

## Council 6/18/2024 Agenda item 8.2 - Downtown Residential High-rise Program

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

attached please find our letter regarding the June 18, 2024, Council agenda item 8.2.

Regards,  
Greg Peck  
Chair, San Jose All District Leadership Group (SJADLG)

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## San Jose All District Leadership Group

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San Jose, California

The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor of San José  
and Members of the City Council  
via email, sent June 7, 2024

re: Council 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: “Downtown Residential High-Rise Program”

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The San Jose All District Leadership Group (SJADLG) is a consortium of the leadership of the active San Jose leadership groups. The purpose of the SJADLG is to strengthen two-way communication between neighborhoods and government agencies and representatives and build a stronger sense of community within all Districts in the City of San Jose.

***Protect our parks!*** Housing is important, but don’t vote to promote it at the expense of our vibrant city’s soul.

Recommendation (c) of the Downtown Residential High-Rise Program seeks to spur housing development by offering ever larger park fee discounts. But as the Staff Report notes, it is currently financially infeasible to construct high-rise residential buildings in San José: the high cost of material and financing, coupled with a relatively low rate of return, means that developers lose roughly a half million dollars on each dwelling unit they construct – and offering a few more thousands in fee reductions won’t balance the account. However, giving away the park fees does mean that there is less money available to create and maintain the parks that serve our current and future residents. The way to incentivize downtown residential development is to make downtown a vibrant and exciting place to live, complete with active and well-maintained nearby parks. If people **want** to live downtown, developers would then find it financially attractive to construct more housing to meet the demand.

Recommendation (d) is to study extending the fee reduction program citywide and to low- and mid-rise projects as well. If this were to be done, it would cripple our city park system, leaving us eventually with nothing but a collection of deteriorating and uninviting wastelands.

***Please vote NO on 8.2 (c) and (d):*** do NOT vote to give away our parks in a futile attempt to spur development; instead, INVEST in parks downtown and citywide: make our city inviting so residents want to live here, and so developers want to build here!

Thank you,  
Greg Peck,  
Chair, San Jose All District Leadership Group

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Cc: City Clerk, City Manager, and PRNS Director.




## FW: Council Agenda 6/18/24 Item 8.2, "Downtown High-Rise Incentive"

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Attached please find a letter from the District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (D6NLG) in support of our city parks and in opposition to park fee discounts.

Thank you,

~Larry Ames, Chair, D6NLG.

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via email, June 7, 2024

Subject: Council Agenda 6/18/24 Item 8.2, "Downtown High-Rise Incentive"

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

We in the District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (D6NLG) are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in a sustainable and equitable San José. Our neighborhoods and neighbors of all cultures demonstrate the diversity of San José, and this diversity extends into our residences, ranging from historic and tract homes, duplexes and garden apartments, to the new mid-rise and high-rise homes. Our Midtown and Delmas Park downtown neighborhoods became the first in the city to embrace increased density plans as far back as 1981, and we participated fully in the development of the Urban Village plans for The Alameda, West San Carlos and Bascom Avenue as well as Downtown West and the Diridon Station Area Plan. We know the societal and environmental benefits of increased density and the importance of providing more housing for our population. We have been on the forefront of accepting these major changes to our community.

Our community can only be successful with housing AND parks. Parks and open spaces contribute to the vibrancy of a neighborhood. They can create community cohesion and a sense of identity. Well-maintained and well-used parks contribute to the economic vitality of the surrounding blocks — increasing property values and attracting investment. During COVID we saw how parks provided relief for our residents, especially youth, from the anxiety and stress of economic disaster or death. Natural green space lowers blood pressure, increases the sense of calm, reduces agitation among dementia patients, and allows for unstructured community connections that give us a sense of place and belonging. The Blue Zones research shows the critical importance of social connection and time outdoors as critical factors in longevity. Our District 6 residents deserve access to these tools for their health.

**We oppose any park fee reduction for the Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive.** The consultants state all housing production at this time is infeasible due to market conditions, and fee discounts are unlikely to make a difference. Even the larger Phase-1 \$7,300 discounted rate will have no impact on high-rise housing starts in the context of a more than \$450,000 feasibility gap.

**We oppose the development of a program of park fee reductions for low-rise, mid-rise and high-rise development outside the Downtown Core.** In our district, the neighborhoods slated for redevelopment and densification have little or no open space and no access to open school grounds. These neighborhoods do not meet the Envision 2040 General Plan's goal PR 1.1 to provide 3.5 acres per 1000 population of neighborhood/community serving parkland. At present the *only* way to provide these residents parkland is through the leveraged use of park fees.

When the Envision 2040 General Plan and subsequent area plans and Urban Village plans were developed, open space and parks were highly desired by our District 6 communities. Many of these designated neighborhoods of intensification are lower income with communities of color. Parks were included in the plans because the health and social benefits would counteract the stress created by

increased population and traffic. We believe that fee discounting will lead to greater NIMBYism, as current residents will view new projects as providing no benefit to them while leading to a less desirable city.

While the City is waiting for the economic cycle to turn, we believe that staff time would be better spent designing ways to make San José more attractive to the high-end tenants that will pay the rental levels that will attract investment. Planners could design a city-wide funding mechanism to replace the current inequitable system. We think addressing blighted parks in our downtown neighborhood would be a good first step. Moving forward with Guadalupe River Garden, repairing the Japanese Tea Garden koi pond and rehabilitating the Chinese Community Cultural Gardens at Overfelt would provide a good marketing story to potential investors and future residents.

***Parks are important to us all!*** Parks improve our physical and mental health, engage our youth, and build community and a sense of place – a reason to live, work, and play in San José. The City must consider equity and provide access to these green space benefits for everyone.

Sincerely yours,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Dr. Lawrence Ames.

Dr. Lawrence Ames, Chair, D6NLG

cc: City Manager Jennifer Maguire, City Clerk Toni Taber, PRNS Dir. Jon Cicirelli

## FW: Council Agenda 6/11/24 Item 8.1 Downtown Highrise Incentive

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The individuals moving into these downtown high-rises. The individuals currently living downtown and the individuals working downtown are all negatively impacted by this reduction in fees. The goal of City government is to facilitate the building of a livable, sustainable, and equitable City. A city that residents and businesses will want to call home in 10, 20, 50 years.

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Please deny both the Downtown High-Rise Incentive and the study to reduce mid-rise and high-rise fees citywide.

Sincerely yours,

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## FW: 6/18 CC - Public Comment Letters

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 6/12/2024 1:41 PM

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PRC Letter to CC 6.18.24 Item 8.2.pdf; D1 Coalition - Letter to Council- Item 8.2 on 6-18-24 Agenda.pdf; D6NLGtoMayor&Council-DowntownHighRiseDiscounts - 6.18.24 CC item 8.2.pdf; 5.8.24 D6NLG to CC re Park funding, dated 5.8.24.pdf;

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**From:** Ross, Rebekah <rebekah.ross@sanjoseca.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:14 AM

**To:** Zelalich, Blage <blage.zelalich@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** 6/18 CC - Public Comment Letters

Hi Blage and Toni,

Attached are Public Comment letters PRNS has received to date regarding item 8.2 of the 6/18 CC Agenda.

Can these letters please be posted with the Public Comments.

@Taber, Toni note, one is an official letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission to the CC.

I will send any others I receive as I receive them.

Thank you, Rebekah





The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor of San José,  
and Members of the San José Council,  
via email, sent 5/8/24

Subject: Park Funding

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

We in the District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (D6NLG) are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in a sustainable and equitable San José. **Parks are important to us all:** they improve our physical and mental health, engage our youth, and build community and a sense of place – a reason to live, work, and play in San José.

- We **support** the City Manager's proposal for ***no cuts to the Maintenance and Operations of the city's parks, trails and sports fields.***
  - Well-maintained parks are a sign of a thriving city, which helps attract investment.
  - The Parks maintenance budget suffered major cuts in prior economic downturns, and the standards were lowered. Park maintenance currently is inadequate, and is rationed to only the most needy areas. A well-staffed park maintenance operation would slow the growth of the infrastructure backlog, which now is over \$500 Million.
  - Also, the Parks Dept. works with our diverse young adult populations to provide career pathways to higher paying jobs – keeping our youth out of homelessness.
- We **oppose** the ***extension of waivers or cuts*** to the Development Park Trust Fund or Construction and Conveyance (C&C) tax: **the Parks' Capital budget must be stabilized.**
  - The Parks' capital budget is almost completely dependent on Park Trust Fund fees and C & C taxes, which depend on development. The City sought to spur residential development by granting Park fee waivers, but development is far more impacted by cyclic global matters such as interest rates than by our modest park fees. These waivers to the C&C and Park Trust Fund – basically public subsidies to private development – directly reduce the safety and usability of Parks, but, according to the City's consultants, have no measurable impact on the feasibility of the projects. Residents expect their city to keep their parks safe and the playground equipment in good condition – without having to wait for 3 or 5 or 7 years for repair.
  - The freezing of Park Trust Fund fees at 2017 land-values has resulted in 30% to 50% less purchasing power.
  - Beginning with the Great Recession, the Park Trust Fund and C & C tax also covers over \$10 M of personnel costs – Parks, Public Works, volunteer management and senior executive management.
- **We urge the City to work towards a solution.**
  - The City has not had a Park Funding measure since 2000, followed by 3 major downturns and a pandemic.
  - We urge you to set aside budget to ***create a strategic plan*** to stabilize park funding and address the \$500M infrastructure backlog, while considering and evaluating the likelihood of success from multiple pathways.
  - Quantify outcomes of different revenue pathways: is it realistic to expect a conservancy to raise significant money? Would privatizing parks bring in significant revenue, or does it only raise questions of equity of access and limits health benefits to only those with moderate or high income?
  - Communicate clearly to all stakeholders the funding problem and how it's linked to dependence on the development cycle.
  - Conduct robust polling to explore multiple pathways for revenue.
  - Build support for a park focused ballot measure to maintain safety, integrity and health benefits of parks.

In support of parks,

~Lawrence Ames, Chair, D6NLG.

cc: SJ City Manager Jennifer Maguire; City Clerk; PRNS Director Jon Cicirelli

The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor of San José  
and Members of the San José City Council  
June 5, 2024

re: June 18, 2024, Council Agenda, Item 8.2: “Downtown Residential High-Rise Program”

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

The San José Parks and Recreation Commission respectfully requests on Item 8.2 that you reject both Staff Recommendation (c) to discount the Parkland In-Lieu Fee for residential high-rise projects within the Downtown Planned Growth Area; and Staff Recommendation (d) to study extending the discount program to beyond Downtown and to additional categories of multi-family residential structures.

Housing and Parks are both important parts of a city: together, they provide for the personal and communal good by providing the places for us to live and the places for us to get outdoors for exercise, relaxation, and to meet our fellow residents. We *can't* have a city without housing, but also we *won't* have a city that can attract economic investment without quality parks.


Giving a few thousand dollar discount in the park fee won't offset a half-million-dollar-per-unit imbalance to make housing profitable now, but the discounts would severely impact the park system in the future. The high-rise discounts now proposed for the 4,078 units downtown totals over \$20 million, which could be used to make significant improvements to a number of nearby regional parks. It could, for example, make Guadalupe River Park a jewel, improve the vibrancy of Plaza de Cesar Chavez, and install recreational amenities at Arena Green. ***The way to encourage downtown residential development is to make downtown living more attractive by providing enticing nearby parks!***

***Parks are an integral part of our city*** – they are even in the very charter of the city! When parks are not supported, they degrade and make a place less desirable. High quality, well maintained parks attract economic investment which in turn attracts more economic investment and new residents. Investment in our parks make our downtown and our urban villages thriving places.

Please reject Staff Recommendations (c) and (d).

***Support our housing market by keeping San José an attractive and vibrant city by supporting our parks!***

PRC voted (5, 3, 2, 1; Nos: Brennan, Nguyen, & Snider; Absent: Campbell & Morrow; Abstained: Barocio) to support this letter.

  
Commissioner Lawrence Ames  
Vice Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission

**FW: Marco Velasco 95116 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**Protect Our Parks.**

**Sincerely,  
Marco Velasco  
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## FW: Heather Wilcox 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 6/13/2024 7:48 AM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:06 PM

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**Dear City Council,**

**Protect Our Parks. We ask you to ensure that the definition of parkland fully protects existing, under construction, and planned parks in the City of San José.**

As someone who tries to use the parks near me, the state of them needs to be improved and not removing them. I like my parks and want to use them, and want to feel safe using them.

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**Protect Our Parks.**

Sincerely,  
Heather Wilcox  
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**Subject:** Heather Wilcox 95127 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**I walk the parks because of PokemonGo and the state that they are in should be improved! Also love Viva Calle program.**

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Sincerely,  
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95148

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[External Email]

**Dear City Council,**

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During the lock down, my husband and I walked all the city parks and it was so soothing at a terrible time for us. Being retired there was nothing much we could do. We continue to use the many wonderful parks that we have.

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**FW: Rick 95126 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**Subject:** Rick 95126 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**Our city is not worth visiting with parks that are in disrepair and it robs our citizens of quality of life through safe, maintained parks.**

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Rick  
95126**

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**Subject:** Susan Carlson 95130 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**FW: Ernest A Gonzales 95127 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 6/13/2024 7:53 AM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:40 PM

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2024 6:29 AM

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**Subject:** Erik Walberg 95112 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Sincerely,  
Erik Walberg  
95112**

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**FW: June 18 Agenda Item 8.2: Opposition to reduction of parks impact fees**

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**From:** Shani Kleinhaus [REDACTED]

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Jim Reber <[REDACTED]>; Matthew Dodder <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** June 18 Agenda Item 8.2: Opposition to reduction of parks impact fees

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Dear Mayor Mahan and honorable members of San Jose City Council,

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS), the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter (SCLP), Green Foothills, the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and the San Jose Parks Foundation submit the attached letter to your consideration. Our organizations represent thousands of San Jose residents who appreciate and frequent the City's parks and open space to recreate and to enjoy nature.

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed extension and expansion of park impact fee discounts in the Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive area and beyond. Specifically, we are opposed to staff recommendations (c) and (d), which seek to offer additional discounts in the downtown area and to study extending the impact fee reduction program citywide and to low- and include mid-rise residential projects.

Respectfully,

Shani Kleinhaus, Ph.D.  
Environmental Advocate  
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

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**SAN JOSE PARKS FOUNDATION**  
Protecting San Jose Parks, Trails  
and the Programs within Them



June 12, 2024

To Mayor Matt Mahan and Members of the San José City Council

re: Council 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension"

Dear Mayor Mahan and San José Councilmembers,

The undersigned organizations, representing thousands of San Jose residents, are committed to parks and open space, wildlife habitats and the enjoyment of nature. **We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed extension and expansion of park impact fee discounts in the Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive area and beyond.** Specifically, we are opposed to staff recommendations (c) and (d), which seek to offer additional discounts in the downtown area and to study extending the impact fee reduction program citywide and to low- and include mid-rise residential projects. **We understand that the City is contemplating a ballot measure to provide funding for the maintenance of parkland and ask you to defer the discussion of reducing residential park impact fee until after this source of funding is guaranteed.**

Parks offer a multitude of benefits that extend far beyond their immediate physical boundaries, contributing to the overall livability and economic vitality of cities. Many studies have documented the extraordinary impact of nature in the city.

- **Health and Well-Being:** Parks provide residents with accessible spaces for recreation, relaxation, and exercise, which are crucial for both physical and mental health. Regular interaction with nature has been shown to reduce stress, improve mood, and increase overall well-being. Parks also offer spaces for children to play, fostering social interaction and healthy lifestyles from a young age.
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shade and cooling. Parks also play a critical role in air and water quality improvement, absorbing pollutants and managing stormwater runoff.

- **Economic Vitality:** Well-maintained parks and green spaces attract residents and businesses, driving economic growth. Proximity to parks attracts tourists and enhances the appeal of neighborhoods for potential residents and investors. Moreover, parks can spur local economic activity by hosting events and markets, supporting small businesses and creating job opportunities.
- **Urban Resilience:** Parks contribute to the resilience of cities by offering green infrastructure solutions. They help mitigate the impacts of climate change, such as reducing the urban heat island effect and managing flood risks. Parks are also essential in providing spaces for community response and recovery during environmental emergencies.

The proposal to significantly reduce park impact fees in order to encourage housing development in San José raises substantial concerns about the impact on the City's park system as well as overall community health and quality of life. We recognize that the construction of high-rise residential buildings in the downtown area is a financial challenge for developers. However, offering further fee reductions is unlikely to make a meaningful difference in overcoming the existing economic barriers. Instead, such action risks reducing essential funding that is needed for the development and maintenance of parks that are critical to the quality of life in a growing community.

Moreover, extending these fee reductions to encompass low- and mid-rise housing projects citywide threatens the long-term sustainability of the City's parks. Such measures are likely to lead to reduced funding, resulting in the deterioration of park facilities and a decline in the quality of these important public spaces. Ultimately, this could transform City parks from enjoyable, welcoming areas into neglected spaces that fail to meet the needs of residents and detract from the overall livability of San José.

**We urge you to vote NO on item 8.2. (c) and (d).** Instead of abandoning our parks in a futile attempt to stimulate development, we call on you to invest in this vital aspect of a livable city. By enhancing and protecting our parks, we can create a city that is not only attractive and livable but also economically prosperous and environmentally sustainable. This will benefit both current and future residents, as well as the diverse wildlife that makes our community healthy.

Thank you for considering our comments,

James Eggers,  
Chapter Director  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Jason Su  
Executive Director  
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Alice Kaufman  
Policy and Advocacy Director  
Green Foothills

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**FW: Lisa Bayer 95127 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**Subject:** Lisa Bayer 95127 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Clean up our parks for family and the community can safely utilize them without being in fear of the drug users/needles on the playground.**

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## FW: Item 8.2 Downtown Highrise Fee Discounts

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Subject: Item 8.2 Downtown Highrise Fee Discounts

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No more park fee discounts. Oppose the extension and increase of downtown discounts and do not study Citywide developer discounts.

To City Council.

The development fee structure and amounts should be reviewed by city management and council and also what incentives could bring justified. But once finally set the fees should be paid and not waived since tgey pay for many crucial services including our parks.

Sincerely,

Craig Ash, [REDACTED]  
San Jose 95136

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In 2017 the fees were reduced from \$22,600 to \$14,600 with the expectation the fees would rise every year based on inflation. Unfortunately, the fees have never increased and are still based on 2017 property values. The current agreement proposes we reduce the already discounted fees collected by another 50%. The new fee would be approximately 25% of what was agreed to in 2017 and less than 10% of the fees the General Plan indicates is needed to mitigate the impacts of a new development.

### **We oppose the development of a program of park fee reductions for low rise, mid-rise and high-rise development outside the Downtown Core.**

Our Parks department is already terribly underfunded. The Department has over a \$500 million maintenance backlog and doesn't even come close to the general plan's goal of providing 3.5 acres of new parkland for every 1000 new residents. The Parks Department already has too few resources. Why are we considering further reducing its funding?

The reduction of park fees is an equity issue. Individuals without yards are those most impacted by the reduction of fees. Apartment dwellers depend upon parks for exercise and to escape to the outdoors. During the COVID pandemic, Santa Clara County Parks saw a 300% increase in park usage. Apartment dwellers' quality of life depends on the availability of parks.

The individuals moving into these downtown high-rises. The individuals currently living downtown and the individuals working downtown are all negatively impacted by this reduction in fees. The goal of City government is to facilitate the building of a livable, equitable City. A city that residents and businesses will want to call home in 10, 20, 50 years.

Current market conditions are limiting housing production. The reduction of fees will likely have no impact on high-rise housing starts. City government should not be making decisions based on current market conditions that negatively impact the livability of the City for decades and increasing fees back to a sustainable level once they have been reduced is nearly impossible.

The Parks department is in crisis with far too little money to fulfil its mission. Proposals such as this make a clear statement to Parks staff that the work they do is not valued. The proposal makes a clear statement to the public that Parks are not valued. We should be looking for ways to increase Park revenues, not decrease them. We should be honoring the 2017 agreement and increasing fees based on inflation. We should consider a commercial impact fee. A fee implemented by multiple CA jurisdictions. The last thing in the world we should be doing is reducing Park fees.

Please deny both the Downtown High-Rise Incentive and the study to reduce mid-rise and high-rise fees citywide.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Levy  
Doris Livezey  
Amy Cody  
Gary Cunningham  
Steve Ling  
Roma Dawson  
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In 2017 the fees were reduced from \$22,600 to \$14,600 with the expectation the fees would rise every year based on inflation. Unfortunately, the fees have never increased and are still based on 2017 property values. The current agreement proposes we reduce the already discounted fees collected by another 50%. The new fee would be approximately 25% of what was agreed to in 2017 and less than 10% of the fees the General Plan indicates is needed to mitigate the impacts of a new development.

**We oppose the development of a program of park fee reductions for low rise, mid-rise and high-rise development outside the Downtown Core.**

Our Parks department is already terribly underfunded. The Department has over a \$500 million maintenance backlog and doesn't even come close to the general plan's goal of providing 3.5 acres of new parkland for every 1000 new residents. The Parks Department already has too few resources. Why are we considering further reducing its funding?

The reduction of park fees is an equity issue. Individuals without yards are those most impacted by the reduction of fees. Apartment dwellers depend upon parks for exercise and to escape to the outdoors. During the COVID pandemic, Santa Clara County Parks saw a 300% increase in park usage. Apartment dwellers' quality of life depends on the availability of parks.

The individuals moving into these downtown high-rises. The individuals currently living downtown and the individuals working downtown are all negatively impacted by this reduction in fees. The goal of City government is to facilitate the building of a livable, equitable City. A city that residents and businesses will want to call home in 10, 20, 50 years.

Current market conditions are limiting housing production. The reduction of fees will likely have no impact on high-rise housing starts. City government should not be making decisions based on current market conditions that negatively impact the livability of the City for decades and increasing fees back to a sustainable level once they have been reduced is nearly impossible.

The Parks department is in crisis with far too little money to fulfil its mission. Proposals such as this make a clear statement to Parks staff that the work they do is not valued. The proposal makes a clear statement to the public that Parks are not valued. We should be looking for ways to increase Park revenues, not decrease them. We should be honoring the 2017 agreement and increasing fees based on inflation. We should consider a commercial impact fee. A fee implemented by multiple CA jurisdictions. The last thing in the world we should be doing is reducing Park fees.

Please deny both the Downtown High-Rise Incentive and the study to reduce mid-rise and high-rise fees citywide.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Levy  
Doris Livezey  
Amy Cody  
Gary Cunningham  
Steve Ling  
Roma Dawson  
Luann Abrams  
Marc Pawliger  
Suzanne Regul  
Judy Levy  
Elisa Boyden  
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## FW: 8.2 Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension.

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**From:** Alie Victorine [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2024 1:33 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@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>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>

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Mayor and Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my concern for the extension of the downtown residential incentive program which reduces park fees to developers. Park fees paid by developers are currently the only funding source for capital improvement projects at our parks, and the only city funding for new parks in our areas.

I know that there are many issues at work as we try to balance the need for more housing with the need to have a livable, workable city. To quote Warren Buffet, "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." Well many people are enjoying Area Green and Cesar Chavez park today, because past leaders knew that people living in cities need green spaces. Allowing a recreation gym in a high rise building to substitute for a public green space isn't the same.

I am especially concerned that the idea of reducing park fees throughout the city is being considered. I might support this IF parks had another source of funding, but currently they don't. In District 7, we have the need for more parks, especially those that would allow children to play. Neighbors in the Singleton/ Sylvandale area have been hoping for years for a neighborhood park . The Vietnamese Heritage garden is still waiting to be developed. Coyote Meadows Urban Open Space is a far-off dream. In district 7 we need more funding, not less. We need funding that is equitable to other districts, but until we have that, park fees are our only source for new parks and I urge the council to very carefully weigh the ramifications of reducing park fees.

Thank you,

Alie Victorine

Seven Trees NA, president

D7 Leadership Group, president

Coyote Meadows Coalition, lead

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## FW: Stephanie Vargas 95133 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Sincerely,  
Stephanie Vargas  
95133

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**Subject:** Linda Hutchins-Knowles 95118 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**As a mother, I appreciate how important parks are to children's and community well being. As a climate advocate, I understand the vital role parks play in drawing down carbon pollution from the atmosphere, helping to clean our air, mitigate climate change, and cool the urban heat island effect.**

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**Sincerely,  
Linda Hutchins-Knowles  
95118**

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**Subject:** Maria Hennessy 95112 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Protect Our Parks.**

Sincerely,  
Maria Hennessy  
95112

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**Dear City Council,**

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I'm a former Parks Commissioner and want to see land preserved for parks for all to enjoy. Any housing development needs to include space for adults, children and pets use. Fees for development should include parkland space and used wisely and that includes maintenance too.

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95112

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**From:** Fanghong Chen <[REDACTED]>

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Parks and urban green space provide tangible health benefits. Studies have shown that stress levels are lower and ADHD symptoms are reduced when people get out into nature. In addition, trees and other vegetation absorb carbon from the atmosphere, reduce air pollution, and lower temperatures on hot summer days.

As climate change causes our city to become hotter, it is more important than ever to provide enough parks and green space to keep pace with new development. [Studies show](#) that neighborhoods with fewer trees and less green space can be up to 20 degrees hotter than neighborhoods with sufficient greenery.

Please do not cut park fees any further! Please vote NO on item 8.2(c) and 8.2(d) on the 6/18/24 City Council agenda.

Fanghong Chen

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**From:** Carolyn Straub <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Straub  
Steve McHenry

District 7

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**From:** barbara [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

Our neighborhoods depend on our parks, and as we increase apartment housing in San Jose, access to parks becomes even more critical. Parks are necessary for both healthy living and social cohesion in our neighborhoods. Please vote NO on item 8.2(c) and 8.2(d) on the 6/18/24 City Council agenda, "Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension.

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Park fees are unlikely to be the tipping point in preventing development projects from going forward, considering they are a very small portion of the total development costs. Please do not cut park fees any further!

Barbara Canup  
Los Paseos neighborhood

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**FW: Thomas Carlino 95117 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**Subject:** Gayle Hill 95112 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**As a longtime resident of this great city, I feel that it is vital that funding for parks and outdoor recreation facilities be maintained, NOT CUT. All the high-rise buildings and increased population density must have well maintained facilities for outdoor access. We do not want to see a bunch of 1950's "projects" or instant slums added to our landscape.**

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**Subject:** Tim Zadel 95118 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Subject:** singih tan 95123 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

[External Email]

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## FW: aurelia sanchez 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/17/2024 7:53 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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## FW: Gradin Dodson 95117 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**Subject:** Norma Zuniga 95127 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**Our San Jose Public Parks serve as recreation, but most importantly help with our mental and physical well being. The everyday stress individuals and families face at work or school can take its toll. Having an open green environment to decompress your nerves at a park can be a life saver and the best medicine. We need our park funds to maintain a peace of mind.**

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 7:10 AM

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

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Yvette Valenzuela  
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From: brlakatos [REDACTED]

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From: carolyn.rosyfinch.straub [REDACTED]

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**FW: Christine azzopardi 95127 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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Arvind Kumar  
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**FW: Tika Mollet 95126 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**Please take 30 seconds to tell the City Council that residents need both the housing and parks situations resolved. Both housing and parks should be facilitated. Park impact fees should be protected and eventually increased.**

**Protect Our Parks.**

**Sincerely,  
Tika Mollet  
95126**

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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 6:37 AM

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david marancik

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Sincerely,

Carole Gonsalves  
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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 6:38 AM

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From: stephen.l.mchenry [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 7:03 AM

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Martin Montoro  
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Subject: 6/18/24 Agenda Item 8.2: Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension

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## FW: Jim Carter 95125 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**From:** San Jose United [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 9:18 AM

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**FW: paul prange 95112 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**Our communities need parks and they need to be maintained and kept vibrant and safe for children and adults alike.**

**Protect our Parks by protecting park Impact Fees, which provide funds for both existing and new parks. Housing and access to nature are essential needs. We have an opportunity for a win-win by protecting park funding. Our community needs adequate housing. We should not worsen the housing crisis by eliminating funding for parks that makes housing developments more attractive to potential buyers and renters. Our community also needs public parks and urban green space, which promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. By ensuring parks are well-maintained and their staffing adequately funded, we create an inclusive environment that fosters a sense of belonging and unity in San Jose. Protecting park funding provides an incentive for home buyers and renters to live in San Jose, which benefits not just our community but potential housing developers.**

**Recommendation (c) of the Downtown Residential High-Rise Program seeks to provide ever larger park fee discounts. Offering park fee reductions means that there would be less money available to create and maintain the parks that serve our current and future residents. The way to incentivize downtown residential development is to make downtown a vibrant and exciting place to live, complete with active and well-maintained nearby parks. If people want to live downtown, developers would then find it financially attractive to construct more housing to meet the demand.**

**Recommendation (d) is to study extending the fee reduction program citywide and to low- and mid-rise projects as well. If this were to be done, it would cripple our city park system, leaving us eventually with nothing but a collection of deteriorating and uninviting wastelands.**

**Protect Our Parks by voting NO on 8.2 (c) and (d): Do NOT vote to give away park funding. Instead, choose to INVEST in parks downtown and citywide. Make our city inviting so residents want to live here, and so developers want to build here!**

**Please take 30 seconds to tell the City Council that residents need both the housing and parks situations resolved. Both housing and parks should be facilitated. Park impact fees should be protected and eventually increased.**

**Protect Our Parks.**

**Sincerely,  
paul prange  
95112**

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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 9:29 AM

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Developers are coming into our city expecting to make profit and leave, you as City Council need to ensure their work here benefits all of San Jose in the long term!

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Sincerely,  
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**FW: Lucie Roberts 95126-1011 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**From:** San Jose United [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Lucie Roberts 95126-1011 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**Please protect our parks! They are what makes it worth living in this city. If anything we need more parks and improvements to the existing ones. Without our parks the citizens of San Jose can't walk and play and live a good life. Please fund our parks, surely there is a way to fund parks and housing.**

**Protect our Parks by protecting park Impact Fees, which provide funds for both existing and new parks. Housing and access to nature are essential needs. We have an opportunity for a win-win by protecting park funding. Our community needs adequate housing. We should not worsen the housing crisis by eliminating funding for parks that makes housing developments more attractive to potential buyers and renters. Our community also needs public parks and urban green space, which promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. By ensuring parks are well-maintained and their staffing adequately funded, we create an inclusive environment that fosters a sense of belonging and unity in San Jose. Protecting park funding provides an incentive for home buyers and renters to live in San Jose, which benefits not just our community but potential housing developers.**

**Recommendation (c) of the Downtown Residential High-Rise Program seeks to provide ever larger park fee discounts. Offering park fee reductions means that there would be less money available to create and maintain the parks that serve our current and future residents. The way to incentivize downtown residential development is to make downtown a vibrant and exciting place to live, complete with active and well-maintained nearby parks. If people want to live downtown, developers would then find it financially attractive to construct more housing to meet the demand.**

**Recommendation (d) is to study extending the fee reduction program citywide and to low- and mid-rise projects as well. If this were to be done, it would cripple our city park system, leaving us eventually with nothing but a collection of deteriorating and uninviting wastelands.**

**Protect Our Parks by voting NO on 8.2 (c) and (d): Do NOT vote to give away park funding. Instead, choose to INVEST in parks downtown and citywide. Make our city inviting so residents want to live**

**here, and so developers want to build here!**

**Please take 30 seconds to tell the City Council that residents need both the housing and parks situations resolved. Both housing and parks should be facilitated. Park impact fees should be protected and eventually increased.**

**Protect Our Parks.**

**Sincerely,  
Lucie Roberts  
95126-1011**

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Regards

Rachel Grocha Welch

San Jose resident since 1954

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Sincerely,  
Susan Kossow  
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## FW: Martin Herbert Weidner 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**From:** San Jose United [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 11:06 AM

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**Subject:** Martin Herbert Weidner 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**Dear City Council,**

**Protect Our Parks. We ask you to ensure that the definition of parkland fully protects existing, under construction, and planned parks in the City of San José.**

Parks are important to the residents of San José across the city. Rich or poor, young or old, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, or ability: parks are important to us all – for our physical health, our mental health, and the health of the community.

The City Charter states “the public parks of the City shall be inalienable unless otherwise authorized by the affirmative votes of the majority of the electors voting on such a proposition in each case.” Further, the Charter states “[a]s used herein ‘public parks’ means any and all lands of the City which have been or are dedicated, improved and opened to the public for public park purposes.” Additionally, the staff’s memo (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=108319&t=638406648249390275>) notes:

“Opened to the public for public park purposes means that the public can access the park and enjoy the space. In other words, the City has made the space useable and safe for the public to use. This also includes open space in its natural condition with minimal or no improvements that are intended to be opened to the public.”

I urge the Council to ensure parks are protected in their entirety. Whether “improved” parks, or unimproved parks that focus public access on contemplative, passive enjoyment of the natural environment and its biological resources. I urge the Council to push for precise and expansive language to provide the maximum protection of our park lands. I also urge the Council to recommend that the City take steps to ensure the protection of planned or under-construction parks. In addition, I request that staff include a full list of the recognized Chartered Parks in the report, and in a maintained online directory, for public transparency.

**Protect Our Parks.**

Sincerely,  
Martin Herbert Weidner  
95112

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Not everyone has a backyard. Parks offer an equitable way for all residents to connect with nature.

Studies show that spending time in nature reduces stress levels and improves mental health.

Trees and greenery absorb carbon, reduce pollution, and cool our city during hot summers.

As climate change intensifies, we must prioritize parks and green spaces. Neighborhoods with fewer trees can be up to 20 degrees hotter than those with ample greenery.

Let's protect our parks. Please do not cut park fees any further! Please vote NO on item 8.2(c) and 8.2(d) on the 6/18/24 City Council agenda.

Sincerely,  
Ann Monroe

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Sincerely,  
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Sundeep Dugar  
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Sincerely,  
alice nguyen



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Sincerely,

Andria Ventura  
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From: reira [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 12:02 PM

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From: denise\_stephens [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 12:04 PM

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Denise Stephens  
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From: knelson [REDACTED]

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Karen Nelson  
resident in your district

Sincerely,



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From: whitney.gina [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,  
Gina Whitney  
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Mon 6/17/2024 1:25 PM

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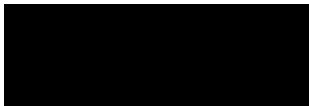
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In the midst of this nation-wide extreme weather crisis and with wild fires sweeping so much of Southern California and other states, I am deeply concerned that the San Jose City Council is even considering cutting park fees for new construction. Parks are vital for the health of our community, our wonderful State of California, our great nation, and our global environment. As a city, we should be looking to increase our park lands at this time when our climate is in distress. Please take this into serious consideration as you vote on this issue.

Respectfully,

Paula Radzinski



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Sincerely,  
Karen Stephenson  
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## FW: Downtown Residential Highrise Incentive Program Extension

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

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**Subject:** Downtown Residential Highrise Incentive Program Extension

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please see the attached letter regarding the extension of the Downtown Residential Highrise Incentive Program Extension.

Thank you,

**David Bini**

Executive Director

**Santa Clara & San Benito Counties**

**Building & Construction Trades Council**  
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Jun 17, 2024

The Hon. Matt Mahan  
Mayor, City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San José, CA 95113  
mayor@sanjoseca.gov

**Re: Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension**

Dear Mayor Mahan,

For the past 8 years, our organizations have engaged in deep debate with elected and appointed officials about the City's Downtown High Rise Program. Specifically, we have asked how can San Jose meet its twin goals of spurring much-needed housing development while increasing equitable access to good-paying jobs for our communities in need?

During that time, we have watched federal and state agencies, along with other Bay Area local governments, spearhead the creation of good jobs in the housing industry by embedding job quality and equity standards in their public investments. Shamefully, San Jose stands out as the sole outlier in this trend.

San Jose labor unions understand that the economics of housing development are very different than commercial and industrial development. We work with our developer partners to make the economics work. Currently, union workers are building housing in San Jose at the Bank of Italy and Bo Town. These jobs provide living wages that meet area standards, employer-paid health care, and opportunities for workers from San Jose disadvantaged communities. So, there is a model that works.

Based on our understanding and a long history of engagement, we proposed a series of modest improvements to the Downtown High Rise Program. **Rather than advocate for mandates as we have in the past, we suggested that San Jose follow the model**

**set forth by the Biden Administration's federal agencies to *incentivize* applicants for public subsidies to meet higher employment standards. This model is not only legally sanctioned, it's working.** For example, the Inflation Reduction Act offers baseline tax credits for all projects regardless of their willingness to meet the standards. Yet projects are offered a 5x multiplier on tax credits if they agree to pay prevailing wage and utilize apprentices from registered apprenticeship programs.

In the case of the Downtown High Rise Program, we proposed that San Jose should offer a full 100% reduction in construction taxes for projects that:

- commit and develop a plan to hire local workers from San Jose or Santa Clara County
- commit to utilizing registered apprentices from programs that partner with the local Apprenticeship Readiness Project, a State-funded consortium that provides clear and accessible pathways into good-paying construction jobs for San Jose's under-represented communities.

Unfortunately, none of the proposals currently under consideration include any workforce standards that promise good jobs for your constituents. As it stands, the proposals aim to subsidize private corporations with no guarantees of quality jobs for San Jose residents.

Furthermore, as the staff memo states clearly, the City has violated its own policy standards for extending subsidies without requiring a prevailing wage standard by failing to meet with labor and a diversity of stakeholders in developing the economic feasibility analysis cited by staff as the rationale for its recommendations and failing to bring forward recommendations for a subsidy within a reasonable time period after this latest cost of development analysis was conducted.

We have always believed that San Jose should and could be doing more with this program. In the past, we have advocated for the applicability of San Jose's statutes governing prevailing wage. We have asked you to follow other Bay Area cities and require employer-paid health care on these projects. This time, our hope was in suggesting a different approach – incentives versus mandates – that you would be more responsive to the needs of your constituents to balance housing and jobs policy. Because none of the memos address these most basic job quality principles, we are left with no position except to oppose any expansion or continuation of the Downtown High Rise Program.

Respectfully yours,



Jean Cohen  
South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council



David Bini  
Santa Clara and San Benito Building and Construction Trades Council



Maria Noel Fernandez  
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## FW: Item 8.1 DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE PROGRAM

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**From:** Mathew Reed <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:13 AM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@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>; 'domingo.candelas@sanjoseca.gov'; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>

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**Subject:** Re: Item 8.1 DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE PROGRAM

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Mathew Reed  
SV@Home, Director of Policy  
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The city of SJ is increasing its urban forest canopy. That is good--but ironic if we don't allocate money for parks at the same time. I use parks several times a week. We walk our dog at several parks and dog parks. Our favorite is Guadalupe Oaks Park which is an oasis of nature in the middle of a city.

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Judy (Dist 10)

Sincerely,

Judith Chamberlin  
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I'm writing today regarding your upcoming discussion on park fee discounts.

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I also oppose park fee discounts being expanded throughout the city. I understand these fees fund major park repairs and new parks in underserved areas and near large, new developments. Any reduction in park fees will decrease needed funding for park repairs and opportunities for new parks in the areas of the City that desperately need them.

I ask that you please consider opposing ALL park fee discounts. Please oppose the extension and increase of downtown discounts and please do no study Citywide developer discounts.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Roberts  
San Jose Resident

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Deborah St Julien  
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Sincerely,  
Ernie Lipari

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**FW: Item 8.2 c & d, vote no**

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Mon 6/17/2024 4:18 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Deborah St. Julien <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 4:01 PM

**To:** District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Item 8.2 c & d, vote no

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Cutting these fees is short-sited and harmful,

Deb St Julien  
Resident District 2

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From: bower0111@sanjoseca.gov

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 4:24 PM

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From: jeffl6019 [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 4:45 PM

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Jeffrey Liqouri  
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## FW: Item 8.2 Downtown Residential High-Rise Fee Waiver Program

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/18/2024 8:08 AM

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**From:** Rudy A Flores,Jr. [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 7:48 PM

**To:** 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>

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San Jose benefits from an average of 300 days of sunshine annually, which fosters an outdoor lifestyle and promotes the use of the city's parklands and trail system. These parks improve our quality of life and attract businesses and workers to our vibrant city.

Developers are inclined to seek fee discounts to maximize profits and remain competitive, which has been a long-standing practice in San Jose. However, these fee reductions are insignificant compared to the more significant economic factors affecting the market. The current model of funding our parks is challenging due to the inconsistent revenue stream and the consistent cost of maintaining parks.

While there have been efforts to limit fee reductions to the downtown area, the request for additional strategies to promote housing construction in 'growth areas' as per San Jose's General Plan raises concerns. These growth areas,



which are not limited to Downtown, could potentially exacerbate the challenges in park funding.

The proposed 50% reduction in park fees for the first 2000 units may seem like a beneficial incentive. However, considering the average units built in the past, this could extend well over five years, potentially creating a significant financial burden on the parks department, and in addition to that, if fewer than 1000 units are built, further discounts and incentives will be explored. This potential strain on our parks' maintenance capabilities should be a cause for concern, motivating us to explore the impact of these incentives on park maintenance.

While our commitment to supporting developers is crucial, we must not overlook the vital role our parks play in our community. It is not just important, but urgent, that we initiate a discussion and develop a comprehensive plan for park fiscal sustainability. Failing to do so and allowing the maintenance backlog to continue growing would be an absolute budgetary irresponsibility, a call for immediate action.

Rudy Flores

- Former Chairman San Jose Parks Commission

- President Dartmouth Neighborhood Association

- Founding former member of the D-9 Leadership Group

**FW: Davide Vieira 95116 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**From:** San Jose United <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 9:26 PM

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**Subject:** Davide Vieira 95116 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**We already have \$600 million in deferred park maintenance. Why are we even considering digging an even deeper hole? Housing needs parks to attract residents to neighborhoods. If housing was just about sleeping quarters, build a building with drawers in which people sleep. But a home is more than that. Homes create neighborhoods, and neighborhoods need park space. Maintained, usable park space for residents of all ages.**

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**Sincerely,  
Davide Vieira  
95116**

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## FW: Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/18/2024 8:08 AM

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**From:** Tony R [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension

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Tony Rossetti  
District 6

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**From:** Tony R [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:09 AM  
**To:** Councilmember Dev Davis <district6@sanjoseca.gov>  
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From: dnoel1234 [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:52 AM

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

Subject: 6/18/24 Agenda Item 8.2: Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension

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Sincerely,  
David Noel

**FW: Maintaining the construction fees that finance many of the projects that make our streets safer.**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/18/2024 8:28 AM

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**From:** David Peterson <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 8:14 PM

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

**Subject:** Maintaining the construction fees that finance many of the projects that make our streets safer.

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from:

David A Peterson

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Approving an ordinance waiving the Building and Structure Construction Tax and the Commercial Residential-Mobile home Park Building Tax would take away from funds to DOT that provide the critical improvements that make San Jose a safer place for everyone and protect bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers alike. It's imperative that we maintain these funds or find alternative revenue sources to backfill any reductions. Our city's safety and continued improvement depend on it.

Thank you,  
David A Peterson

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**FW: David Goldberg 95125 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**Subject:** David Goldberg 95125 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**FW: Anna Del Castillo 95127 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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**From:** San Jose United [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 11:43 PM

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**Subject:** Daniel Martinez 95148 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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Tue 6/18/2024 8:10 AM

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Lynn Kamboj  
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**FW: 6/18/24 Agenda Item 8.2: Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/18/2024 8:40 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: braverma [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:32 AM

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

Subject: 6/18/24 Agenda Item 8.2: Downtown Residential High-Rise Incentive Program Extension

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**Dear City Council,**

**Protect Our Parks. We ask you to ensure that the definition of parkland fully protects existing, under construction, and planned parks in the City of San José.**

Parks are important to the residents of San José across the city. Rich or poor, young or old, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, or ability: parks are important to us all – for our physical health, our mental health, and the health of the community.

The City Charter states “the public parks of the City shall be inalienable unless otherwise authorized by the affirmative votes of the majority of the electors voting on such a proposition in each case.” Further, the Charter states “[a]s used herein ‘public parks’ means any and all lands of the City which have been or are dedicated, improved and opened to the public for public park purposes.” Additionally, the staff’s memo (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=108319&t=638406648249390275>) notes:

“Opened to the public for public park purposes means that the public can access the park and enjoy the space. In other words, the City has made the space useable and safe for the public to use. This also includes open space in its natural condition with minimal or no improvements that are intended to be opened to the public.”

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**From:** Taylor, David [REDACTED]  
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My name is David Taylor with SVBC, I am a resident of the district 6.

Approving an ordinance waiving the Building and Structure Construction Tax and the Commercial Residential-Mobile home Park Building Tax would take away from funds to DOT that provide the critical improvements that make San Jose a safer place for everyone and protect bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers alike. It's imperative that we maintain these funds or find alternative revenue sources to backfill any reductions. Our city's safety and continued improvement depend on it.

I ride 6.5 miles to work each work day starting in District 6 on Spruance St. to my teaching job at [REDACTED] in District 1. My route is basically Williams Rd. the entire way. Often times I encounter numerous obstacles in the designated bike lane, such as dumpsters, double parked cars, delivery vehicles, pot holes, trash/recycle containers, low tree branches, and impatient drivers cutting in front of me to turn right. It is important to have safe biking routes. My cohorts at work praise me for riding my bike, but they say they won't do it because it is not safe. It's crucial that we preserve these funds or seek other income sources to compensate for any potential decreases. The safety and ongoing growth of our beloved city hinge on this decision. Let's ensure the heart of San Jose continues to beat strong by making this crucial commitment to its people.

Thank you,

David Taylor

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**Subject:** laua marroquin 95122 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"

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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**It's becoming very difficult to find places to enjoy the outdoors. Most of the time I have to drive to a park to take my great nieces to play. When I was younger, all I had to do was walk down the street and play at the school grounds and grass area. Now, the schools are fenced and I have to drive to a park. By protecting our parks funding and creating more open green spaces it always everyone to enjoy them wherever they live.**

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We are quickly losing our open spaces to tall apartment buildings. The higher the buildings, the less sunlight there is in the City. We need to protect our parks and open spaces. We need open spaces for children to play. And for families and friends to hang out and visit in the outdoors. We should not have to drive to a park just to see some trees or grass. I order to have a "healthy community" we need to be able to feel connected to nature and parks allows this.

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Tue 6/18/2024 12:08 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: tomalinda5 [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,  
Linda M. Toma  
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**Dear Mayor and City Council,**

**If San Jose is going to impact the population of this city with large apartment complexes, then we need more parks and the developer 'Impact fees' will help fund these and help improve our parks. We will soon suffer from an large increase of children without sufficient schools ready for their education. Must we also ignore the need for park space for these new residents?**

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**From:** Doug Bloch [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 1:52 PM

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Staff,

It has come to my attention that some of you are not in receipt of this letter sent on behalf of the Sheetmetal Workers Local 104, IBEW Local 332, UA Local 393, and the Sprinkler Fitters Local 483. The letter raises questions about the applicability of California statutes governing prevailing wage for some of the projects receiving subsidies through the City's Downtown High-Rise Program.

Thank you,

Doug Bloch  
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June 18, 2024

### **Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail**

Hon. Matt Mahan  
Mayor  
City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, California 95113  
[mayor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:mayor@sanjoseca.gov)

**Re: Prevailing Wage Applicability to the 27 West Project**

Dear Hon. Mahan:

We write on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 332, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 393, Sheet Metal Workers Local 104, and Sprinkler Fitters Local 483, along with their members, families, and other individuals who live and work in the City of San Jose ("City") and Santa Clara County, regarding prevailing wage requirements which were triggered by public funds provided by the City to the 27 West Project ("Project"), a 509,135 square foot, mixed-use tower located at 27 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Specifically, the City's approval of an exemption from the Affordable Housing Impact Fee ("AHIF") provided the Project with an economic subsidy of \$5,324,102 that meets the definition of "public funds" under Labor Code § 1720. Because of this fee waiver, the Project is a public work subject to the payment of prevailing wages to all workers employed on the Project.

In California, prevailing wages apply to public works over \$1,000.<sup>1</sup> These include construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds.<sup>2</sup> The prevailing wage requirement is designed to ensure fair compensation in line with the local wage standards for similar work, promoting equitable labor practices and maintain quality and safety standards within the workforce. This obligation extends to all contractors and subcontractors involved in the Project, necessitating strict compliance with reporting, wage determination, and related enforcement measures.

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<sup>1</sup> Labor Code § 1771.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* § 1720(a).

Failure to adhere to these requirements can result in significant legal and financial repercussions, including penalties and potential litigation.

The Project meets the three basic elements of a “public work.” It involves construction or related work – building a high-rise tower. It is being done under contract – a Project Completion Agreement between the City and the developer, Alterra Worldwide Holdings, LLC, and construction contracts with contractors and subcontractors to build the project. It is being paid for in part by public funds – a fee waiver of over \$5.3 million.

Labor Code § 1720(b)(4) expressly states that the waiver of fees that would normally be required by a state or local political subdivision is a payment of public funds for the purposes of triggering public works requirements. Here, the City normally applies the AHIF to new market-rate rental housing projects. These fees are based on the estimated affordable housing impacts resulting from the construction of market-rate rental developments. The City, however, has adopted a retroactive waiver for this development and nine other development projects that submitted applications prior to the grant of this waiver. The City acknowledges that without this waiver, the Project would owe \$5,324,102 in the AHIF.

Any other identical project in the City that did not receive one of the nine project-specific retroactive waivers would be required to pay this fee. Accordingly, this is a fee that would normally be required but was waived by the City. Per the Labor Code, this waiver constitutes the payment of public funds and triggers prevailing wage and other Public Works requirements.

To ensure compliance, we respectfully request that the City immediately take the following actions:

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3. Offer training sessions for contractors and subcontractors to educate them on the requirements and procedures associated with prevailing wage compliance.



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4. Maintain detailed records of wage payments, worker classifications, and hours to facilitate transparency and accountability.

By taking these proactive measures, the City can demonstrate its commitment to upholding state labor laws and ensure fair treatment of its workers on publicly funded projects.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or assistance addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Andrew J. Graf.

Andrew J. Graf

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Cc:

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**FW: Deborah St Julien 95136 - Protect Our Parks: 6/18/24, Agenda Item 8.2: "Downtown Residential High-Rise Program"**

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95125

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## FW: Tina West 95111 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**Dear City Council,**

**Protect Our Parks. We ask you to ensure that the definition of parkland fully protects existing, under construction, and planned parks in the City of San José.**

Parks are important to the residents of San José across the city. Rich or poor, young or old, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, or ability: parks are important to us all – for our physical health, our mental health, and the health of the community.

The City Charter states “the public parks of the City shall be inalienable unless otherwise authorized by the affirmative votes of the majority of the electors voting on such a proposition in each case.” Further, the Charter states “[a]s used herein ‘public parks’ means any and all lands of the City which have been or are dedicated, improved and opened to the public for public park purposes.” Additionally, the staff’s memo (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=108319&t=638406648249390275>) notes:

“Opened to the public for public park purposes means that the public can access the park and enjoy the space. In other words, the City has made the space useable and safe for the public to use. This also includes open space in its natural condition with minimal or no improvements that are intended to be opened to the public.”

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**Protect Our Parks.**

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