


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

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On behalf of the Morgan Hill City Manager, Christina Turner, please see the attached letter regarding Item 8.4 on the June 18, 2024, City Council meeting.

Thank you,

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June 17, 2024

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

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The purpose of this letter is to provide public comment on the Potential Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Temporary Sites, specifically as it relates to the South Coyote Valley location.

While we support San Jose's effort to improve the lives of unhoused individuals, we were surprised the South Coyote Valley site was identified as a Potential Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Temporary Site. The primary concern with this site is its remoteness from essential services in San Jose, coupled with Morgan Hill's limited transportation infrastructure and service provider capacity, which pose significant obstacles to providing adequate support for residents. This location is not currently served by public transit and lacks access to basic amenities/infrastructure. Located on the borderline of the City of Morgan Hill, it is nearly a mile from the closest convenience store and two miles to the nearest grocery store. Placing vulnerable residents on the far outskirts of the city, on a site without utility infrastructure, will only exacerbate issues with providing support.

Please know we understand the challenges with the task of identifying suitable locations for Potential Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Temporary Sites. Let me assure you that the City of Morgan Hill is working on the Community Plan to End Homelessness. We have a dedicated full-time Unhoused Specialist whose only responsibility is to connect unhoused residents to services and resources. While we have very limited resources, we have been successful at partnering with community-based and faith-based organizations to provide a Safe Parking Program, an Inclement Cold Weather Shelter, and a wide range of housing resources and services. Through relationship building and access to the County's coordinated entry system, we have been successful at placing hundreds of individuals into housing.

The City is currently processing 4,000 housing units with 550 affordable rental units in the development pipeline. Morgan Hill works closely with the Santa Clara County's Office of Supportive Housing and Destination Home to advance affordable and supportive housing options. We are happy to share that with the help of Measure A funds, we have invested \$28.9 million in the development of 178 permanent supportive and rapid rehousing units. In addition to supporting the construction of Very Low and Extremely Low-Income housing units, the City is trying to inform the community about the need and benefits of affordable housing. At our May 2024 Economic Mobility

Symposium, the Housing team premiered the “[Building a Better Future—Investing in Workforce Housing](#)” video that aims to change the paradigm of and garner support of affordable housing.

Morgan Hill supports the City of San Jose’s efforts in addressing homelessness. We respectfully request that San Jose consider sites that have access to 1) utility infrastructure, 2) transit, and 3) nearby amenities for Potential Supportive Outdoor Sleeping/Temporary Sites.

Please contact Assistant City Manager Edith Ramirez at (M) 408-425-5959 or via email at [Edith.Ramirez@MorganHill.CA.Gov](mailto:Edith.Ramirez@MorganHill.CA.Gov) if needed. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christina Turner  
City Manager

C: Lee Wilcox, City of San Jose  
Omar Passons, City of San Jose  
Morgan Hill City Council

