

FW: SOS Resolution Kelley Park

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 10:36 AM

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Kelley Park Issues.docx;

From: David Ralston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:27 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: SOS Resolution Kelley Park

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Hello City of San Jose,

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

The club has gone to great lengths to continue maintenance of the land and promote its use through improvements made to the course, reporting of illegal activities, removal of graffiti and vandalism, refreshing of signage, hosting of events and more. SVDGC and our disc golf courses and players have been a boon to the park, the city and beyond and now that very same city is keen to shoot themselves in the foot and endanger all that has been built up since the 2015 completion of the course due to their ineptitude and lack of planning for an obvious issue they are now being held accountable for by the state of California.

Aside from the many examples of these so-called safe sleeping location programs failing in many of the major cities in this and other states, examples linked below, San Jose has shown a particular ineptitude when it comes to managing the homeless populations as they are now. Attached to this email is another correspondence that the club had with the City Parks department showcasing the behaviors and situations our board, members and the public have had to endure from the current illegal encampments along the Guadalupe River running along side the course. In summary, assaults and threatening behaviors with deadly weapons including machetes and baseball bats, daily fires smelling of burnt plastic and chemicals, vandalism and theft, trash and refuse. Calls to the SJPD and Park Rangers have gone completely unanswered in these instances. You would have us believe that the city encouraging this population to now set up shop front row and center where our children walk, and play is going to be an improvement to the current situation? This will only get worse.

This SOS Initiative is not an answer to the homelessness situation. The initiative is an encouragement for homelessness to continue and poses a real risk to the community and its public resources that are not only little to no cost to the city but also an additional revenue stream from parking fees from the 1000's of players and 10's of 1000's of rounds played every year at Kelley Park (source: UDisc.com 2021-2023 Stats).

I and the community around me are begging you to not include the Kelley Park parking lot in this SOS resolution in the interest of public safety, health and community resource access.

Regards,

David Ralston

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[Failed Safe Housing Initiative – San Francisco](#)

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Hello San Jose City Parks Department,

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

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

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

Regards,

The Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club



Issues:

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



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



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

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

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



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

Matt's Post ✕

 **Matt Hayes**
5d · 🌐

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

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



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



Dorota Umeno

April 19 at 7:58 PM · 🌐



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



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



A screenshot of a Facebook post by James Barkes, dated March 18. The post text describes a person kicking a tee sign and causing a police chase. The post has 380 post reach and is liked by Ro She, Jon Cebula, and 6 others. The interface shows options to Like, Comment, and Share, along with a comment input field and various media sharing icons.

James Barkes March 18 · 🌐

Dude kicks tee sign 21 in front of cops n proceeds down fairway towards burn area. Cops hit lights. Now chase is on cops driving all over course. Another day at KP

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😂👍 Ro She, Jon Cebula and 6 others

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3/17/23 Structure fire in storage container

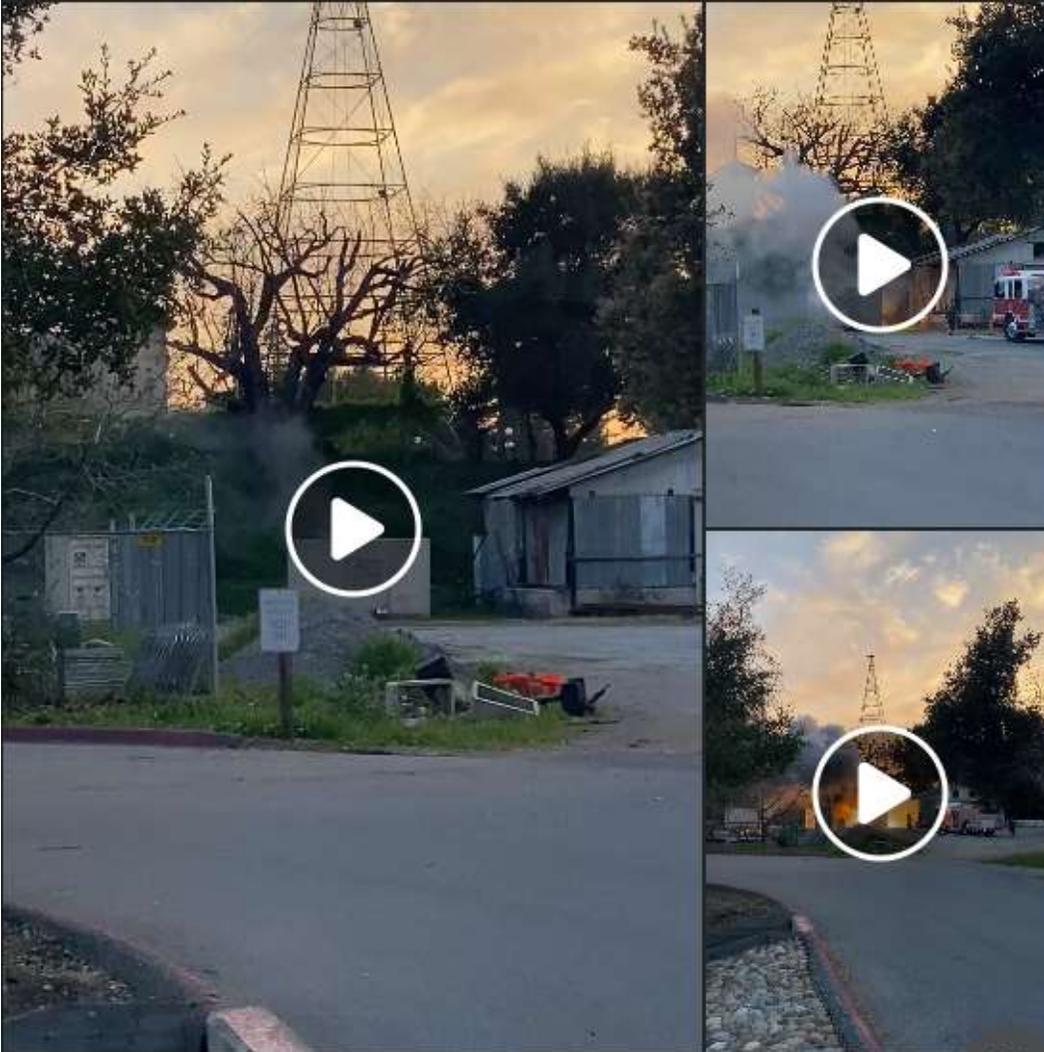


Brandon Lohmann

March 17 · 🌐



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



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772 post reach



March 17

21ablaze at kp



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



Roderick Kast
February 17 · 🌐

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

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🤔👍 Feliciano Yacap, Rafael Guillen and 23 others 19 comments 1 share

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

Like Reply Share 9w



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

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👉 Write a public comment...     

FW: SOS Agenda Item 8.4

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 11:49 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jomebrew [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 11:36 AM
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Subject: SOS Agenda Item 8.4

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I am writing to request you remove Kelley Park Parking lot, on Phelan Avenue at the San Jose History park as a proposed site of the Supportive Outside Sleeping (SOS) initiative. This is covered in the memorandum in item 8.4.

The purpose of our public parks are to provide health, environmental, economic value and social benefits to our community. Kelley Park is the epitome of that charter. The proposed usage of Kelley Park parking lot SOS initiative will greatly impact the park and park usage. On this site is a very popular disc golf course. Established in 2015, Kelley Park Disc Golf course has been wildly popular among all Silicon Valley residents. I request an immediate removal of this site from the proposed sites list.

Kelley Park is very important to me and has had a significant impact on my life. I am not alone in my story. There are hundreds of others like me who have found Kelley Park Disc Golf Course (Let's call it KP) and it has contributed to our happy and healthy lifestyle. KP is a free to play course with no barrier to entry. Personally, as a senior citizen, disc golf at KP provides full body movement, healthy outdoor activity. Disc golf at KP has significantly impacted my weight control and diabetes management. The sport provides relief from neck, shoulder and back pain from movement and exercise as well as quality mental health. I have played over 500 rounds at Kelley Park since starting in October of 2019.

Disc golf is an open and inviting sport where anyone can come play some disc golf at KP. The safe, convenient parking provides easy access to the disc golf course. Disc golf players will spend 2-3 three hours enjoying the volunteer maintained, old working orchard while working many muscles and joints and ample exercise every round. They will walk around 5,600 steps among walnut, olive, oak and other trees. They will navigate bushes and shrubs leaving minimal impact on the park. All while sharing good camaraderie and, maybe a little competitiveness, with friends and strangers. The time spent outdoors playing makes disc golfers happier and healthier.

We KP disc golfers significantly contribute to the local economies. We frequently visit local restaurants, breweries and other businesses. I don't have any real data but there is a positive economic impact to the nearby businesses. My close group of friends will spend a couple hundred dollars a week at local businesses. This adds up quickly! It is not just disc golfers and neighboring families and nearby schools, the San Jose History Park will suffer significantly with the loss of parking revenue and increased problems from an expanding homeless population.

We believe, based on other similar, failed, initiatives, that if Kelley Park is selected as a SOS site, it will very quickly become an unsafe and unsavory place to visit. If you were around before 2015 and when the disc golf course was installed, KP was not a place to visit. I was here when the homeless and transients made the park an unpleasant, at best, and unsafe place to visit.

The Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club (SVDGC) transformed KP into a safe and inviting place to visit with friends and family for a free, fun and healthy sport. Further, numerous SVDGC members contribute hundreds of hours a year maintaining the course with minimal help from the city crews. Without our volunteer efforts, the city and parks will be forced to spend many hours maintaining the park or it will revert to a unwelcoming plot of weeds, invasive trees, thistle and tremendous amounts of “wildfire risk” grasses. And yes, the homeless living along the creek have started several fires in the park in the past. Let's not overlook the large amount of trash the transient population scatters around the park. We remove large amounts from the park including scattered debris from the small camps that popup inside weekly.

You may be asking why the disc golf course would, effectively, be defunct. Simply, the park will most certainly become inhospitable to the community as it was before the disc golf course was installed in 2015.

Let's look at the data!

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- In 2024 to date, 6560 rounds of disc golf was played by 950 unique players
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- All time, Kelley Park has seen over 66,700 rounds with 4000 unique players
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In May 2024, KP saw nearly 1260 Rounds played by 405 unique players. 6.45 Million Steps were logged for over 3,000 miles. Players visited from:

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- Oregon, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, North Carolina, New Mexico,
- Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, and Wisconsin.
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- Sweden, Canada, and Finland.
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Disc Golf rounds are tracked using the common uDisc application. We can access real time course usage stats. However, approximately only 60% of players use uDisc. Thus, 40% do not.

Conservative estimated overall usage, we see

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- Around 1300 Unique Players thus far in 2024 who played over 9000 rounds of disc golf
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- An average of 50 rounds played a day by 100 players
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- Each round lasts 2-3 hours
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- Players played around 22,500 hours (about 2.5 years) thus far in 2024
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- Players walk about 5000-6000 steps and, typically, 2.5 miles per round
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- Thus far in 2024, players walked over 40,000,000 steps and traversed 22,500 miles just
- in Kelley Park disc golf course
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I have been at the park during 15 history park event parking days. Based on my observation;

Conservative event parking estimate 300 cars @\$10 each = 3000

25 events a year = \$75,000 to history park

Disc Golfer estimated annual parking passes \$8000

Disc Golfer daily parking estimated (average) \$60, annually over \$20,000

The cost to the city for Kelley Park Disc Golf: \$0

Regards,

Joe Aiello

32 Year Resident of San Jose

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FW: Kelley Park

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Tue 6/11/2024 3:59 PM

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From: k jablonski <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:51 PM

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

Subject: Kelley Park

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To whom it may concern:

Please do not turn the Kelley Park parking lot into a "sleeping site." This will undoubtedly affect the park greatly in a negative way. I've personally had bad experiences with the handful of people who have slept on the periphery of the park. A public park is not an appropriate place for your planned "sleeping sites." Please think of the families and housed civilians who use this park regularly. Thanks for your time.

Kerpai

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FW: city council agenda meeting 6/18/24 item 8.24

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Mon 6/17/2024 7:53 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Robert Shehee <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 7:08 PM

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

Subject: RE: city council agenda meeting 6/18/24 item 8.24

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Attention: San Jose city Council

The following is a statement concerning the San Jose city Council meeting on June 18, 2024 item number 8.24 "potential supportive, outdoor sleeping/temporary alternative sleeping site and related implementation"

San Jose City Council,

As taxpaying citizens and responsible disc golfers, we need to express our strong opposition to the plan to turn the Kelley Park parking lot into a sleeping site for the homeless population. This decision would be detrimental to our community and the park. Here are the main issues we have already faced due to illegal encampments in Kelley Park:

1. **Theft:** Disc golfers have had property stolen, including discs, bags, and course equipment.
2. **Vandalism:** There has been significant damage to the course and personal properties, including baskets, signs, vehicles, tee pads, and the lost-and-found box.
3. **Safety Threats:** We've encountered assaults and threats of violence, including homeless individuals carrying bats, clubs, and machetes, making the park unsafe for everyone, not just disc golfers but also joggers and walkers.

Despite the current encampments being illegal, and numerous reports to SJPD, City Parks Department, and Kelley Park Rangers, these issues persist. Allowing an official homeless encampment in the parking lot will only worsen these problems.

Ironically, the Kelley Park disc golf course was initially built to help mitigate the homeless issue in the area. Now, the city seems to be reversing its stance, which feels like a betrayal to us.

We urge you to reconsider this plan. Any council member who supports this proposal will lose my vote. I am a dedicated voter and will ensure my voice is heard.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Shehee

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FW: Let's not put a sanctioned encampment adjacent to a school

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Mon 6/17/2024 7:55 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Smita Patel [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 10:37 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal to designate the South Coyote Valley Site, APN 725-01-023 as a Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Basic Needs site via Item 8.4 on the 6/18/24 agenda. Specifically, my concern stems from its proximity to Ann Sobrato High School.

As a resident of San Jose, I have actively supported all prior proposals for tiny homes, safe parking and other efforts to try to provide shelter to our unhoused neighbors. But it's folly to put a sanctioned encampment right up against a school!

Placing a sanctioned encampment so close to a high school could potentially expose students to safety risks and other negative influences, such as exposure to drugs and drug dealing. I am not sure that you are aware that there is an area of South San Jose that is in Morgan Hill School District and whose children are assigned to Sobrato as their designated high school, so this is of concern to San Jose residents despite it being outside of the San Jose city limits.

Not only is it a no-brainer that the safety and well-being of our students should be a top priority, this is the kind of well-intentioned but totally misguided government action that makes California -- and by extension all progressives -- look bad. There are so many ways this could go badly, badly wrong. Let's not go there.

While I understand the need to address homelessness in our city and support efforts to provide humane solutions, including SOS's, I urge the City Council to reconsider the suitability of the South Coyote Valley Site for this purpose. There are alternative locations on the "short" list that would not pose the same risks to our students while still meeting the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.

I also encourage the City Council to engage in a broader community discussion on this matter, involving input from residents, parents, and school officials. Such a dialogue could help identify more appropriate locations and ensure that any decisions made are in the best interest of all members of our community. The current staff recommendation does not provide enough opportunity for public input

on the various sites and additional opportunity for the City Council to weigh in on the different sites following the vote on 6/18/24.

Thank you for considering my concerns regarding this important issue. I look forward to your thoughtful deliberation on this matter.

Sincerely,
Smita Patel
Resident of San Jose

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FW: Item 8.4

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Mon 6/17/2024 7:55 AM

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From: Carolyn Bauer [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 11:31 PM

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

Cc: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Item 8.4

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my concern r (SOS) site, i.e Sanctioned Encampment.

It has come to my attention that the City Council is voting on moving forward with implementing SOS's, which are essentially sanctioned encampments. On the short list is a parcel right next to Sobrato High School. While I support the concept of sanctioned encampments, I do not think next to a high school is an appropriate location. If you agree, please send

As a resident of San Jose, I strongly believe that the safety and well-being of our students should be a top priority. Placing a sanctioned encampment so close to a high school could potentially expose students to safety risks and other negative influences, such as exposure to drugs and drug dealing. I am not sure that you are aware that there is an area of South San Jose that is in Morgan Hill School District and whose children are assigned to Sobrato as their designated high school, so this is of concern to San Jose residents despite it being outside of the San Jose city limits.

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Sincerely,

The Bauer Family
San Jose, CA 95123

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FW: Opposed to the encampment next to Sabrato high schools

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Tregenna Garcia [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
Tregenna Garcia
Resident of San Jose

Blessings,
Tregenna

Tregenna Garcia

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FW: No homeless site adjacent to Sobrato High School!

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From: kimhayes, [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:19 AM

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I understand the need to address homelessness in our city and support efforts to provide humane solutions, including SOS's, yet I urge the City Council to reconsider the suitability of the South Coyote Valley Site for this purpose. FOR CHILDRENS' SAFETY. There are alternative locations on the "short" list that would not pose the same risks to our students while still meeting the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.

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Sincerely,

Kim Hayes
Resident of San Jose, D10

FW: sanctioned encampment by Sobrato High School

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Mon 6/17/2024 9:06 AM

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Sincerely,
Ann Jeghers
South San Jose

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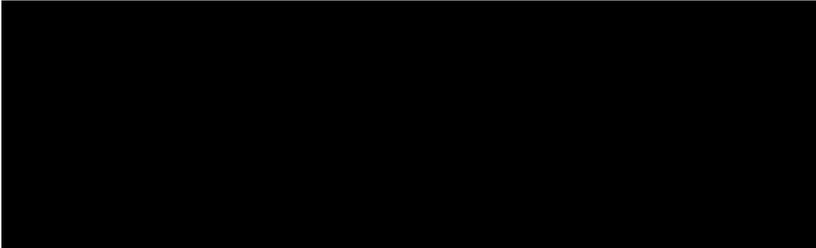
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Resident of San Jose

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Nicole Guinane

FW: comment for Council meeting June 18th, 2024 re: agenda item 8.4

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To the San Jose City Council regarding the meeting of June 18th and agenda item 8.4 *POTENTIAL SUPPORTIVE OUTDOOR SLEEPING/TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE SLEEPING SITES AND RELATED IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS,*

Regarding the proposed sites for these Sleep on Site and Basic Needs Sites.

I would like to officially be on record opposing the adoption of the Kelley Park/Phelan Parking lot site at parcel 477-12-032, - 020.

The History Park, Disc Golf Course and residence complex on Bevin Brook DR. will be severely impacted by any such adoption. Currently, the foot traffic on the disc golf course severely limits the ability of people to camp on the site. Instituting a Sleep on Site facility on this Parking lot will make the disc golf course feel substantially less safe and lead to an atrophying of the disc golf course. This course is the buffer between the parking lot and the riparian areas of Coyote Creek. You will not substantially alleviate the illegal camping on Coyote Creek by stabling a facility here. And I suspect that it will make it much more difficult to dislodge people from their already established campsites directly on the Creek.

Also the San Jose History Park has already seen arson on its site, and as those buildings are empty during nighttime hours, they are a target rich environment for those looking for shelter in the winter and seeking a place for illicit activity.

Utilizing this Kelley/Phelan site would be removing capacity for events at the History Park and parking options for the disc golf course, both of which generate revenue through parking fees. Also, obviously, the December drive through the Christmas lights would no longer be available, depriving the city of revenue and taking away a valuable cultural activity.

Giving the blanket authority to the City Manager to proceed with evaluations and decisions as to Sleep on Site facilities without needing to come back to the City Council for public comment is bad government and will not allow the communities involved in whatever area are ultimately decided as suitable for these sites to feel invested in the success of these endeavors. Homelessness on the West Coast is a very difficult issue for communities and governments to address, but without transparency in the decision process and bidding process for providing services and construction, mistrust and suspicion will undermine and erode all efforts to make this work.

Sincerely,

Manuel Oliver



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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 11:27 AM

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I live in South San Jose in the small portion that is part of the Morgan Hill School District. As such both of my daughters will be attending Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill. Even though this is not part of San Jose proper, it will impact my family. Placing a sanctioned encampment so close to a high school could potentially expose students to safety risks and other negative influences, such as exposure to drugs and drug dealing.

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Anthony Stockalis
Resident of San Jose

FW: Item 8.4: Potential Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Temporary Alternative Sleeping Sites and Related Implementation Actions

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Thank you,

Dr. Carmen García

Superintendent, Morgan Hill Unified School District

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June 17, 2024

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**RE: San José City Council Meeting June 18, 2024- Item 8.4: Potential Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/
Temporary Alternative Sleeping Sites and Related Implementation Actions**

Honorable Mayor and San José City Council,

I write to you as the Superintendent of the Morgan Hill Unified School District (MHUSD). We were surprised to hear that the city of San José has identified the land immediately adjacent to Ann Sobrato High School as a potential Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Temporary Alternative Sleeping site.

As you know, in 2001, MHUSD, the City of San José (San José), the city of Morgan Hill (Morgan Hill), and South San José Interests (SSJI), a limited partnership, entered into a court approved settlement agreement (Sobrato Site Agreement) in which the parties agreed to effectuate the Open Space (OS) portion of Ann Sobrato High School (Sobrato High School), and to preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the use of this site consistently with San José and Morgan Hill's greenbelt policies.

The crux of the Agreement is to create a permanent greenbelt that provides visible separation between the jurisdictional borders of the respective cities.

To fulfill the intent of the Sobrato Site Agreement, MHUSD agreed to mitigate the environmental impact of Sobrato High School, upon its construction, in terms of aesthetics and open space.

MHUSD has fulfilled its promises. The Sobrato High School community has, for years, endured a limited high school sports experience in order to adhere to the Sobrato Site Agreement and preserve the aesthetics and open space of the Sobrato Site. Specifically, Sobrato High School students have not enjoyed a robust athletics program and its accompanying required facilities when compared to its sister high school (Live Oak High School) as well as all the other high schools in the county. They do not have a state of the art football/track and field facility/stadium, the bleachers are temporary and must be rented every year, night time sports events are nonexistent because of the lack of permanent lights forcing nighttime home games to be played at Live Oak High School, and there are no permanent restroom structures, among many other amenities easily found in other comprehensive high schools.

Designating the land adjacent to Sobrato High School as a Supportive Outdoor Sleeping site is a significant departure from the Sobrato Site Agreement and greenbelt policies. MHUSD is highly concerned that the city of San José will not be fulfilling the terms of the Sobrato Site Agreement if it designates the Sobrato Site as a Supportive Outdoor Sleeping site.

Additionally, the site is not ideal for many reasons. First, it is far from the necessary infrastructure to adequately support the needs of the unhoused population. It is not easily accessible via public transportation. It will undoubtedly require altering the site in order to erect at least temporary restrooms, tents, waste services and lights that will be on all night 24/7. These alterations are not consistent with the aesthetic and open space envisioned by the greenbelt policies MHUSD has been adhering to for many years. Lastly, we have safety concerns with the potential that a Supportive Outdoor Sleeping site may result in increased disruption to the orderly operation of the school. MHUSD takes seriously its mandate to provide a safe learning environment and not allow students to interact with adults on a school campus during the school day who have not completed the registration process vetted by a school administrator. It is imperative that we continue to take steps to ensure the safety and security of our students at all times.

We thank you for taking these matters and concerns seriously and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further should you have any questions.

Thank you,



Dr. Carmen García
Superintendent

C: Lee Wilcox, City of San José
Omar Passons, City of San José
MHUSD Board of Trustees