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Hello - I would like to submit the below as public comment before the San Jose City Council on March 26 Agenda item 2.17 Citywide Project Labor Agreement.

Date: March 26, 2024

To: The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor City of San Jose
San Jose City Council Members

From: Matthew Estipona, Director of Government Affairs, Associated Builders and Contractors Northern

California Chapter

Re: ABC NorCal Opposes Citywide PLA Extension Agenda Item 2.17, City Council Meeting 3.26

The Associated Builders and Contractors, Northern California, a national construction trade association representing countless men, women, journeyman, apprentices in the trades, oppose the extension of the City of San Jose's Citywide Project Labor Agreement.

Project Labor Agreements increase construction costs, discriminate against small businesses who cannot adhere to the terms of an agreement which often tend to be women, veteran and people of color owned businesses and excludes local apprentices from being able to fulfil their state approved required hours while robbing them of their hard-earned wages that they will never be able to access.

We are disappointed to learn that there has been no discussion, inclusion or reaching out to the local contractor community in San Jose and Santa Clara outside of Big Labor for their thoughts on how the Citywide PLA has impacted the cities' ability to get projects built on time and on budget. Where is the accountability and transparency regarding the local hire goals if they are being met or if the purported community benefit agreements panned out as promised? Instead, we are left with an agenda item of the utmost importance to the livelihood of countless construction workers who want to stay and build in the communities they live and work in, without even a shred of consideration, discussion or negotiation.

We oppose the blanket approval and subsequent intention to continuously approve further PLAs in the future. I am reaching out in good faith to meet with City Officials to understand how this Citywide extension will impact construction costs in a time of rising costs.

Thank you for the time and I hope to hear from you soon.



Matthew Estipona

Director of Government Affairs and Community Engagement

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