our homes and those of others around the city. We believe the 75% allocation for affordable housing within Measure E needs to remain as intended. Increasing affordable housing is essential because it addresses homelessness, reduces displacement, and alleviates the hardship faced by countless rent-burdened families, especially in communities of color. Homelessness significantly impacts our neighborhoods. The unhoused are vital members of our community, often long-term residents who can no longer afford San Jose's high rents.

Now is the moment for the city to demonstrate its commitment to ending displacement and keeping families housed by protecting Measure E Affordable Housing funds. We urge the Mayor's office and the City Council Members to safeguard this vital funding and ensure its continued allocation to projects like ours.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tenants of The Virginian Apartments

9 de junio de 2024

Para: Alcalde y Miembros del Concejo Municipal de San José

De: Inquilinos de The Virginian Apartments

Asunto: Carta de Apoyo: Proteger la Medida E

Estimado Alcalde y Miembros del Concejo,

Esperamos que esta carta les encuentre bien. Les escribimos para solicitar su apoyo en la protección de los Fondos de Vivienda Asequible de la Medida E en el presupuesto del año fiscal 24-25, un paso crucial para asegurar viviendas estables para muchos en nuestra comunidad.

Primero, queremos expresar nuestra profunda gratitud a los Concejales Ortiz, Davis, Torres, Cohen, Jiménez, Candelas, y la Vicealcaldesa Kamei por su continua defensa y colaboración en la protección de los fondos de la Medida E en el presupuesto del año fiscal 23-24. Su apoyo ha sido invaluable en nuestros esfuerzos colectivos, junto con South Bay Community Land Trust (SBCLT), para asegurar el futuro de The Virginian Apartments en 1718, 1724, y 1730 Virginia Ave, San José, CA 95116, y las 18 familias (68 inquilinos incluyendo 21 niños) que lo llaman hogar.

El 15 de marzo de 2024, SBCLT recibió una carta de intención para \$5 millones de los Fondos de Adquisición y Rehabilitación de la Medida E. Actualmente, estamos trabajando diligentemente para cumplir con las condiciones de la carta. Asegurar estos fondos es crucial para garantizar que los fuertes lazos comunitarios de nuestra comunidad inmigrante de habla hispana y bajos ingresos, que han vivido en The Virginian Apartments por más de 20 años, se preserven. Este apoyo financiero nos permitirá comprar la propiedad, rehabilitarla y mantenerla como una cooperativa, asegurando viviendas asequibles para las generaciones futuras.

Mientras celebramos la victoria del financiamiento de la Medida E del año pasado, continuamos luchando para preservar nuestros hogares y los de otros en la ciudad. Creemos que la asignación del 75% para viviendas asequibles dentro de la Medida E debe mantenerse como se pretendía. Aumentar la disponibilidad de viviendas asequibles es esencial porque no solo aborda la falta de vivienda, sino que también reduce el desplazamiento y alivia las dificultades sufridas por innumerables familias agobiadas por el alquiler, especialmente en las comunidades de color. La falta de vivienda afecta significativamente a nuestros vecindarios. Las personas sin hogar son miembros vitales de nuestra comunidad, a menudo residentes a largo plazo que ya no pueden pagar los altos alquileres de San José.

Ahora es el momento para que la ciudad demuestre su compromiso para poner fin al desplazamiento y mantener a las familias alojadas protegiendo los fondos de la Medida E. Instamos a la oficina del Alcalde y a los Miembros del Concejo Municipal a proteger este



financiamiento vital y asegurar su asignación continua a proyectos como el nuestro.

Gracias por su tiempo y consideración.

Atentamente,

Inquilinos de The Virginian Apartments

1718 #1	<u>A.C</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-9-2024</u>
1718 #2	<u>Manuela Garcia</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-9-2024</u>
1718 #3	<u>Musica Batallas</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-10-2024</u>
1718 #4	<u>Alfonso</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-10-2024</u>
1718 #5	<u>Ramiro Afonso</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-9-2024</u>
1718 #6	<u>Ramiro Afonso</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-9-2024</u>
1724 #1	<u>Jess Armas</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-9-2024</u>
1724 #2	<u>Maria Garcia</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-9-2024</u>
1724 #3	<u>Yaneth Bargas</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6/09/2024</u>
1724 #4	<u>Araceli Martinez</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>06/09/24</u>
1724 #5	<u>Jose moreno</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6/11/2024</u>
1724 #6	<u>MARCO CANO</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6/9/24</u>
1730 #1	<u>Lourdes Garcia</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6/09/2024</u>
1730 #2	<u>Luisa Garcia</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6/09/2024</u>
1730 #3	<u>Esmeralda Zavala</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6/10/2024</u>
1730 #4	<u>Karen Flores</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6/10</u>
1730 #5	<u>Manuel RUIZ Dragon</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-10-24</u>
1730 #6	<u>Manuel Vazquez</u>	Date/ Fecha	<u>6-9-24</u>

## FW: 3.3 Proposed Changes to the Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocation of Measure E Real Property Transfer Taxes

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 9:37 AM

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**From:** Delma Hernandez <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:30 AM

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Dear City Clerk,

Please reference Maricela Betencourt's testimony.

Thank you,

Delma Hernández (ella/her)

Organizing Co-Director | [South Bay Community Land Trust](#)

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English Translation below:

Hola mi nombre es Maricela Bentancourt, e vivido en el este de San José en los departamentos de Virginia por 30 años. Estoy escribiendo este mensaje porque me gustaria que se pongan su mano en el corazon y no toquen los fondos designados a viviendas asequibles porque esto impactaria a mi y a muchas familias de bajos ingresos. El este de san jose lo miran marginal pero de aqui tambien salen profecionales, mi hijo nacio y se graduo en el este de san jose y ahora es un sheriff del condado de Santa Clara. Entre nosotros los vecinos creamos una comunidad segura donde fortalesemos la crianca de nuestros hijos. Al quitar los fondos de vivienda asequibles varias familias van a enfrentar desalojo y estos lasos de la comunidad unida se perderan. Les pedimos a que no toquen la medida E porfavor.

Gracias,

Maricela Bentancourt

Hello, my name is Maricela Bentancourt, and I have lived in the east of San Jose in the departments of Virginia for 30 years. I am writing this message because I would like you to put your hand on your heart and not touch the funds designated for affordable housing because this would impact me and many low-income families. They see East San Jose as marginal but professionals also come out of here, my son was born and graduated in East San Jose and is now a sheriff of Santa Clara County. Between us neighbors we created a safe community where we strengthen upbringing of our children. By defunding affordable housing, many famillies will face displacement and the close-knit community ties will be lost. We ask you not to touch measure E please.

Thank you,

Maricela Bentancourt



## Public Comment - Item 3.3+3.4+3.5 - Support the Kamei et al. memo to protect Measure E and explore additional revenue mechanisms - Council 6/11

Jordan Moldow [REDACTED]

Tue 6/11/2024 10:56 AM

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I support the Memorandum from Kamei, Ortiz, Candelas and Jimenez, 6-7-2024. Please support the memo in its entirety.

Measure E funding allocations need to be protected and restored ASAP. **Homelessness** cannot be solved without **homes**, and affordable housing is very cost effective for the taxpayer, despite misleading rhetoric. Interim shelter is also crucial, but it can only be effective if there are enough permanent homes for people to move into.

Equally importantly, interim shelter requires ongoing operational costs, which require a new dedicated funding source. If we keep using Measure E funding for recurring operational obligations rather than building new infrastructure, then eventually all Measure E money will be tied up in these operational costs, and we'll have no money available to build housing (both permanent and interim).

We cannot rely on any assumptions that the Regional Housing Bond will succeed at the polls. That is why item 2 in Vice-Mayor Kamei's memo is so important.

Some other things to keep in mind:

- We have a state obligation to implement our Housing Element, which requires us to build affordable housing. If we pause a significant amount of our affordable housing development for a year, we put our city at risk of lawsuit. We also put the city at risk of the Builders' Remedy, which would put our entire General Plan density targets at risk, which will have huge repercussions down the line for the financial and environmental sustainability of our city.
- Measure E funds should not be used on operational items that do not improve the situation. Sweeps solve zero problems, as they just move people from one place to another. Providing trash and cleanup services is fine (but again, operational funds should ideally come from non-Measure E sources), but sweeps place undue stress on those who are already facing very poor circumstances, and they cost the city money without actually producing any results.

Supporting the Kamei et al. memo is common sense.

Thanks,  
Jordan Moldow  
District 3

## FW: Item 3.3 Proposed Changes to Measure E Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocations

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I am writing again to urge you to vote 'no' on the proposal to reallocate Measure E funds away from affordable housing to interim housing and homeless services.

With SB4 being signed into law last October, now is the time to ensure there is a steady stream of funding for affordable housing. I am a member of a church that is working to build affordable housing and there are lots more that are examining the possibility right now. Just as precious land is becoming available for affordable housing, it is the worst time to choke off already limited funds for affordable housing.

Let's make a clear commitment to providing affordable housing in San Jose, so families that make the wheels of our city turn can live where they work, by once again voting 'no' on the proposal to reallocate Measure E funds away from affordable housing. Let's send a strong signal that the City of San Jose is absolutely committed to doing whatever is necessary to keep the funds flowing for affordable housing.

Thank you for your 'no' vote on the reallocation of Measure E funds.

Sincerely,  
Connie Hunter

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From Tafhari Franklin:

Good Evening, Mayor, Councilwomen and men.

My name is Tafhari Franklin . I am a San Jose Resident, and  
a Board member with South Bay Community Land Trust.

As a Veteran, I believe to everyone who has served,  
this is a slap in our face. We fought for what we are doing  
right now. Democracy. For the people, By the people. The  
American Way. There was a proposal, the people voted,  
yet hear we are .... Again.

This means as San Jose, as far as Preservation and  
affordable Housing, we have made no progress on this  
very important issue. Our obstacles or our Rock that we  
seem to have to keep pushing up a hill, is you.

Measure E!. But because getting people housed  
and the help where it is needed, it didn't fit into your  
agendas, here we are again. Rain water over housing it  
people, doesn't sound Right. Or that you care about OUR

city.

So please tell the brave men and women who are  
Serving right now, who are deployed or haze grey and  
underway, to come back . Because we have a fight right  
here. For our homes, communities, and for what you have  
grown to love. Tell the veterans we wasted our time. To our  
fallen, tell there family that they died in vein. I doubt this  
Merry-Go-Round dance that is happening is not what they  
sacrificed for.

Thank You,  
Tafhari Franklin

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## FW: 3.3 Measure Allocation Plan

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Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

Please find our comments expressing concern with the potential relocation of Measure E funds attached. We have also included a cost analysis of recent affordable housing developments funded with the support of Measure E.

Thank you,

Mathew Reed

Mathew Reed  
SV@Home, Director of Policy  
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