

[Agenda Item #4 2/26] Aprobar la Póliza de Preferencia de Inquilinos

Susana Burgos

Tue 2/20/2024 1:17 PM

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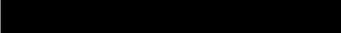
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Community and Economic Development Committee ,

As a resident of San José, I have experienced the displacement of friends and family members, unfortunately nothing has been done to address this huge issue. I have been organizing with community members to make better changes for more than 7 years and we are so frustrated that there are still community members that has been push out of San Jose. Today I am writing to you to make a difference on thousands of families that will benefit from this policy.

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## Elijah Brown of District 9 - Approve the Tenant Preference Policy

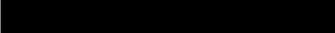
Elijah Brown



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Community and Economic Development Committee ,

My name is Elijah Brown, I am a constituent of District 9, and I have lived in San Jose all of my life. Growing up, I took this city's diversity for granted in the best possible ways. I regularly drove by small businesses with signs in different languages, ate at restaurants with various cuisines (which is how I learned to use chopsticks at single-digit age), and I never had to learn that people different from me existed--of different races, cultures, and lifestyles. I've always coexisted with it. Being the product of a San Jose upbringing meant that was my normal.

Gratitude for this city's diversity must extend beyond lip service and enjoying the fruits of other people's labor, which means acknowledging the problems that said populations are going through. San Jose's lower-income residents--many of whom are immigrant families--currently face large risk of being displaced. For this reason, I ask that you to approve the Tenant Preference Policy, which will help prevent the displacement of low-income renters and allow them to still live in their communities. Because San Jose residents of all income levels should be able to afford living here.

Best,

Elijah Brown



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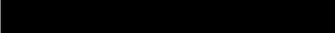
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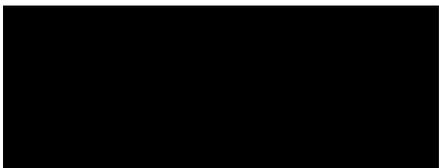
My father has been homeless for 10+ years due to the inability to provide a social security number + the rising cost of living. It is an utter shame that he has to live his life without a shower or access to a warm home on a daily basis. He is now a senior on the streets unable to find housing that would support & encourage families to stay together in longevity & health.

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Allegra Watson

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Community and Economic Development Committee ,

As a resident of San José, I i am concerned about the housing displacement of our most vulnerable in our community. As housing gets more expensive in this area, I have personally witnessed my extended family and friend's extended family moving out of San José because they can no longer afford to live here. Many families in the San Jose community that are at risk of displacement are unable to find an affordable home due to long waitlists and often don't have the required documentation to apply to apartments, like a Social Security Number. We need to update our affordable housing policy and projects to give preference to folks facing displacement, including undocumented residents. They contribute to our economy and community just as much as those that are citizens and should be able to find affordable housing.

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This policy will help alleviate the housing crisis, please help residents that are in urgent need of affordable housing.

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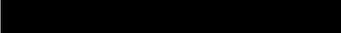
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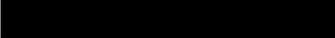
George Perez



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Norma Chavez

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Elisa Marina Alvarado

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Community and Economic Development Meeting (Billboards) 02/26/2024

Tod [REDACTED]

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*Please include this comment in the public record for the February 26th 2024 Community and Economic Development Committee meeting.*

February 15, 2024

RE: Community and Economic Development Meeting (Billboards) 02/26/2024

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am old enough to remember the 101 freeway littered with billboards in the 60's. I have also had the opportunity to live in many cities across the United States and have found that the more upscale cities have curtailed billboards and maintained billboard bans. The initial ban including removal guidelines had actually been in place since 1972. We can only imagine the billboard debacle without this ban.

City data states: "...any decision to allow new billboards is a weighty one with long-term implications; once billboards are in place, options for removing them are likely to be very expensive, regardless of changes in community expectations and public policy."

This long-standing ban is already supported by a majority of residents and has been in place to protect our city. Many persuasive reasons have been given to keep the original ban in place including environmental and safety concerns but in general replacing one form of blight with a new or prettier one is a poor decision. I also do not see billboards as any form of "art". We must always think of the future and money can't be the main consideration. Please re-evaluate this detrimental change and do the right thing by reinstating (and even strengthening) the billboard ban.

Thank you,

Tod Williams

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Cecilio Villafana

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Me llamo Aurora Solis, he sido líder y he vivo en el area del Este de San Jose desde 1974 en diferentes organizaciones comunitarias no lucrativas. Yo he vivido en el este de San Jose desde el año 1968. Actualmente estoy involucrada con Vecinos Activos/Mayfair. Yo rento y por mi involucramiento me doy cuenta que mi familia, vecinos y parroquianos estamos sufriendo de vivienda accesible. Cada día me entero que son más las injusticias que mis vecinos y familiares enfrentan por medio de desalojos injustos, ejecuciones hipotecarias y desplazamientos, por causa de falta de trabajo entre una de las razones. Muchas personas en mi comunidad no hablan inglés y por lo tanto no saben de programas que los puedan proteger ni tienen conocimiento o acceso a la tecnología. Es difícil llegar a todas las personas que están sufriendo aquí en el este de San Jose y como yo tienen mucho tiempo viviendo en el este de San Jose. Yo, en lo personal, tengo cuatro hermanos y una hermana, solo mi hermana tiene casa propia y tres de mis hermanos salieron de San Jose para buscar una vivienda asequible. Mi hijo está pasando por un divorcio desde 2021, y desde entonces vive conmigo, mi hijo tiene dos hijos; uno de nueve y otro de doce años. Mi hijo ha estado luchando por encontrar un buen trabajo y buscar su propio lugar, este es su tercer año que vive conmigo y sus hijos están con nosotros cada tercer semana. Por favor, dense por informados que yo apoyo La Póliza de Preferencia de Inquilinos, por favor adelantar el pase a la Póliza de Preferencia de Inquilinos este 26 de Febrero.