

FW: Letter from Destination: Home re: GF Forecast & Upcoming Budget Deliberations

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Tue 3/5/2024 11:31 AM

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DH Letter re FY 24-25 GF Forecast and Budget Delibrations 03052024.pdf;

From: David Low <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 11:18 AM

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

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Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

Attached is a letter from Destination: Home CEO Jennifer Loving expressing our perspectives on the recently-released General Fund Forecast and the upcoming budget process.

We very much appreciate your ongoing efforts to address our homelessness crisis and would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with you during this budget season to craft a strategy that will help utilize the City's limited revenues most effectively.

Thank you,
David



DAVID LOW

Sr. Director of Policy & Communications

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Mayor & City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: FY 24-25 General Fund Forecast & Upcoming Budget Deliberations

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

As the City enters another budget season, we recognize that the Council will once again be confronted with many tough choices. The level of need in our community remains enormous and the Council will have the difficult task of how to allocate its limited tax dollars - particularly when it comes to addressing our region's severe homelessness crisis.

In order to move the needle on this enduring crisis, the City must continue to embrace a strategic, multi-faceted approach to addressing homelessness. This is the approach embodied in both the 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness and the City's corresponding implementation plan, and it's critical to our success. That's because solving this crisis will require us to push on multiple strategies at once - and no single strategy will be successful on its own. For example:

- While our community helped about 7,400 people access temporary housing and shelter last year, **only ¼ were able to secure permanent housing due to the limited availability of affordable housing and housing subsidies** in our community; and
- Even as we've expanded shelter and housing options for currently homeless individuals, **we saw a 24% increase in new people being homeless last year** - making it impossible to get ahead of the problem unless we continue expanding homelessness prevention and affordable housing initiatives that attack the systemic, root causes of homelessness.

We also need to begin grappling with the long-term financial costs of the City's plans to vastly expand shelter sites in San Jose. We appreciate the urgency with which the Mayor and Council have moved to expand temporary housing and shelter options in San Jose, but we must acknowledge the fiscal reality that operating these types of sites carry enormous ongoing costs. In fact, as the General Forecast shows, moving forward with the City's planned shelter expansion will require more than \$70 million annually in ongoing operation and maintenance costs. These costs are one of the main drivers of the projected shortfalls in the years ahead, and without a solid long-term funding plan in place, would require the City to make significant cuts to not only affordable housing production and other key homelessness initiatives, but many critical city services as well.

So, as you begin your deliberations for the FY 24-25 budget, we urge you to do two key things:

1. **Craft a thoughtful, balanced plan for allocating this year's limited tax dollars across key homelessness strategies** - including permanent affordable/supportive housing development, subsidized housing programs, temporary housing and shelter and homelessness prevention. In particular, we urge the Council to maintain the balanced Measure E spending plan that has allowed the City to support several key initiatives that have proven to keep people stably housed - particularly given that the results from the City's most recent affordable housing NOFA identified 17 prospective affordable housing proposals representing more than 1,800 new affordable apartments.

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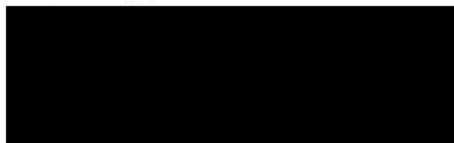
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2. **Identify new sources of revenue that will allow the City to sustain its planned shelter operations and expand other key elements of the City's homelessness response.** The truth is that we are dealing with a crisis that is decades in the making, and will require significant resources to address. And even as we explore other strategies for funding the significant ongoing operating costs of interim housing and shelter, we will not be able to sustain the currently planned expansion without crippling cuts to other city programs if we don't find new sources of revenue. Now is the time to begin exploring those opportunities before the City finds itself in severe fiscal stress.

We are committed to working collaboratively with you on advancing a plan that best balances these needs within the fiscal environment.

Thank you for your continued commitment to preventing and ending homelessness in our community.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Loving
CEO

FW: Increased funding in the upcoming budget cycle for road safety improvements

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 3/11/2024 7:57 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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March 2024_City of San Jose Budget Request (1).pdf;

From: Diana Crumedy <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2024 4:59 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Ristow, John <John.Ristow@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; JenniferMaguire@sanjoseca.gov; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; Fleming, Jonathan <Jonathan.Fleming@sanjoseca.gov>; Laveroni, Kyle <Kyle.Laveroni@sanjoseca.gov>; Gomez, David <David.Gomez@sanjoseca.gov>; Sandoval, Vanessa <vanessa.sandoval@sanjoseca.gov>; Nguyen, Lam <Lam.Nguyen@sanjoseca.gov>; Madero, Angel <Angel.Madero@sanjoseca.gov>; Groen, Mary Anne <maryanne.groen@sanjoseca.gov>; Adera, Teddy <Teddy.Adera@sanjoseca.gov>; SCOTTHUGHES@sanjoseca.gov**Subject:** RE: Increased funding in the upcoming budget cycle for road safety improvements

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Dear Ms Magure,Mayor Mahan,City Clerk,Council and staff, and Director Ristow,

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and its San Jose local team of advocates are passionate about ensuring and improving San Jose's road safety. We know that without adequate funding that the needed road safety improvement may happen at a slower pace. Attached please find our letter of support to increase funding in the upcoming budget cycle for road safety improvements.

All the best,

Diana CrumedyAssociate Director of Advocacy and Community Development
[REDACTED]



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March 8, 2024

Jennifer Maguire
City Manager
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Increased funding in the upcoming budget cycle for road safety improvements

Dear Ms. Maguire, Mayor Mahan, City Councilmembers, and Director Ristow,

On behalf of our San Jose Local Team and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC), a nonprofit building healthier and more just communities by making bicycling safe and accessible for everyone, we are writing to request increased funding for the following items in the context of the upcoming budget cycle.

- **Clean Bike Lanes:** One of the hazards of riding a bike is the cleanliness of bike lanes. Yard waste, slippery leaves, branches, and debris that hide the street surface make bike lanes dangerous.

We understand the City regularly sweeps bike lanes on a set schedule but there are instances where a bike lane needs to be cleaned immediately. We encourage the City to take this problem seriously and ensure that bike lanes are kept free of debris by funding a team of people, a “strike team” who can respond to calls for bike lane service immediately.

Illegal Parking: Related to the above, the City needs to more adequately fund parking enforcement. All too often cars are parked in the bike lanes, forcing bicyclists to risk their lives by veering into traffic. In fact, in the last two fiscal years, 2,000 citations - an average of about 2.7 per day - were issued for cars parked in bike lanes. This is undoubtedly much lower than the true number of violations. This also dovetails with the recent report released by the City analyzing 911 calls. In 2022, there were 11,000 illegal parking calls to 911. Three-thousand of those calls were responded to by highly trained sworn officers. The rest were handled by the Department of Transportation and CSOs. By fully funding the City’s parking enforcement, police resources will be better

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Though the above are our highest priorities for this budget-setting cycle, as always, we advocate for the City to dedicate more-than-adequate funding to: install all the Class I, II-B, and IV bikeways specified in the Bike Plan; implementation of policies specified in the Bike Plan; short-term bicycle parking; secure bicycle parking; road diets, and traffic calming.

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition would be happy to discuss any of these measures. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Clarissa Cabansagan,
Executive Director
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

cc:
Mayor Mahan
John Ristow, DOT Director
San Jose City Council
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FW: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Thu 3/14/2024 8:11 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: P Larkin [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:03 AM

To: Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Dear Councilman Batra,

As a constituent in your district, I urge you to ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

TRUST is a more compassionate and humanitarian response to those in a mental health crisis.

At no time is this more crucial or critical to all the citizens of San Jose. Please act.

Patricia Larkin

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Thu 3/14/2024 12:50 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Sandra Asher <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:55 AM

To: Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Hi Arjun,

In follow up to our previous conversations, I'm writing to ask you to please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget.

As you know, the 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both **more expensive for police** to be responding to these crises **and more dangerous** for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis.

Moreover, the Community Safety data presented in the Mayor's Budget Message shows that the community wants faster police response times and expansion of public safety. TRUST *is* public safety and would accomplish both these goals.

This is a direction that you have told me you support and aligns with your values. I am hoping your vote on Tuesday will reflect this.

Warmly,
Sandra

*Sandra Asher
Director, Governing Board
Community Solutions
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*Director, Governing Board
Parents Helping Parents
<https://www.php.com/>
Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. (author unknown)*

*Member,
Safety for All Disability Justice Coalition*

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Tomara Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 12:55 PM
To: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Tomara (she/they)

Meet with me: [Calendly.com/TomaraHall](https://calendly.com/TomaraHall)
[REDACTED]

Teacher, Equity Leader & Coach in Union School District
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From: cyndi goble <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:28 PM
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Dear Council-member Batra,

My name is Cyndi Goble, and I am a resident of DISTRICT 10. I have attended several of your Town Hall meetings. I live in [REDACTED] neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness. I see the encampments along the creeks and by Almaden Expy and Highway 85 on a daily basis. This is not healthy or safe for those unhoused nor for residents living nearby.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th. Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Cyndi & John Goble

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Stephanie Preston [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>
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Hi Councilman Torres!

I live in the japantown [REDACTED] neighborhood of San Jose and I work at [REDACTED] as a therapist to students in the counseling center.

We desperately need more non police mental health crisis responders. I am frequently put in the ethical dilemma of being asked to call police to respond to mental health (most often suicidal) client situations, and bringing cops in with guns to 'help' my frequently queer students of color does not feel like a a solution at all. The cops don't know enough about mental health (and it's not their job! It's mine! I just need them to transport a student to a hospital) and I am so fearful that one day, a student I'm trying to help will end up injured, arrested, or worse yet, killed. I think of Ryan Gainer, and many students I work with who are on the autism spectrum who might be misinterpreted as 'hostile' when they are just scared and despondent.

Please help us fund TRUST, so that I have a more compassionate, caring alternative.

Please make a friendly amendment on Tuesday to ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive and more dangerous for police to be responding to these crises. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Thank you,
Stephanie Preston
(Licensed psychologist, San Jose community member, SURJ @ Sacred Heart member)

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From: mariastake[REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:41 PM

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

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Dear Councilmember, My name is Maria Burrus, and I am a resident of District 3, I live in the Japantown neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness.

I have usually had bad experiences with homeless people. Who is asking me for money or asking me to go to an ATM for cash to help them? And walking in my yard and taking cans that have been put aside in my backyard to take myself to get money for me. I have also had a man walk up behind me to my car. I jumped in and closed the door and they walked away without talking to me. And scared the life out of me. Living across from a park. I have had to call for homeless living in a tent at the park. Hanging over by the park bathrooms all day. Picking up trash that the homeless have left at the park one time being a bag of human waste. I have emailed and sent photos of all kinds of homeless issues including, tents in the middle of an area of trees near the freeway Exit of 880 to Santa Cruz off of North 1st Street. We need to not only get homes for these people but also Care homes and Mental health places for most of the ones that have mental issues. Cleaning all the trash all over our city is going to be a big job. But we have to make sure these people who are making the mess are not back out there to make the mess someplace else. **Our #1 priority is to have a Clean, Safe, and Productive, city and state** for everyone.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Maria Burrus

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From: Ana Maria Russo [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:09 PM

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

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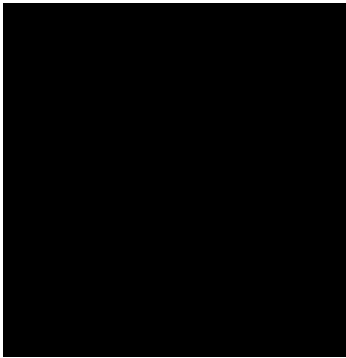
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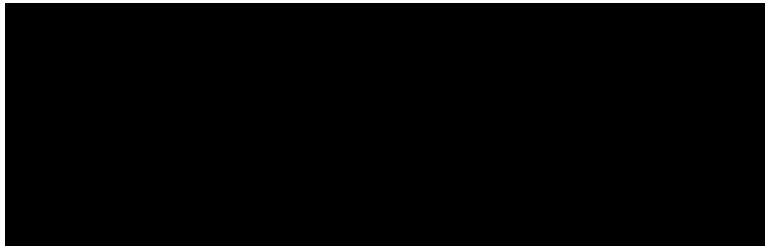
My name is Ana Maria Russo, and I am a resident of District 6. I live in the Willow Glen Neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness. The shopping center with the Hope store is a parking lot for the Homeless some of which are very aggressive when you go into Starbucks.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

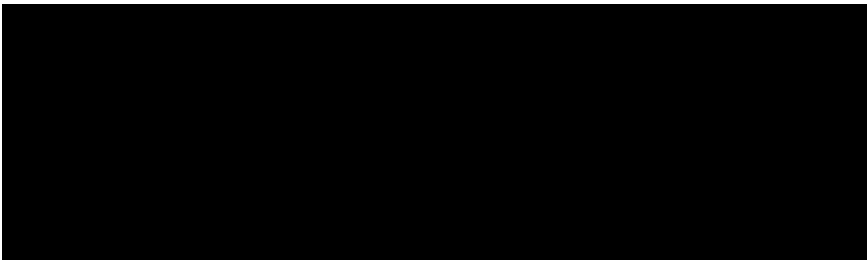
Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,



Ana Maria Russo



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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Shirie Eshel [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:49 PM

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

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I live in [YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD] and am very concerned about homelessness. [YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE/THOUGHTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY OR BLIGHT].

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall

Shirie Eshel

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From: elaine thaler [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:47 PM

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Elaine Thaler, and I am a resident of District 10. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I'm frustrated by the repeated sweeps of the homeless camps and repopulation cycle I see in my area. These sweeps are being funded by taxpayer dollars and there has to be measures put in place that prohibit repopulation into these cleared areas. It is not acceptable to keep moving this population from one area to another. We need real solutions like safe camping sites and ordinances to compel these folks to move into these provided sites.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Elaine Thaler

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From: maria G. Reyes [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:37 PM

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

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I live in [YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD] and am very concerned about homelessness. [YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE/THOUGHTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY OR BLIGHT].

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

[YOUR NAME]

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Cheri Lewis <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:30 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Please Support The Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember Torres,

My name is Cheri Lewis, and I am a resident in D3. I live in the [REDACTED] and I continue to be very concerned about homelessness. Your office has been supportive of numerous of my/our efforts to improve conditions for both the unsheltered and our neighborhood residents and businesses. I would like to see that support continue and ramp up further by supporting the Mayor's Budget Message. I am in agreement that we need to get people indoors faster with supportive services that will help quicken their path to permanent indoor safe living situations.

Please vote to pass the Mayor's message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,
Cheri Lewis

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Cheri K Lewis

[REDACTED]

FW: SCLP letter to SJ Re: March 19 Item 3.3 Mayor's March Budget Message

CMOAgendaServices <cmoagendaservices@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello-

Letter from the public for public for 3/19 Mayor's Budget Message.

From: Opsal, Matthew <Matthew.Opsal@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:37 PM

To: CMOAgendaServices <cmoagendaservices@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: SCLP letter to SJ Re: March 19 Item 3.3 Mayor's March Budget Message

Hi CMO Agenda Services,

Please find public comment below and attached for Item 3.3 on next Tuesday's (3/19) City Council agenda.

Thank you,

-matt

Matt Opsal

Senior Executive Analyst

City Manager's Office of Communications

City of San José

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P: (408) 535-8117

From: Dashiell Leeds [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:31 PM

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

Cc: James Eggers [REDACTED]; Mike Ferreira [REDACTED]

Subject: SCLP letter to SJ Re: March 19 Item 3.3 Mayor's March Budget Message

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Council members,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter represents thousands of supporters in San Jose. Our members care deeply about natural ecosystems, wildlife, and protecting our environment. For decades we have been advocating for parks and open space and for the integrity, environmental health and biodiversity of riparian and aquatic ecosystems in the city. We have read the Mayor's Budget message and wish to offer the following comments.

Please read the attached letter for our full comments.

Respectfully,

James Eggers
Chapter Director
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

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Dashiell Leeds
Conservation Coordinator
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SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES

March 14, 2024
200 E Santa Clara St
San Jose, CA 95113

To: San Jose Mayor and City Council

Re: March 19 Item 3.3 Mayor's March Budget Message

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1. Section III. Urgent Action on Homelessness: As expressed in our March 1 letter, **we remain supportive** of the proposed budget to implement the Enhanced Neighborhoods and Waterways approach to addressing homelessness issues that ensures compliance with the NPDES Stormwater Permit and maintains acceptable levels of service in San Jose neighborhoods.
2. Section VI. Attracting Jobs and Investment: **We are opposed** to the suggestion of placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot that would allow the city to enter into long-term retail and commercial leases on city park land. While we all wish to see investment in parks, using parkland for commercial interests would undermine the fundamental purpose of such spaces and jeopardize their ecological and societal value.

Parks are essential for preserving biodiversity, providing recreational opportunities, and offering green spaces for everyone in the community to enjoy. Additionally, parks serve as crucial buffers against urbanization, providing essential green lungs for cities and mitigating pollution and climate change effects. Sacrificing these invaluable benefits for short-term commercial gains would be shortsighted and detrimental to both present and future generations. Allowing long-term leases for commercial development is likely to create tensions in the future, similar to the controversy around Noble Ave as recently as 2022. San Jose should continue to use

Respectfully,

James Eggers
Chapter Director
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

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From: Dee Nielsen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:26 PM

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I live in [YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD] and am very concerned about homelessness. [YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE/THOUGHTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY OR BLIGHT].

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

[YOUR NAME]

Warmly Dee

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From: Sharon Armstrong <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:24 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmember Batra,

My name is Sharon Armstrong, and I am a resident of District 10. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I always see homeless people at the intersection of Almaden Expressway and Highway 85. They have been there before and keep coming back. We need to do more.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Sharon Armstrong

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Anne Wilke [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:59 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmember Torres,

My name is Anne Wilke, and I am a resident of District 3. I live in the [REDACTED] Neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness.

I was planning a family friendly bicycle ride for Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for which I am a member. To get from point to point for the ride we would have to cross over or under both I280 and SR87. The Los Gatos Creek Trail between Auzerais Ave and West Home St had multiple homeless and a car driving on it, this would not work for a family bicycle ride. Fortunately the Guadalupe Trail from Woz Way to Palm St. would work and then Willow to get under 87.

Trails are not inexpensive to build and so many make one feel uncomfortable to ride because of the encampments. I rarely ride now for my home to Alviso because of this.

How much infrastructure damage are you willing to have to repair or replace because of encampments?

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Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Anne Wilke

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From: Kimberly and Anthony DiPietro - [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:02 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmember, My name is Kimberley DiPietro and I am a resident of DISTRICT 6 . I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. Two knocks away on willow St and Lelong St - under the overpass and neat Guadalupe River we have an extremely large homeless encampment, unsanitary, unsafe and inhumane. We can no longer enjoy Guadalupe pathway of Los Gatos creek trail for fear of our families safety, along with severe pollution along this once beautiful waterway. As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th. Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall.

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Patricia Crespo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:38 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Patricia and I am a resident of Seven Trees. I live in the [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I can't walk or ride my bike on Coyote Creek Trail, The 87 bike path or Guadalupe River Trail without running into an encampment. The pollution in the Guadalupe Creek is appalling.

There are people living in their vehicles in Fehren drive, our neighborhood street that leads to our Caltrain station.

I've mentioned this before to you and your reps in our neighborhood association meetings. Please do something.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Patricia

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Celeste Munoz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:38 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Making My Voice Heard <makingmyvoiceheard@sacredheartcs.org>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Hello, my name is Celeste Munoz and I am a local voter. I implore that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget.

The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Paul Boehm [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 4:55 PM

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

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Dear Councilmember Davis,

My name is Paul Boehm, and I am a resident of District 6. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. Homeless individuals are exposed to harm, injury, and death because they are living in the cold environment and frequently near precarious roadways. They also contribute to pollution of creeks and blight, which strains our sense of community.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Paul Boehm
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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Aurelia Sanchez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:49 AM

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

Cc: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Aurelia Sanchez and I am a resident of District 3 . I live in [REDACTED] Neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness. The unhoused are almost in every street in my neighborhood and cause much blight, theft from residents and businesses and make it hard for many residents to feel safe walking or biking. Every day it seems like another RV parks on our streets making it hard for people living in apartments to find parking. In addition, they constantly trash our parks, small business parking lots and raise store prices by shoplifting from stores and taking their shopping carts.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall.

Robert Barragan
Aurelia Sanchez

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Deborah St. Julien [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:19 PM

To: Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Dear Council Member Jimenez,

My name is Deborah St. Julien. I live in District 2 (in our same home for 39 years), and am a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice @Sacred Heart and Urban Sanctuary San Jose.

Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget.

We need non-police responders for 1000s of calls about behavioral health crises and more. We have DATA that supports this in the recent 911 report. We know this would save money and lives. We also have the data that shows us that 70% of people seriously injured and killed by SJPd between 2014 and 2021 were impaired by either mental illness or substance use. [[investigative report](#) by the *San Jose Mercury News*, in collaboration with Stanford University and the California Report Project].

TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis.

Public safety, as the 911 report shows - is more than the police department. TRUST *is* innovative, economical, right responder for specific needs, best practice public safety.

I am especially invested in this issue because my neighbor has severe mental illness and his behavior can be erratic..If they need help - I want to be able to call TRUST with people who are truly trained in de-escalation & trauma informed, and not someone with a gun.

Please support the City SJ including funding for an additional TRUST field team.

Thank you,
Deborah St. Julien

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: f. [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:00 PM

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

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Thank you,
Cindy Pitcher

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From: garnelson [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 7:56 AM

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

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Gary Nelson, and I am a resident of District 10. I live in the [REDACTED] neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness. The safety of our neighborhood and drug-free environments on our streets.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

[YOUR NAME]

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kathryn Hedges [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 7:10 PM
To: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Omar,

Although I already signed on to our group email thanking you for taking time to meet with us, I have some personal examples of how TRUST is part of public safety. Pardon me if I have shared these stories before, but they are worth remembering during budget season.

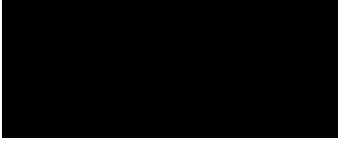
As you know, I live at Donner Lofts where we have many tenants with behavioral health issues who are not being supported in their Housing First programs. 911 is most people's first choice of response when there is some kind of crisis going on, so these behavioral issues are becoming public safety issues. The same principles apply throughout Downtown San Jose.

- One of my neighbors on the 6th floor would get bored, lonely, and drunk late at night. He would pull the building fire alarm so he could see the pretty lights on the fire engines. This happened multiple times a month for at least half a year and was very disruptive to tenants as well as wasting SJFD resources. Someone suggested he call TRUST, and they shared resources with him so he had alternatives to pulling alarms when he felt that way. He hasn't pulled an alarm since then, and it's been about a year. This is a major savings in fire department resources responding to false alarms at our building.
- Another neighbor on my floor has crises where she ends up calling 911 with false reports of being held hostage or other extreme situations. I've seen the SWAT team responding and then leaving when they realize she is alone in her apartment. TRUST talked to her a few months ago and had a good conversation where they shared resources. This hasn't happened again since their encounter. This saves our SWAT team resources for actual crimes in progress.
- The neighbor across the hallway hasn't agreed to talk with TRUST, and instead SJPD has taken her away multiple times. This takes up to 12 units over a period of several hours--resources that could be out responding to armed robberies etc. There were no charges filed after the latest incident, and I suspect she was on a 5150 hold. If she could call TRUST before she escalates to the point where she is threatening people and destroying her apartment (and the common areas), this would save a lot of police resources.
- We have a lot of "medical emergencies" (several times a week, sometimes multiple times a day) where a fire engine and EMS respond. We also get SJPD "welfare checks" for people outside the building (tenants or guests). At least some of them are probably related to substance use. TRUST can also respond to overdose calls because they have a medic as well as the peer supporter and crisis intervention specialist.
- In the downtown area, Kim Guptill and I went to Con Azucar for a snack and noticed a man belligerently shouting nonsense at patrons outside. Someone persuaded him to walk across the street, but he kept walking into traffic and throwing his belongings around. It was a cold drizzly day, but he was shirtless and had his pants rolled up like shorts. We called TRUST and kept an eye on him while we waited an hour for them to respond. We were glad to have the option to call TRUST, because when they arrived, they treated him kindly and he engaged with them. They asked us to leave for his privacy, so I don't know the outcome.
- By the 7/11 on San Fernando, my friend Elizabeth Guzman saw the police trying to wake up a man sleeping outside the building. She said that the man was terrified of the police and kept backing away and yelling in fear and panic. Why do we need armed officers to wake someone up for sleeping in the wrong place, instead of sending TRUST? When SJPD frightens people away from an area, the social workers can't find them when their names come up on the housing list if the client no longer has the phone on record with the agency. This prolongs their homelessness unnecessarily. TRUST could have woken him up more gently and made sure that if 7/11 needs him to leave, that he can still stay in touch with the housing workers.
- I am Autistic, and I worry that if management at my building ever sees me have a meltdown, they will call 911 for a 5150. I don't want to have armed police surrounding my apartment, breaking down my door, and sending the dog in to attack me just because

I am having sensory overload or management has bullied me. I don't want SJPd traumatizing my neighbors who witness that kind of scene either. I want someone to call TRUST instead so I know I will be treated with compassion instead of violence. This is why the ACLU is filing lawsuits against various cities who don't have alternative responders for people with disabilities and who treat disability as a crime.

Please make a friendly amendment on Tuesday to ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive and more dangerous for police to be responding to these crises. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Kind regards,
Kathryn Hedges



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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Andrea Gera [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:46 PM

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

Subject: Item 3.3—Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Hello,

I'm a Housing Service Coordinator for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. It's so Great to see people making progress within a safe appropriate environment. I work residing in a social service office available to tenants who come from the streets to a shelter that prepares them for the next steps of having and keeping a roof over their heads and some with children. Some have community case managers, some need one and some need a place like a trust team easy for them to share those feelings from their past that haunt them. Police and my role can't reach the debts of what people suffering from a past that put them into homelessness and drug use. Addressing these root causes can help continue the progress made instead of the revolving door.

Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Please consider another trust team in the budget for San Jose's grave need of dismantling the damages done.

Thank you for your time reading this and considering adjusting the budget.

Andrea Gera
[REDACTED]

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FW: The Mayor's Message Does Not Address what happens after the homeless are housed on the Taxpayers Dime?

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Carl McRorie <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:34 PM

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

Subject: The Mayor's Message Does Not Address what happens after the homeless are housed on the Taxpayers Dime?

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Dear Councilmember, My name is Carl T. McRorie, and I am a resident of ?. I live in at [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I've lived in my apartment for over 20 years. It was a nice quiet neighborhood. I'm a disabled Vietnam Veteran. I take walks everyday. A few years ago the police cleared out the homeless that were camped out under the overpass on Saratoga Ave crossing the 280. Now they all moved to Kiely Blvd between Saratoga Ave and Northlake Ave, and they defecate and urinate ask me if I want to buy drugs when I walk by. And now on top of the homeless. There are many illegal immigrants! I've been stalked and had two attempted robberies! As my representative, I am asking you to not support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Which adds to the Budget Deficit! And then what? I was homeless for year, sleeping on a piece of cardboard. And I know what they want. Free Housing, Utilities, Food and Medical. And laugh at the Taxpayers Paying for It. And my neighbors feel the same. Please do not vote to pass the message on March 19th. Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall, Carl T. McRorie

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Allyson Rainieri <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:33 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmember, My name is Allyson Rainieri, and I am a resident of District 9. I live in San Jose [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness and finding practical, longterm solutions to resolving this problem in a respectful manner. As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th. Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall, Allyson Rainieri

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: susanne rough [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:12 PM

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

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Omar

We are Susanne and Kirkwood Rough and we are residents of [REDACTED] in DISTRICT 3 Downtown San Jose. We attended Mayor Mahan's Zoom meeting because we are concerned about homelessness, especially unmanaged sites. We've been unable to ride our bikes along the bike path which has been an exercise route we've used for over 16 years. We've worried about fires along Coyote Creek near Williams Street Park. We are sickened by the site of unmanaged camps around Target and on Taylor Street and along Coyote Creek and Guadalupe River where camp trash seems to be exploding into the surrounding area. We are saddened that the progress made on creating a pleasant river walk has been lost. We see the future of downtown San Jose tied to these impediments.

As our representative, we are asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing our voice at City Hall, Susanne and Kirkwood Rough

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From: Anne Deschenes [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:05 PM

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Dear Councilmember Davis,

My name is Anne Deschenes and I am a resident of District 6. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. The encampments on the Los Gatos Creek Trail between Bascom and Leigh have caused crime and noise to be increased in my neighborhood. I no longer feel safe to walk on the Los Gatos Trail to enjoy the outdoors. The garbage and mess that is now around the creek needs to be addressed.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Anne Deschenes

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From: Andy Nguyen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:11 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Hoa Nguyen, and I am a resident of district 9. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. My home is right next to a homeless encampment on [REDACTED]. Over the past 5+ years I have had to deal with constant noise (boom boxes, illegal fireworks, cursing, yelling), fires that have actually spread in to our community, smoke inhalation from the burning of particle wood and artificial materials, golf balls being hit in to home (as the homeless are using golfballs as batting practice and hitting it towards the 87 freeway), smells of urine and feces, encampment partying on weekends. Both my wife and I are first responders at the hospital and this makes it impossible to rest and sleep in our own home, and we feel unsafe to let our kids play outside because of the smoke and golfballs flying around from the homeless encampment.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Hoa Nguyen

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From: Scott Davidson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:37 PM

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

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Dev Davis,

My name is Scott Davidson and I am a resident of District 6. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I've lived in Willow Glen and Cambrian areas for 30 years and the homelessness situation is one of our cities biggest problems.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Scott Davidson

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From: Lynn Aguilar - [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:07 PM

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

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Dear Councilmember, Sergio Jimenez

My name is [Lynn Aguilar], and I am a resident of [District 2]. I live in [YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD] and am very concerned about homelessness. [YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE/THOUGHTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY OR BLIGHT].

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

[Lynn Aguilar]

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Julia Skordos <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 12:13 AM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Omar Torres,

My name is Julia Skordos and I am a resident of District 3. I live in the [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. There are many encampments near our neighborhood along Coleman St and Autumn Prkwy and Taylor St. The homeless from these encampments frequently walk within our neighborhood and sit on our lawns or the curbs. They are under the influence and many times I have called law enforcement to assist in removing the person from private property. Crime has increased as well and the blight is out of hand; human waste, garbage, paraphernalia, beat up vehicle/RV's, soiled clothing, broken grocery carts, etc. are on thrown on the sidewalks and curbs.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall, Julia Skordos

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Tatyana Foltz, LCSW [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:02 PM

To: Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: makingmyvoiceheard@sacredheartcs.org

Subject: Please fund TRUST from your local Social Worker

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Hello Councilmember Foley,

I am reaching out to you again as a SURJ member, **resident of your district**, and social worker with over a decade of working with people with mental health concerns. I am also a consumer of mental health services even calling a hotline for support. I have supported around two dozen people, many San Jose residents access hospitals while suicidal. Many times I would go with them in a rideshare to **avoid the stigma and trauma of being handcuffed and transported by police**. I know for a fact that they would have been open to accessing TRUST. If they did not come to my workplace and were eligible for services I do not know if they would be alive today. I think every San Jose resident should have access to this care.

PLEASE FUND ANOTHER TRUST TEAM FOR SAN JOSE. TRUST can and will continue to **save lives and money**.

In Community,
Tatyana

Tatyana Foltz, LCSW
Pronouns: They / Them

[REDACTED]
Reclaim You, Inc. Website: ReclaimYou.support

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Frank Sumner [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:44 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>

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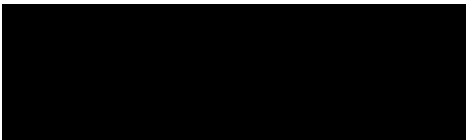
Dear Councilmember,

My name is Frank Sumner, and I own Business's and Commercial Property in District 6. My Business and Buildings are at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I am very concerned about homelessness. I have had Stephen Ngo from the Mayor's office out to walk our Neighborhood with me and to see firsthand what these Homeless encampments do to Neighborhoods like ours. Mr. Ngo was very surprised at the conditions he encountered and was very apologetic for himself, the Mayor's Office as well as the City of San Jose, for allowing our Neighborhood to suffer under these conditions. He took many photos and quickly learned how much a Neighborhood can degrade when encampments are allowed to persist.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Frank Sumner



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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: D7 Leadership Group <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:08 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Fleming, Jonathan <Jonathan.Fleming@sanjoseca.gov>; Dang, Tara <Tara.Dang@sanjoseca.gov>; matthew.quevado@sanjoseca.gov; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Mayor's Budget message - Item 3.3

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To: Mayor Mahan
Councilmember Bien Doan

The D7 Leadership Group which is composed of representatives from District 7 neighborhood associations, business associations, and neighborhood leaders fully supports removal and clean-up of illegal encampments along our city waterways. As residents of D-7, we are especially concerned about Coyote Creek that runs the length of District 7. For too long this creek has been majorly polluted by unhoused persons camping too close to the creek and dumping trash and human waste directly into the waters. We are very glad that the State of California is forcing the City of San Jose to be compliant with the Federal Clean Water Act which would require the removal of all encampments within 500 feet of a waterway. We also understand that this is both a positive direction and also a huge challenge for our city.

The challenge will be that the unhoused individuals will need a place where they can go. We support the use of safe sleeping sites, safe parking spots, and pre-engineered congregate housing in order to help the city comply with State and Federal mandates for clean waterways. We feel these quick build and less expensive housing alternatives are the initial step to getting a handle on the homelessness crisis. We appreciate and applaud the focus on this crisis in the mayor's budget message.

A huge challenge for the city, and its partners such as Santa Clara County, Valley Water and VTA will be to find suitable locations that do not heavily impact neighborhoods, schools, parks, and downtown. We are concerned with pre-engineered congregate housing designed for 1000 people which we feel would heavily affect any neighborhood or business area. Smaller scale versions across the city, would lessen the burden for all neighborhoods and businesses.

We look forward to working with the city to help find areas that will balance the needs of our unhoused population, with the expectation of a quality of life for our neighborhoods. This is a grand opportunity!



Executive Board

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Fri 3/15/2024 9:23 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Terri Harris [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:48 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember, My name is Terri Harris, and I am a resident of District 9. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I walk and/or bike ride around my neighborhood and city of San Jose. It saddens me to see the decline since I moved here in 1997. I no longer feel comfortable walking/riding the nearby trails with all the tents and vehicles used for homeless encampments. I used to use Branham lightrail station; but it became so dirty and unsafe to me. I constantly hear of many homeless pedestrians getting injured and killed on Almaden Expressway as they venture into the road without heeding the traffic lights. As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th. Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall, Terri

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dirk Dorsett - [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 9:26 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember, My name is Dirk Dorsett, and I am a resident of District 3. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness.

The ever expanding encampments along and in Coyote Creek, along the Coyote Creek trail, and the increasing number of RVs in the neighborhoods are having a significant impact. It no longer feels safe to use the trails because of the confrontational behavior and open criminal activities - open drug use, prostitution - of some individuals living in the encampments.

The amount of garbage piled up in the streets next to the RVs and strewn through the streets and the waste and garbage flushed into the creeks is having a detrimental effect on the neighborhood, the city and the environment.

The policies of the past decade(s) aren't working.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,
Dirk Dorsett

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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City of San José Parks Budget Ask _ January 2024.pdf;

From: Hayley Currier

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:11 PM

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

Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Webmaster Manager <webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Item 3.3: March Budget Message

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Good afternoon,

I am resending our coalition's letter regarding the Mayor's budget message and ongoing San Jose city budget planning. Protect our parks. We represent a broad base of stakeholders and organizations who care deeply about San José. **We are writing to implore you to protect funding for parks in the City's budget.**

Thank you,

Hayley Currier

POLICY MANAGER

hcurrier@savesfbay.org | www.saveSFbay.org

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SAVE THE BAY

Protect and Restore San Francisco Bay
For People and Wildlife

From: Hayley Currier

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 1:03 PM

To: mayor@sanjoseca.gov; District1 <District1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <district4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; district8@sanjoseca.gov; district9@sanjoseca.gov; Julia Asada <district10@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov; webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov

Subject: Protect parks in city budget

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter regarding the upcoming budget message and ongoing San Jose city budget planning. Protect our parks. We represent a broad base of stakeholders and organizations who care deeply about San José. **We are writing to implore you to protect funding for parks in the City's budget.**

Thank you,

Hayley Currier

POLICY MANAGER

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February 26, 2024

San José City Council
City of San José
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Re: Protect Park Funding in San José City Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers:

Protect Our Parks. We represent a broad base of stakeholders and organizations who care deeply about San José. We are writing to implore you to **protect funding for parks in the City's budget**. As the City develops its priorities for the coming fiscal year, remember that public open spaces are essential to the fabric of the City. They are the lifeblood of our community, the heart of our neighborhoods, and the catalyst for stronger, more connected lives. Especially in light of the epidemic of loneliness being faced by so many, public places to gather and connect are more important than ever. They make the urban landscape more resilient to the impacts of climate change, absorbing stormwater and reducing heat, and make the communities they serve more resilient, too.

Last fall, you received hundreds of emails, phone calls, and public comments from San José residents calling on you to protect Viva Calle and Viva Parks, beloved public programs that activate our public spaces and bring communities together. As you consider the needs of the City, you must protect the already beleaguered park funding we have, and restore the budget to previous levels. Your constituents are counting on you to keep the City vibrant, safe, and healthy.

Preserving San José's public parks and placemaking efforts is an investment in the future of the City. The City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) and its staff manage over 206 parks, 50 community centers, as well as over 61 miles of trails. Parks funding delivers critical community and neighborhood services that contribute to the health and well-being of the nearly one million people who call San José home. Additionally, open green spaces are a testament to our commitment to sustainability, providing essential habitats for wildlife and native plants, purifying the air we breathe, and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The City has faced a continuing challenge of funding parks and placemaking efforts, as borne out by studies and real-world examples. The pandemic demonstrated the indispensable offerings that parks and public spaces bring to the community – parks and public spaces are “essential services” not simply “nice to haves.”

San José has faced budget cuts in the past, most notably after the Great Recession of 2008. By 2011, the City had cut almost 200 staff positions within PRNS, lost 18 park rangers, and about

37% of its budget.¹ Our parks system and programming has suffered from these decisions and has been on a long road to recovery. Still, deferred maintenance and deterioration of the quality of our public green spaces will require sustaining the levels of staffing and service that the City depends on.

We urge you to recognize the profound significance of parks and placemaking in shaping the identity and resilience of our City. By protecting parks and placemaking funding, you champion the well-being of residents, foster a sense of unity, promote physical and mental health, boost the local economy, and secure a sustainable and climate resilient future. Let us work together to ensure that our parks and streets continue to flourish as spaces of joy, connection, and vitality. Parks are an integral and basic part of our City's resources for community and neighborhood well-being. Protecting these resources facilitates the safety and vitality of our City as a whole.

Now is the time to protect our essential parks and public services like Viva Calle and Viva Parks. 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 José.

Sincerely,

David Lewis, Executive Director
Save The Bay

James P. Reber, Executive Director
San Jose Parks Foundation

Alie Victorine, Lead
Coyote Meadows Coalition

Dorsey Moore, CEO
San Jose Conservation Corps

Ciana Moreno, Communications Manager
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Alice Kaufman, Policy and Advocacy Director
Green Foothills

Jordan Grimes, South Bay Resilience Manager
Greenbelt Alliance

¹ Rosen, Carl. "San Jose struggles to keep its many popular parks safe and clean after staff, budget cuts." Mercury News. 21 Jul 2011.
<https://www.mercurynews.com/2011/07/21/san-jose-struggles-to-keep-its-many-popular-parks-safe-and-clean-after-staff-budget-cuts/>

FW: Response to Mayor's Budget

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Fri 3/15/2024 10:22 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Letter to City Council 3-14-24.pdf;

From: Josefina Aguilar [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 9:21 AM

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

Cc: Perry, Sandy [REDACTED]; Elizabeth Gonzalez [REDACTED]

Subject: Response to Mayor's Budget

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Honorable Mayor & City Councilmembers:

Please see our attached letter endorsed by the members of the San Jose Preservation Collaborative. Thank you.

Josefina Aguilar, Executive Director
South Bay Community Land Trust (SBCLT)
POB 26622, San Jose, CA 95159
[REDACTED]

Website: www.southbayclt.org



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South Bay Community Land Trust

P.O. Box 26622

San Jose, CA 95159

March 14, 2024

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

We respectfully call on City Council to adjust one of the four key focus areas in the Mayor's recent budget message to more accurately reflect the will of the people of San Jose. The December 2023 survey of residents identified their top four priorities as addressing homelessness issues, providing more affordable housing, improving public safety, and beautifying the city. In particular, the focus areas proposed by the Mayor essentially ignore the priority of "Providing More Affordable Housing" altogether. We call on the Council to correct this.

The focus areas replace the question of affordable housing with a vaguely worded category of "Attracting Investment in Jobs & Housing." Attracting investment in jobs appears nowhere on the survey as a resident priority, and attracting investment in market rate housing (the only kind of housing investment this budget message addresses) is also not on the list of resident priorities. In fact, the only specific affordable housing proposals in this budget message have to do with REDUCING affordable housing, not providing more of it. The Mayor calls on the City Manager to explore "reallocation" of Measure E permanent affordable housing funds to other uses, possibly over "a multi-year period," and to consider a "pause" on collecting inclusionary fees for affordable housing.


Essentially the Mayor is calling for providing less affordable housing while the people of San Jose are clamoring for more.

The residents are right. A quick review of the City's housing production record confirms that meeting its market rate housing goals is not and never has been our problem. The shortfall, and it is a dramatic one, is in the fraction of our affordable housing goal that we meet. In fact, the weakness in our affordable housing and anti-displacement programs caused our Housing Element to be rejected by the State Housing and Community Development department (HCD) in the fall of 2023. It was only accepted after many adjustments and amendments early in 2024. We cannot endanger the continued acceptance of our Housing Element by HCD by now reducing our commitment to affordable housing only a few short months later.


Market rate housing does not mitigate our affordable housing crisis. As the Mayor points out, it is only built when “rents rise over time.” Rising rents are not the solution to the affordable housing crisis and to the sufferings of our people, who are already rent burdened and severely rent burdened.

Attracting investment in affordable housing cannot depend on rent increases, because as the Mayor himself admits, housing is already unaffordable. The money that helps us build affordable housing, and in fact covers the majority of its cost, are the various regional, state, and federal funds that are available. However, we cannot leverage these funds without a commitment of local funds like those provided by Measure E. If we are serious about providing more affordable housing, and being responsive to the clear priorities of our people, we will use the budget process to find ways to increase Measure E housing funds, not reduce them. This letter is endorsed by the members of the San Jose Housing Preservation Collaborative listed below. We remain hopeful of your unwavering support.

Sincerely,



Sandy Perry, Vice President of the Board
South Bay Community Land Trust



Josefina Aguilar, Executive Director

Endorsed by:

Maritza Maldonado, Founding Executive Director
Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment

Socorro Montaña, Co-Director, Organizing Coordinator
Tony Romero, Co-Director, Community Organizer
Latinos Unidos por una Nueva America (LUNA)

Andrea Portillo, Director of Community Impact and Policy
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FW: Mayor's Budget Message/Council Agenda 3/19/2024 Item 3.3 Parks Ballot Measure

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Fri 3/15/2024 3:27 PM

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From: jeanann2 [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:13 PM

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

Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>; Wilcox, Leland <Leland.Wilcox@sanjoseca.gov>; Rios, Angel <Angel.Rios@sanjoseca.gov>; Cicirelli, Jon <Jon.Cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov>; Shannon, Jim <jim.shannon@sanjoseca.gov>; Quevedo, Matthew <Matthew.Quevedo@sanjoseca.gov>; Mossing, Mackenzie <Mackenzie.Mossing@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please find attached our letter from neighborhood and community leaders about the Mayor's Budget Message and the proposal to study a ballot measure for retail and commercial activities in our parks.

Please post our comments for the City Council Meeting on March 19, 2024, Item 3.3

Thank-you,
Jean Dresden

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March 16, 2024

RE: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Regarding the Mayor's Budget Message recommendation for a ballot measure to allow businesses in parks, we have many questions. We, the undersigned, are San Jose residents who care about parks. We have served on city or county commissions, task forces or led neighborhood associations or other community groups. We sign our organization names for the purpose of identification only. We speak as individuals.

The Mayor's budget message included:

"Our city parks currently face over \$450 million in deferred maintenance costs.our City Charter precludes significant private investment in parks by prohibiting long-term leases of parkland for retail and commercial purposes. Yet, many urban parks around the world, including Bryant Park in New York and Union Square in San Francisco, welcome private investment and thereby provide a significantly upgraded and heavily-used public space. It's time we let residents decide if they want the same opportunities for appropriate parks and uses in San José. The City Manager is directed to explore placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot that would allow the city to enter long-term retail and commercial leases on city park land and direct the resulting revenues back into our parks, returning to Council no later than the end of May 2024 with a status update and any polling results."

We note that the City Charter (Section 1700.1) does not prohibit long-term leases of parkland but only requires prior approval by the electorate as has already been done, for example for Raging Waters. How is this proposal different?

We also note that for parks cited above, significant revenue comes from fees charged on adjacent real estate properties. Are these property fees also part of this proposal?

Additionally, we have more questions about this proposal:

1. What is the intended scope of this measure? Is it to address all city parks or is it targeted towards a few city parks? Is this proposed for regional parks or specific neighborhood parks? Are some parks excluded? Will it be limited to neighborhoods with abundant parkland and which neighborhoods are those?
2. What is the nature and size of the intended commercial or retail operations? What are "appropriate" businesses? How will community concerns about the nature of the businesses and potential impacts (noise, traffic, lighting, parking, etc.) to the surrounding neighborhoods be addressed? Will there be enforceable limits on hours of operation? Will a list of appropriate businesses be provided?
3. Will all kinds of businesses be encouraged or will there be some linkage to the goals of PRNS as expressed in *Activate SJ*?

4. Will there be a cap as a maximum number of square feet or the percentage of the park area to be converted to retail or commercial operations?
5. Will the business have to provide a recreational community benefit beyond a leasing fee? What sort of community benefits and how will they be quantified for decision-making?
6. How is this proposal compatible or incompatible with Council Policy 7-8 on the long-term use of city parklands which requires the City Council must find that the Long-Term Agreement enhances the designated recreational purposes of the Public Park while meeting requirements for affordable access to the Public Park?
7. Since commercial and retail businesses charge fees, how will the city's commitment to equity be served by this proposal?
8. What level of income (profit) is expected from these commercial/retail operations? How much will it reduce the size of Infrastructure Backlog? Or will it just cover operations at the site?
9. Will the income stay with the hosting park, or will it be dispersed to some other park site with a greater infrastructure need, or be returned to the General Fund?
10. What standards will be established for the financial stability and experience of potential lessees? Will they be required to post a bond to return the site to park conditions if the business fails or when the lease ends? How do we guarantee that developed parkland is returned to its original use after the permit expires?
11. What research has been done on the percent of commercial operations that fail at city parks? What has been learned from this research?
12. What staff or consultants will write the ballot language and accompanying policy language? Will the polling language be managed by the City Manager's Office or the Mayor's Office?
13. How could polling be designed to simultaneously research a park funding ballot measure that would directly address the safety concerns resulting from the park system's failing infrastructure?
14. How much will this polling cost? How much will the election cost? What funds will be used?

We look forward to hearing the answers to these questions prior to a Council decision to move forward with polling.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Ames

District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (Chair); SJ Parks & Rec Commission (Vice Chair)

Jean Dresden Founder, SJ Parks Advocates

Bob Levy

Santa Clara County Planning Commissioner; Former San Jose and Santa Clara County Parks Commissioner

Rudy Flores

Past Chair, San Jose Parks and Recreation Commission; President, Dartmouth Neighborhood Association; founding member of the D-9 Leadership Group; Two time recipient of San Jose Community honoree award; Community Hero of the 28th Assembly District.

Ed Saum

Past Chair of San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, SHPNA President, SHPNA Planning and Land Use Director, Alameda Business Association Secretary

Alie Victorine

Coyote Meadow Coalition, Lead; Recipient, City of San Jose Outstanding Volunteer Commendation

Bill Rankin

Past president, North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association; President, Save Our Trails and an advocate for great SJ parks and trails

Daphna Wolfe

Former chair, San Jose Parks Commission;

Jaime Alvarado,

District 5 resident; Co-Chair Alum Rock Urban Village Advocates (for identification purposes only)

Kathy Sutherland

Delmas Park

Debbie DeGuitus

Managing Director, Christmas in the Park

Jeanette Marsala

Member, Parkland Dedication and Impact Fee Study Task Force

April Halberstadt

Historian and Preservationist

Former Chairman, Santa Clara County Historic Heritage Commission

Darryl Ospring

Board Member & Past President Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association;

Former Member, Santa Clara County Parks Commission; Commendations, Mayor C. Reed and

Mayor S. Liccardo

Marsey Kahn

Thousand Oaks Conservancy Project

Ben Leech

Executive Director, Preservation Action Council of San Jose

Mike Flaughner

Former Chair, San Jose Parks and Recreation Commission

Michael Bertram

Member, North San Jose Task Force; Member, Parkland Dedication and Impact Fee Study Task Force

Jennifer Roberts

Thousand Oaks Conservancy Project

Garnetta Annable

Director District 4 Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority;

Past Santa Clara County Parks Commissioner

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D1 Neighborhood Leader

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Former Neighborhood Commissioner

Shannon Brown

Chair of the Dayenu Circle of Jewish Silicon Valley

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County Parks Department, D10 Resident

Ruth Merino

San Jose Clean Energy Advisory Committee

Amy Cody

President Moreland West Neighborhood Association

Shiloh Ballard

Former Planning Commissioner

Elisa Boyden**Jerry Giles**

D1 Leadership Group

Eric Carruthers

retired principal planner, Santa Clara County and resident of San Jose (Willow Glen)

Gloria Chun Hoo,

former member of San Jose Planning Commission and San Jose resident (D10)

Marie Arnold**David Noel**

President, Erikson Neighborhood Association; Secretary and founding member of the D9 Leadership Group; Past President, VEP Community Association; Recipient of numerous City of San Jose and regional commendations including 2023 District 9 Star Award

FW: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 1:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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

Subject: Re: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

Thank you for reaching out Sharon. I will pass along your sentiments to Councilmember Batra.

Fred Buzo

Policy and Legislative Advisor

Office of Councilmember Arjun Batra

City of San Jose, Council District 10

Direct 408-535-3574 Main 408-535-4910

D10 residents: Have a question or concern for our office?

Get answers or submit a request through our [D10 Help Center](#).

On Thu, 14 Mar at 4:29 PM , Sharon Armstrong [REDACTED] wrote:

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Dear Councilmember Batra,

My name is Sharon Armstrong, and I am a resident of District 10. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I always see homeless people at the intersection of Almaden Expressway and Highway 85. They have been there before and keep coming back. We need to do more.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Sharon Armstrong

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: RONALD WILLIAMS <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:53 PM

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

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember Foley,

My name is Sue Williams, and I am a resident of DISTRICT 9. I live in south Willow Glen and am very concerned about homelessness. I have called numerous times to report occupied and unoccupied homeless encampments. Many of the homeless would gladly accept housing if the city could provide it.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Sue Williams

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: John and Rose Borst <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 5:09 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei <district1@sjdistrict1.org>
Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Rosemary,

My name is Rose Borst, and I am a resident of DISTRICT 1. I live in west San Jose and am very concerned about homelessness.

I have been in contact with you about the homeless issue at [REDACTED] and spoke with you personally on March 9th.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th. I will be watching to see how you vote.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall!

Rose Borst

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FW: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 3/18/2024 8:29 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Michele M <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:23 PM
To: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Hello Omar,

I am writing to express my support to fund a TRUST field team in FY 2024-2025, as well as including a [statement from Disability Rights California](#) (full text below) on the recent killing of a young Black teenager with autism in San Bernardino County, California. The importance of TRUST is not something to be put off.

Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis.

TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis.

I serve on a local public safety leadership group for the disability community and hear the fear from parents, other disabled people, and family members regularly when it comes to interactions with police and other public safety officials. I have my own fears and concerns as a white disabled person when it comes to interactions with the police.

Services and programs like TRUST are an essential part of changes needed in our public safety responses. The request from SURJ is a good start to some of these issues.

While I realize this extends beyond funding the TRUST field team, I echo DRC's demands:

- To shift funding away from law enforcement to alternatives to law enforcement, like mobile crisis response teams staffed by mental health professionals and peers to resolve crises without violence or coercion.
- To create an intersectional approach to changing law enforcement that includes and is led by people with disabilities, especially those that experience multiple forms of marginalization.
- To prevent people with disabilities from coming into contact with law enforcement
- To divert funds from law enforcement to community-based programs and services
- To decrease the power of institutions that routinely harm people with disabilities and marginalized groups.

It is time to prioritize the safety of the people over institutional power that continues to harm and kill innocent people.

TRUST is public safety.

Regards,
Michele Mashburn
Resident D3, San Jose 95112

[Disability Rights California Calls for Change and Accountability Following Police Shooting of Teen with Disability](#)

As an organization that protects and advances the rights of people with disabilities, Disability Rights California (DRC) is disturbed by the violence against Ryan Gainer, a 15-year-old Black autistic teenager. DRC vehemently condemns racism, ableism, and police brutality.

On March 9, 2024, two San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies shot and killed Ryan at his home in front of his family. Sadly, this incident will now be included in a long list of Black people with disabilities killed by the police, like Tanisha Anderson, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, Laquan McDonald, and Sandra Bland. According to the [Urban Institute](#), police shootings kill Black people at twice the rate of white people, one-third to half of police use-of-force incidents involve a person with a disability, and 50 percent of people killed by police have a disability.

"Disability Rights California condemns this terrible act of violence by the San Bernardino Sheriff's department against Ryan Gainer and his family. Disabled people and their families, in California and across the country, fear interactions with law enforcement and the violence those interactions often lead to. DRC will continue to advocate for increased access to community-based care and decrease interactions with law enforcement that will keep disabled people safe," says DRC Director of Public Policy Eric Harris.

DRC condemns this assault and calls for change and accountability. There is a legacy of racism and ableism that this country and state must address. This violence is perpetuated by a law enforcement system that routinely dehumanizes people and justifies brutality. Those called to protect and serve, instead bring trauma, harm, and fatal violence.

Training for law enforcement personnel is not enough. Studies have shown that providing crisis response training to law enforcement has not meaningfully improved outcomes of arrest or officer use of force. We need alternatives to law enforcement, including mobile crisis response teams that are

staffed by mental health professionals and peers and that are dispatched to resolve crises without violence or coercion.

We call for an intersectional approach to changing law enforcement that includes and is led by people with disabilities, especially those that experience multiple forms of marginalization.

We must pursue changes that:

- Prevent people with disabilities from coming into contact with law enforcement.
- Divert funds from law enforcement to community-based programs and services.
- Decrease the power of institutions that routinely harm people with disabilities and marginalized groups.

Ryan Gainer should be alive. We stand and grieve with the Gainer family and their demand for justice.

Media Contacts available via the link above.

Disability Rights California (DRC) – Is the agency designated under federal law to protect and advocate for the rights of Californians with disabilities. The mission of DRC is to defend, advance, and strengthen the rights and opportunities of people with disabilities. For more information visit: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org>.

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Mon 3/18/2024 8:29 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Perla Arellano <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:38 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I hope this message finds you well. As a D5 resident deeply invested in our city's well-being and fairness, I urge you to vote in favor of adding one time funding to the City's budget to study developing a Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance during the upcoming council meeting on March 19, 2024.

In San José alone, nearly 13,000 frontline fast food workers face job instability, unsafe working conditions, and unpredictable schedules. These challenges disproportionately affect women and people of color. A staggering 85% of fast food workers in California suffer from wage theft, and 1 in 9 unhoused workers in the state are employed in fast food, leading to housing instability or even homelessness.

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The Fast Food Industry's race-to-the-bottom model and poor working conditions have ripple effects across communities, contributing to public health impacts, wage theft, and housing instability and homelessness — and the Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance can be a critical part of our city's goals to combat these issues.

I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Perla Arellano



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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 3/18/2024 8:28 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Robert Prola <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:17 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Robert Prola



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Mon 3/18/2024 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Sampann Nigam <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:31 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Council member,

My name is Sampann Nigam and I am a resident of District 2. I live in Melody Neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness.

As a resident of San Jose, California, I am writing to urgently address the critical issues of homelessness, safety, and blight within our community.

I commend Mayor Matt Mahan for his proactive stance on tackling these challenges head-on. Homelessness is undeniably the most pressing issue affecting the livability and prosperity of San Jose. Our city holds immense potential for growth and success, yet this potential is being hindered by the ongoing crisis of homelessness.

Previous efforts focusing solely on affordable housing have not yielded adequate results, given our current budget constraints and practical limitations. It is essential that we acknowledge the failures of past policies and implement more effective and immediate solutions to address the homelessness crisis. Providing shelters and tiny homes represents a practical and compassionate approach to extend crucial support to those in need.

The prevalence of homelessness, particularly in areas like South San Jose, threatens the economic stability and overall well-being of our city. Without swift action, we risk driving businesses away, decreasing property values, and diminishing tax revenues. By prioritizing the resolution of homelessness, we not only enhance the quality of life for all residents but also pave the way for San Jose to flourish as a beacon of progress in Silicon Valley.

I strongly advocate for Mayor Mahan's plan to combat homelessness in San Jose as a pivotal step towards securing a brighter future for our community. It is imperative that we act decisively and collaboratively to address this urgent issue. Let us stand united in our commitment to eradicate homelessness and build a thriving, sustainable future for San Jose.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Sampann Nigam

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Mon 3/18/2024 8:25 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Cindy Ho <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 7:17 PM

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

Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I live in [YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD] and am very concerned about homelessness. [YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE/THOUGHTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY OR BLIGHT].

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[YOUR NAME]

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Mon 3/18/2024 8:25 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rufo J. De Francisco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:51 AM
To: District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: I strongly support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember Cohen,

My name is Rufo De Francisco and I'm a resident of San Jose. I've lived in the Berryessa area since 1994 and I'm very concerned about homelessness. I've seen how our once beautiful neighborhood has deteriorated with graffiti, blight and unsanitary encampments. I have to deal with aggressive panhandling on almost every trip to the Safeway and CVS stores on Berryessa. My wife and I are seriously considering leaving California, which is fast becoming a failed state. Our two sister cities in the north are already beyond repair. The only reason that keeps us here is Mayor Mahan's courageous and bold plan to save the city, which has given us hope.

As my representative in the city council, I'm asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

--Rufo De Francisco

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ana Vazquez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 1:17 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Ana Vazquez



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Gary Nelson, and I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I live in [YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD] and am very concerned about homelessness. [YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE/THOUGHTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY OR BLIGHT].

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Gary Nelson

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FW: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Mon 3/18/2024 8:25 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Gloria Quiroz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 1:39 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I hope this message finds you well. As a resident deeply invested in our city's well-being and fairness, I urge you to vote in favor of adding one time funding to the City's budget to study developing a Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance during the upcoming council meeting on March 19, 2024.

In San José alone, nearly 13,000 frontline fast food workers face job instability, unsafe working conditions, and unpredictable schedules. These challenges disproportionately affect women and people of color. A staggering 85% of fast food workers in California suffer from wage theft, and 1 in 9 unhoused workers in the state are employed in fast food, leading to housing instability or even homelessness.

Despite these challenges, a recent report by the Step Forward Foundation revealed that 88% of California fast food workers lack knowledge about their rights and essential benefits. The Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance aims to address labor violations by providing training to workers and offering paid time off to sustain their families.

However, the fast food industry has lobbied against this ordinance, claiming it would harm small, locally-owned businesses and the local economy. Yet, the law's applicability to companies with over 30 establishments indicates they are not the small establishments

they claim to be but rather big corporate enterprises, many with a history of labor violations. Good businesses should welcome their employees' awareness of their rights, but many of these companies have profited at their workers' expense. Their fear stems from the threat posed by informed workers to their exploitative business models.

The Fast Food Industry's race-to-the-bottom model and poor working conditions have ripple effects across communities, contributing to public health impacts, wage theft, and housing instability and homelessness — and the Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance can be a critical part of our city's goals to combat these issues.

I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Gloria Quiroz



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FW: March 19 City Council Budget Meeting: Fund an additional TRUST team for San Jose

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Mon 3/18/2024 8:26 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karen Matsueda <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 5:41 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: March 19 City Council Budget Meeting: Fund an additional TRUST team for San Jose

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Dear Esteemed Mayor and City Council Members,

I am a long-time resident of San Jose living in a downtown neighborhood of District 3, a member of SURJ at Sacred Heart, and a woman of faith. I am also the sister and Trustee of a man who has lived with serious mental illness his whole adult life. So I'm painfully aware of the critical need for a community-based network of the right type of responders who are predisposed and qualified to deal compassionately and expertly with people in various stages of crisis. The county's fledgling TRUST program is an incredible resource to meet this need, because the crisis line and field teams are staffed by mental health professionals, first aid and peer counselors, and because they do not include armed law enforcement.

As you make crucial decisions today about the coming year's investments and tradeoffs for a vibrant San Jose, I urge you to fund an additional TRUST team for San Jose. We are by far the largest city in Santa Clara County, with an especially vulnerable population who will immediately and tangibly benefit from skilled, compassionate crisis intervention responders. It has, and will continue, to literally save lives.

This is BOTH an issue of mental health support AND public safety for our WHOLE community. Please prioritize TRUST this coming fiscal year.

Respectfully, Karen Matsueda

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ryan Heron <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 6:03 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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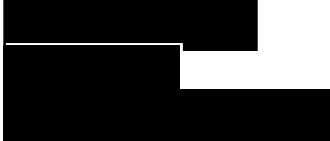
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I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Ryan Heron



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FW: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Mon 3/18/2024 8:26 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Eva Szoboszlay <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 6:35 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Dear City of SJ,

I am a disabled person living in Santa Clara who believes in caring and nonviolent responses to people with mental and physical disabilities, who are far more likely to have contact with and be killed by the police. Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Sincerely,
Eva Szoboszlay

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FW: TRUST funding

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 6:41 PM
To: District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: TRUST funding

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Hi Dev,

I live near Meridian and Dry Creek; I remember deciding to vote for you when you came to our front door several years ago. Thank you for what you've accomplished as our representative. I now request that you ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget.

If you had a broken arm, who would you rather come to help? A doctor or a cop? It's just common sense to send the right responder for the situation. That's what TRUST is all about. Specifically, TRUST (Trusted Response Urgent Support Team) is a non-police-response crisis response program for mental health and substance users. TRUST is about getting the right responder for the situation.

In October the [Mercury News](#) released a long form investigative report that found that 70% of police encounters resulting in serious or fatal injury between 2014 and 2021 involved people who were mentally impaired either by mental illness or substance abuse. Mental health involvement is one of the major categories of police interactions that can and should be diverted to the right responder. The field teams are trained to respond to mental health crises, give trauma-informed care, focus on prevention, and center the client and their loved ones to resolve the crisis.

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The TRUST Call Center gets 3-4 times as many calls from San Jose as from other areas of the county, yet SJ has only one of the four field teams. Another team for SJ means that folks in my neighborhood will have increased access to this help.

Will you support funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST to be included in the 2024-2025 budget?

Sincerely,
Kathie Sheehy

Mobile: [REDACTED]

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FW: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: MT N <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 7:52 PM

To: Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>

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

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> Dear Councilmember,

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> My name is Mary Nguyen, and I am a resident of D8. I live in D8 and am very concerned about homelessness. I do noticed homeless people on white road such as Alumrock library, under the overpass, nearby off ramp of story, and many other locations. If we can help these people to find a home for them, then I will feel safer to be out and about at night in these vicinity.

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> As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

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> Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

>

> Mary T Nguyen

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Debora Ow <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:08 AM

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

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Amanda Leon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 9:12 AM

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

Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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Amanda Leon
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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jacqueline Martin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:40 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Nicole Buccalo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:34 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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Hello,

Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. As a social worker and mental health provider for people who are unhoused in San Jose I have witnessed the harmful effects of police responding to mental health calls for people who do not have the luxury of privacy. These responses can be extremely traumatizing and dangerous. For not only the people I serve at work but also for my friends and family I want to see a mental health crisis response system that has the right professionals show up in a compassionate and safe way. TRUST does all of this and needs to be expanded to better fit the needs of San Jose residents.

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Thank you,
Nicole Buccalo

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Mon 3/18/2024 12:19 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Bruce Halen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:08 PM
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I am a member of a downtown church. We recently had an opportunity to see what a field team is capable of doing. I strongly support an additional TRUST team into the field .

Thanks,
Bruce


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FW: Public Comments: item 3.3 (Mayor's March Budget Message) of City Council meeting on March 19, 2024

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: SCVchapter ACLUNC <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Clerk,

I hereby submit the attached letter as public comments for agenda item 3.3, "Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message," of the City Council meeting to be held on March 19, 2024.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely,
Victor Sin
Chair (volunteer)
Santa Clara Valley Chapter of ACLU of Northern California

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March 18, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Item 3.3, Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message, City Council meeting on March 19, 2024

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California, I submit public comments on agenda item 3.3, "Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message" of the City Council meeting on March 19, 2024.

Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness

Homelessness in San José is at a critical moment, and we appreciate the recognition that programs and resources are necessary to combat this humanitarian emergency. Investment in subsidized, permanent affordable housing, social housing, and services is the solution.

San José, and the state of California, is facing a housing displacement crisis that has been decades in the making¹. This crisis was first exacerbated by rising economic inequality², stratified by race³, and then made even more stark by displacement from a once-in-a-generation

¹ Neil Gong, *California gave people the 'right' to be homeless – but little help finding homes*, THE WASHINGTON POST (May 21, 2021), available at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/05/20/california-homeless-addiction-drugs/>.

² Pub. Pol'y Inst. Of Cal., *Income Inequality in California*, available at: <https://www.pplic.org/publication/income-inequality-in-california/>.

³ Sarah Bohn et al., *Racial Disparities Are Widespread in California*, Pub. Pol'y Inst. Of Cal. (June 3, 2020), available at: <https://www.pplic.org/blog/racial-disparities-are-widespread-in-california/>.

pandemic⁴. The epidemic of houselessness, borne by untenable rent burdens and an inexplicable lack of investment in affordable housing, has reached a fever pitch⁵.

We ask City Council to question programs and policies seeking to rid the community of the visible presence of unhoused people. Proposals that cite, jail, or displace people for being unhoused (i.e., living or camping in vehicles, on the streets, or in other places not fit for human habitation) or forcibly segregate people into mass shelters by threat of citation or jail time are not effective.

We urge the City to invest in affordable housing and basic survival needs for our unhoused community members. We need permanent, subsidized housing, instead of temporary, emergency stop-gap initiatives that do little to solve the underlying crisis. Programs should follow “housing first” principles that are grounded in the idea that people need housing as an immediate response to their needs. Resources should not be used to expand the homeless shelter system—a strategy that only further segregates unhoused people away from their communities and services. We also hope that City Council will elicit perspectives and feedback from unhoused San José residents—they are your constituents and our fellow community members.

Deployment of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

We continue to express strong opposition to the deployment of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) in San José. ALPR systems make our community less, not more, safe. Despite claims that ALPR systems can reduce crime, researchers have expressed concerns about the rapid acquisition of this technology by law enforcement without evidence of its efficacy. Multiple studies have found no relationship between the deployment of ALPR and vehicle thefts. Instead, ALPR systems have been shown to violate privacy, facilitate dangerous police stops⁶, and risk exposing our immigrant community members to harm.

The Mayor’s Budget Message indicates that the City plans on more than doubling the number of ALPR cameras in usage. According to the vendor’s transparency portal (<https://transparency.flocksafety.com/san-jose-ca-pd>), in the 30-day period leading up to March 17, 2024, over 2.7 million vehicles were detected by the 224 existing ALPRs. Yet, there is insufficient quantifiable data to illustrate their purported effectiveness. The public deserves transparent information about such an intrusive surveillance program that monitors the everyday movements of law-abiding community members⁷.

⁴ Jessica Dickley, *42% of people falling behind as Covid-19 widens the wealth gap, report finds*, CNBC (Dec. 2, 2020), available at: <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/12/02/pandemic-widens-the-gap-between-the-haves-and-have-nots-report-finds.html>.

⁵ Lauren Hepler, *Homeless camp backlash has reached a turning point in California*, S.F. CHRONICLE (May 14, 2021), available at: <https://www.sfchronicle.com/local/article/California-s-reopening-is-colliding-with-an-16174581.php>.

⁶ San Francisco Woman Pulled Out of Car at Gunpoint Because of License Plate Reader Error, available at <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/san-francisco-woman-pulled-out-car-gunpoint-because>.

⁷ David Maass and Beryl Lipton, *Data Driven: Explore How Cops Are Collecting and Sharing Our Travel Patterns Using Automated License Plate Readers*, ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUND., November 15, 2018, <https://www EFF.org/pages/automated-license-plate-reader-dataset> (finding that between 2016 and 2017, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department scanned 234.36 million license plates with a 0.22 percent hit rate, the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department scanned 162.69 million license plates with a 0.06 percent hit rate, and the Sacramento Police Department scanned 116.23 million license plates with a 0.1 percent hit rate).

Expansion of Trusted Response Urgent Support Team (TRUST)

Alongside the ACLU of Northern California, we urge the City of San José to fund the expansion of the Trusted Response Urgent Support Team (TRUST) Field Response Program.

TRUST provides invaluable, non-police responses to Santa Clara County residents in mental health crisis, and was born from the experiences of San José families who lost loved ones to police violence. These families, who understand first-hand the lethal risks of police responding to people in mental health crisis, organized through Silicon Valley De-Bug to advocate for a non-police crisis response. The result of their advocacy, TRUST, is a crucial component of the City's emergency response system because it diverts emergency calls that are more appropriately handled by peer support workers and crisis intervention specialists away from police—a federally-recognized core principle of emergency behavioral health care⁸. However, TRUST remains underfunded and understaffed. To achieve the benefits of having a community-driven, peer-staffed response team, San José must expand the TRUST program to meet the City's service needs.

A recent analysis of San José 911 call data performed by the City found that the City and County's alternative response programs must expand their capacity to address calls suitable for alternative emergency responses⁹. Mobile crisis units staffed by non-police professionals, like TRUST, are an essential component of an emergency response system. Much like Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) respond to physical health emergencies, mobile crisis teams provide mental health de-escalation and treatment wherever the individual in crisis is, whenever the services are needed. With the training, tools, and expertise to assess an individual's needs and offer appropriate community-based interventions, mental health clinicians and peers provide people experiencing mental health crises the best opportunity for stabilization and healing¹⁰. Mobile crisis units also help both the individual and the City avoid traumatizing, expensive, and unnecessary hospitalizations¹¹.

Compared to the general public, people with severe, untreated mental health disabilities are sixteen times more likely to be killed during a police encounter; as many as half of all people killed by the police are people with mental health disabilities¹². A *Mercury News* investigative

⁸ Department of Justice and Department of Health & Human Services, *Guidance for Emergency Responses to People with Behavioral Health or Other Disabilities* (May 2023), at p. 5, https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-05/Sec.%2014%28a%29%20-%20DOJ%20and%20HHS%20Guidance%20on%20Emergency%20Responses%20to%20Individuals%20with%20Behavioral%20Health%20or%20Other%20Disabilities_FINAL.pdf.

⁹ City of San José, Office of the City Manager, *911 Event Data Analysis Report: An Assessment of 911 Data and Alternative Service Models* (Feb. 2024), at pp. 14-15, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xL991CExiMqkOkn8BgnGKL0EOStlHk1t/view>.

¹⁰ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), *National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care – A Best Practice Toolkit* (2020), at p. 10, <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/national-guidelines-for-behavioral-health-crisis-care-02242020.pdf>

¹¹ Mulrooney, *Reducing “Avoidable” ED Visits for Mental Health Could Cut Billions in Costs, Improve Patient Outcomes*, American Journal of Managed Care (Dec. 2022), <https://www.ajmc.com/view/reducing-avoidable-ed-visits-for-mental-health-could-cut-billions-in-costs-improve-patient-outcomes>

¹² Fuller et al., *Overlooked in the Undercounted: The Role of Mental Illness in Fatal Law Enforcement Encounters*, Treatment Advocacy Center (Dec. 2015),

report found that nearly three-quarters of those seriously injured – and 80% of those killed – by San José police in the years 2014-2021 were believed to be mentally ill or intoxicated¹³. Co-response models like the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT), in which police respond alongside mental health workers, do little to mitigate the harms of sending police to someone in crisis¹⁴. TRUST protects people in crisis by removing police from crisis intervention. TRUST teams include peer support specialists, another key element for successful, effective crisis response models. Crisis response teams that include peers are more likely to successfully de-escalate situations on-site and are less likely to transport people in crisis to inpatient care¹⁵.

Although the TRUST program is well-designed, it cannot fulfill the promise of using non-police to respond to people in mental health crisis until it is adequately funded and staffed. We ask the City of San José to, at a minimum, provide funding to the TRUST program to meet the service needs of the City. Increasing the availability of TRUST teams will help community members with mental health disabilities receive the care they need in their most terrifying moments.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to these critical issues.

Sincerely,

Victor Sin
Chair (volunteer)
Santa Clara Valley Chapter of ACLU of Northern California

https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/reports_publications/overlooked-in-the-undercounted-the-role-of-mental-illness-in-fatal-law-enforcement-encounters/.

¹³ Salonga, *Losing Control: When San Jose Police Confront People in Mental Health Crisis, Why Do They End Up Hurting Them So Often?*, MERCURY NEWS (Oct. 8, 2023),

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/10/08/when-san-jose-police-confront-people-in-mental-health-crisis-why-do-they-end-up-hurting-them-so-often/>.

¹⁴ See generally Dee et al., *A Community Response Approach to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Crises Reduce Crime*, 8 Science Advances 23 (June 8, 2022) (meta-analyses of co-response models fail to show a causal relationship between the use of co-response teams and reduced arrest and detention rates. Additionally, “police are more likely than mental health clinicians to direct individuals experiencing a mental health episode to the criminal justice system rather than to the appropriate health care.”),

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9176742/>

¹⁵ Mental Health America, *Effectiveness of Peer Support* (May 2018), <https://www.mhanational.org/sites/default/files/Evidence%20for%20Peer%20Support%20May%202018.pdf>.

FW: 3/19/2024 Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Mon 3/18/2024 12:42 PM

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Hello City Council Members and Mayor,

My name is Leslie Zeiger. I am a local voter and member of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) at Sacred Heart. While volunteering serving meals to unstably housed individuals, I have seen many members of our community struggling with behavioral health issues and I have witnessed the power of a caring response to their struggles.

We ask that you support the Candelas/Jimenez/Ortiz [memo](#). The city's recent 911 report makes clear that behavioral health calls make up a large percentage of police interactions that could be diverted to more appropriate responders, and TRUST, the right responder for these types of calls exists. Follow through on the Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation and prioritize funding for an additional TRUST field team for San Jose in the 2024-2025 budget. TRUST is public safety for all, as is keeping people in their homes through permanent affordable housing and anti-displacement strategies.

The greater likelihood of injury or death at the hands of police for people with mental illness or addiction is a major reason behind the design and implementation of the TRUST program. The level of danger of

police response for people in behavioral health crises has already prompted [one lawsuit](#) in Washington DC alleging that police response for mental health is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. TRUST is a core tool for public safety for all. However, TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand for its services, especially in San Jose, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. **Response times for field teams average 30 minutes** in North county and **can be as much as an hour** in San Jose. We don't tolerate that length of response time for other first responders. [Average response time for police for their highest priority calls is 7-9 minutes](#), and they face critique for how *long* that is. Similarly, [ambulances are supposed to respond within 12 minutes](#). If the North county teams are taking 30 minutes to respond and [San Jose on average gets four times the number of calls for service](#), the need for an additional field team in San Jose seems clear. Utilizers of the TRUST program have been having positive experiences with what the field team is able to accomplish when they get to the scene, but these response times make clear that expansion is necessary to meet demand.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Candelas/Jimenez/Ortiz memo,
Leslie Zeiger


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San José Arts Advocates <[REDACTED]>

Mon 3/18/2024 12:37 PM

To: San José Arts Advocates <[REDACTED]>

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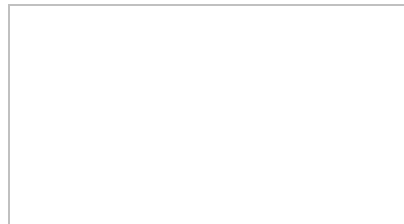
Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Please find attached a letter from San José Arts Advocates on behalf of our creative community for your consideration related to Item 3.3 on your agenda for tomorrow, March 19, 2024, Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Thank you as always for your service.

Regards,
SJAA Core Team

cc:
City Manager
City Budget Director
Director, Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs
Director of Cultural Affairs
San José Arts Commission
Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events Advisory Committee



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San José Arts Advocates

March 18, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of San José Arts Advocates (SJAA), we are writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message. As you may know, SJAA is a volunteer collaborative of the San José creative community dedicated to education, advocacy, and action to support arts and culture. We believe that arts and culture are essential to our city's economic, social, and civic wellbeing.

Arts programs and destination events were the first to be decimated by the pandemic and will be the last to fully recover. In the midst of this existential threat, San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

We appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, we have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps" caused by what can now be categorized as chronic underperformance of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and a lack of sufficient foresight to create more diverse, dependable, and ultimately sustainable funding streams for the City's growing arts and culture programs.

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to stop dragging its feet on this issue. We understand and appreciate the concerns we have heard from your offices and the developer community about the rising costs of development. We believe you can create significant cost savings for developers through a streamlining of the City's entitlement processes and an investment in Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement staff — while also implementing a Private Percent for Art policy to protect our creative community.

Also unaddressed in the Mayor's March Budget Message is our recommendation to allocate a greater portion of TOT revenue to arts, culture, and tourism programs. During the Council's recent study session on Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events (Feb. 16, 2024), three different TOT funding scenarios were examined, yet none of these are currently being recommended for further examination.

Instead, the Mayor has chosen to focus on only one of the 12 funding options presented at the study session: an admissions fee for San José events. While the potential for revenue generation from such a fee is immediate and measurable, it would effectively create an additional burden for arts patrons and presenters alike. Any such fee would need to be structured to keep the programs provided by arts and cultural organizations accessible to our entire community and anyone visiting San José to experience those programs. According to the same study referenced above, patrons of San José nonprofit arts already invest an average of \$43.88 per person on expenses beyond the ticket fee for every event they attend — buying meals in local restaurants, staying in local hotels, parking in local garages, taking public transit. We cannot expect these individuals to contribute even more toward solving a problem created by a lack of bold leadership.

While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, we call on you once again to direct OEDCA staff to work with SJAA, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, we continue to recommend that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

Absent the addition of these recommendations, we cannot support your approval of the FY 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

SJAA Core Team

Peter Allen
Carman Gaines
Karen Kienzle
Amanda Rawson
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cc:
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City Budget Director
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FW: Increasing sidewalk encampments in kooser neighborhood

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

Mon 3/18/2024 1:45 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>; Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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I'm not sure if Measure E is coming up on an agenda. If it is not, please include in the public record for Rules.

From: Ruth Callahan <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 12:47 PM**To:** Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Webmaster Manager <webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Increasing sidewalk encampments in kooser neighborhood

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Dear City Officials:

The sidewalk encampments are sprouting up all over the sidewalk streets adjacent to the 1371 Kooser's PSH Section 8 public housing site. The large announcement signage, while a necessary public notice, it is attracting the displaced individuals to the sidewalks adjacent to the section 8 public housing project.

We're witnessing these developments as the Montessori child care center and preschool is beginning it's enrollment process. We cannot accept or permit the blight and encampments creeping into our family residential neighborhood in anticipation of an opportunity to be housed. This is on a city sidewalk on public through a fair , less than 150 feet from the school.

The Kooser Woods Coalition Neighborhood Association strongly advocates for 85% of Measure E funds go to EIH and hiring of social workers and case managers. We understand from testimony at the SCC BOS meeting, regarding Care Court implementation, that the Legal Foundation of SV fired a substantial amount of these professionals because of the County's CPS department reducing the number of vulnerable infants and children OUT of the system.

Please proceed with the proscribed 3rd party audit of the Measure E funds.

The housing department spent \$48 million last year on food and toilets to sustain and engender the growth of encampments throughout our city.

We will not accept the waste of our tax dollars any longer in this fashion.

The candidates in the November runoff are going to have to answer these questions. For the record, spouting the line " it's a complex nuanced issue needing multiple modalities for solutions" is no longer an acceptable.

The public wants to know one thing from the candidates:

Housing First or

Treatment First.

The public is tired of your excuses and the funding spent on policies that show no results. 10 years of failed leadership is enough.

Please place this in the public records to provide comment on how our neighborhood would like to see the Measure E budget allocated.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors of the Kooser Woods Coalition Neighborhood Association.

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FW: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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From: Belinda Hoose <[REDACTED]>
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Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

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To the Mayor and City Council,

I urge you to do the following:

Vote in favor of the Candelas-Jimenez-Ortiz memo. The 9 points in this plan are absolutely vital to the prosperity and safety of our city, especially funding another TRUST van specifically for San Jose. TRUST is an issue of public safety, and that is a priority for residents.

Vote in favor of adding one time funding to the City's budget to study developing a Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance during the upcoming council meeting on March 19, 2024. We need to take care of our 13,000 fast food workers in San Jose.

Vote to adjust the budget message to not only not move Measure E funds from affordable housing, but to double down on affordable housing.

Vote to push for Tenants Right to Counsel as a means of preventing renters from becoming homeless (a priority in the budget message, but this would be a big "how" to accomplish it).

Vote to fund the arts. What is the point of paying through the nose to live here if we lack cultural vibrancy?

Thank you,

Andrew Siegler, District 3 Resident, Voter, & Taxpayer
Unceded Tamien & Muwekma Ohlone Land, San Jose, CA

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Betsy James, and I am a resident of District 3 . I live in the Vendome neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness. The problem of homeless encampments has persisted for too long. We need to restore our public spaces to the public without having to worry about trash, blight, dangerous conditions.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Betsy James

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Subject: Item 3.3 (March 19): Please Support Mayor's Budget Message

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Good afternoon,

The Institute for Non-Violence and LULAC have, since 2015, been engaged in service of our un-sheltered neighbors, many of whom are Latino families with young children. We have been close partners with stalwart advocates and service providers of the faith community, including the Winter Faith Collaborative, Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment, Grace Baptist Church, Hope Village and others.

Our collaborative efforts contributed to the first (and for years the only) rotating safe parking programs, learning and realizing quick build sheltering like Pallet homes (e.g. Casitas de Esperanza for families and children), and best practices for designing a holistic pathway from street and creek to permanent supportive housing. We have worked among many community advocates diligently researching and studying successful innovations in housing, like Community First in Austin, Texas. In fact, Cerone VTA was proposed as a site for a Community First-like model several years ago when the property was listed on VTA's leasing portfolio. It was also our team, which includes educators, community school innovators, social workers, policy scholars and others, that instituted a years-long campaign across jurisdictions, supported by Phil Mastrocola, the SCCOE McKinney Vento team and Amigos de Guadalupe, to raise awareness and educate on McKinney Vento unhoused students and families. A handful of years ago, staff of multiple jurisdictions were not working with McKinney Vento school district liaisons and some jurisdictions and organizations continue to require education and pressure to do so.

Frankly, the City of San Jose did not meet the cooperative moment many times that opportunities to partner appeared. Instead, the City of San Jose often presented barriers to efforts by those collaborating on possible solutions. We are grateful to the new mayoral administration, new and existing council members, and city manager's office for shifting that course last year in re-aligning Measure E budget allocations to match the dire need and emergency state in our city. For us, this is entirely about mercy winning and we urge you to focus on that. Faith communities have been trailblazing such works of mercy for the last decade and we urge the City to continue catching up in partnership. It has been a long frustrating journey in patience and sorrow, and finally the City of San Jose and other partners are advancing such projects. Please. Keep. Going.

As local, state and national leaders in non-partisan consensus building, the Institute for Non-Violence and LULAC Council 3090 support all of you in building consensus to advance the scaling of housing pathways for un-sheltered neighbors. There is no silver bullet model and we must embrace collaborative creativity. We remain committed to this work and need the City of San Jose to make an ongoing commitment to it as well. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Serena Alvarez, Esq.
Executive Director, The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence
Co-Chair, CA LULAC Legislative & Health Committees
Advisor to LULAC National Vice President Farwest
President, LULAC Council 3090 Santa Clara County

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FW: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Neil Park-McClintick <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 2:13 PM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am writing to request Mayoral and Council support for basic fast food worker protections, given the rampant exploitation and wage theft that happens to San Jose's thousands of employees in this industry.

The asks of these workers are not particularly radical and should not be inviting so much hesitation from members of the council; they deserve some level of voice on the job, just like we all enjoy in our various fields. This means instituting a basic know your rights training--an extreme need in an industry where the super majority of workers do not know ALREADY legally guaranteed protections, and in which most of these same workers are women, immigrants, people of color and often dealing with language barriers and undocumented status. Additionally, having paid time off would be a game changer for workers who often work 2-3 jobs to get by, giving up a critical personal time to be spent with loved ones and necessary self-care/rest.

Please acknowledge the humanity of these workers, and put their needs above the profit margins of fast food businesses.

Neil Park-McClintick



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Jacob Yoder-Schrock <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jacob Yoder-Schrock, and I am a San José Arts Advocate. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Despite existential threats, San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

I appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, I have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps."

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to stop dragging its feet on this issue.

Also unaddressed in the Mayor's March Budget Message is the option of allocating a greater portion of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to arts, culture, and tourism programs. During the Council's recent study session on Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events (Feb. 16, 2024), three different TOT funding scenarios were examined, yet none of these are currently being recommended for further examination.

Instead, the Mayor has chosen to focus on only one of the 12 funding options presented at the study session: an admissions fee for San José events. While the potential for revenue generation from such a fee is immediate and measurable, it would effectively create an additional burden for arts patrons and presenters alike. Any such fee would need to be structured to keep the programs provided by arts and cultural organizations accessible to our entire community and anyone visiting San José to experience those programs.

While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, I call on you to direct OEDCA staff to work with San José Arts Advocates, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, I ask that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Jacob Yoder-Schrock
District 8

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Dear Honorable Councilmember Peter Ortiz,

My name is Maria Elva Wilson. I have been a resident of City Council District 5 in the Alum Rock neighborhood for over 33 years and a resident of San Jose for over 65 years.

First of all, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to your office for recently working with our community to identify and enforce abatement of a large growing encampment on two privately-owned adjacent properties on North Capital near McKee Road in my community. The encampment abatement has restored safety and livability for both for residents and small businesses in this area. Thank you.

I am supporting the Mayor's budget because I am very concerned with the recent past exorbitant taxpayer cost and massive and inefficient efforts the City of San Jose has put into handling our ever-growing homeless and RV encampment issues.

Tiny homes are an extremely expensive solution that this City cannot afford. We are trying to shelter thousands of homeless people using a Cadillac solution on a shoestring budget. Taxpayers are no longer willing to build and manage \$60,000+ homes for every single person that becomes homeless in our city or for ever person who comes to this city take advantage of our current homeless sanctuary city policies.

In addition, without serious enforcement of No Return policies, too often, the homeless return to the very same sites. This renders the City's intensive efforts completely useless and inefficient. This is a serious waste of my tax dollars.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the Mayor's pragmatic, prudent and realistic solutions of increasing managed congregate shelters and managed, safe tent sleeping areas. With the recent SF Water Board Mandate to remove the homeless polluting our creeks and the mandate's looming hefty fines for non-compliance, it is imperative we take a serious look at affordable solutions grounded in reality.

I also strongly support an increased police budget to help provide faster response times. In the Alum Rock neighborhood, calls reporting crime to 311 for police response too often go unanswered. This is unacceptable.

As my representative and my voice at City Hall, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster.

I am respectfully asking you to vote to pass the budget message on March 19th.

I appreciate your past efforts to clean up my neighborhood and am grateful that you are representing me at City Hall.

(Maria) Elva Wilson

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Hello Esteemed San JoseCouncil members, Mayor Mahan

My Name is Niki Holman and I am a longtime resident in San Jose currently residing in District 4. I am also a parent of two young children in San Jose, one of whom has a language delay. I am very active in support groups and have friends whose children have various disabilities. I was proud to show support for the 2021 creation of an Office of Disability Affairs in San Jose.

I would like to thank Councilmember Candelas,Councilmember Jiminez and Councilmember Ortiz for their memo highlighting affordable housing as well as funding TRUST.

I'm writing to ask that you support the Candelas/Jimenez/Ortiz [memo](#), as well as sharing this statement from [Disability Rights California](#) on the recent killing of a young Black teenager with Autism in San Bernadino County, California. As a parent one of my biggest fears is what happened to Ryan Gainer happening to my child or another child.

The importance of funding TRUST is not something that can be put off. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis.

I stand with Disability Rights California in demanding changes that:

- Prevent people with disabilities from coming into contact with law enforcement.

- Divert funds from law enforcement to community-based programs and services.
- Decrease the power of institutions that routinely harm people with disabilities and marginalized groups.

TRUST is public safety for all, as is keeping people in their homes through permanent affordable housing and anti-displacement strategies. Providing the right responder for the crisis IS common sense. Providing a mental health response for a mental health crisis IS back to basics. Please keep our children and one of Santa Clara County's most vulnerable populations SAFE. This is a civil right's issue and I hope that funding for TRUST is supported. Thank you all for your time!

In solidarity,
Niki Holman


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Re:

Item 3.3: Include funding for an additional TRUST field team for SJ in next year's budget

Date:

March 18 2024

We, the undersigned, support the following statement: *We can reduce the need for police overtime and match the right responder with the crisis by funding another TRUST (Trusted Responder Urgent Support Team) truck and field team for San Jose. The TRUST program is a non-law enforcement response to mental health crises, with professionals and peers trained specifically for these issues. It is a "care first" rather than a "fail first" approach meant to connect folks with support and resources BEFORE something*

terrible happens. Data collected so far shows that San Jose is the area of greatest need in the county. The city can partner with the county to use their TRUST infrastructure and fund another San Jose field team. This is a chance to save lives and prioritize prevention.

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Submitted by Derrick Sandlerlin, Senior Organizer for Race Equity and Community Safety at Sacred Heart Community Service, and Jennifer Myhre, Senior Organizer for Showing Up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart Community Service

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FW: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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Mon 3/18/2024 3:27 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rebekah Jensen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:19 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. I am the parent of teenagers and know many more. This is a difficult time of life for these kids and many are struggling with mental health issues. If they or a friend are having a mental health crisis, they need to be able to contact a TRUST team not the police. I fear that these wonderful, sensitive kids won't contact police if they or a friend needs it out of fear of armed and untrained response. We need a second (or more) TRUST team to help with the demand for crisis response or we are in danger of losing more of these special, fragile lives.

--Rebekah Jensen
District 2

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FW: TRUST

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From: Karen Schuler <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: TRUST

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Dear City Council Members,

Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Best,

Karen Schuler
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FW: March Budget Message

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From: Pat Waite <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:41 PM

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

Subject: March Budget Message

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council Members,

Mayor Mahan has been elected and re-elected because he promised to focus our government on the things that matter to us citizens. His March Budget Message reflects his dedication to fulfilling that promise. Collaborating with Councilmembers Cohen, Davis, Foley and Torres, the Mayor has provided a thoughtful and focused vision for this year's budget.

I ask that the City Council adopt Mayor Mahan's March Budget Message in its entirety. Please keep our city focused on the things that matter to us citizens: resolving our unhoused crisis, cleaning up our city, reducing crime, and making it easier and faster to build residences of all kind.

Thank you for your time.

Pat Waite
President
Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility



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anna <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Anna Marcoida-Harshbarger, and I am a San José Arts Advocate. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Despite existential threats, San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

I appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, I have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps."

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to stop dragging its feet on this issue.

Also unaddressed in the Mayor's March Budget Message is the option of allocating a greater portion of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to arts, culture, and tourism programs. During the Council's recent study session on Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events (Feb. 16, 2024), three different TOT funding scenarios were examined, yet none of these are currently being recommended for further examination.

Instead, the Mayor has chosen to focus on only one of the 12 funding options presented at the study session: an admissions fee for San José events. While the potential for revenue generation from such a fee is immediate and measurable, it would effectively create an additional burden for arts patrons and presenters alike. Any such fee would need to be structured to keep the programs provided by arts and cultural organizations accessible to our entire community and anyone visiting San José to experience those programs.

While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, I call on you to direct OEDCA staff to work with San José Arts Advocates, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, I ask that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Anna Marcoida-Harshbarger
Council District 3/San Jose

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FW: support for additonal TRUST

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From: Kathy Reyes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:00 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: support for additonal TRUST

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Hello,

My name is Kathy and I am a resident of Council member Pam Foley's district 9. I want to express support for an additional TRUST team to be added. As a woman who experienced domestic violence during the pandemic, I had no option but to call police during an incredibly difficult period of time. Instead, I would have much rather call the TRUST team because my partner at the time needed mental health support, not an armed responder who could potentially kill him. That was my worst fear - that I called the police when we needed help and that they would see him as a threat and shoot the father of my son. It is a well-known fact that non-white people with mental illness are killed at higher rates by police than their white counterparts.

If I had the option and known about it to call TRUST instead of the police in 2020, I would have done so in a heart beat.

I urge to invest in this program by adding another team and making it as easy to call for assistance directly from TRUST.

thank you,

Kathy Reyes

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FW: Destination: Home Letter re: Mayor's March Budget Msg (Item 3.3 on 3/19 Agenda)

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Mon 3/18/2024 4:59 PM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: David Low <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 4:13 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Destination: Home Letter re: Mayor's March Budget Msg (Item 3.3 on 3/19 Agenda)

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Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

Please find attached a letter from Destination: Home CEO Jennifer Loving re: Item 3.3 on the March 19th Agenda - the Mayor's FY 24-25 March Budget Message. We appreciate your consideration of these concerns and welcome the opportunity to work with you in the weeks ahead as we progress through the budget process.

Thank you,
David

**DAVID LOW**

Sr. Director of Policy & Communications

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Re: Mayor's FY 24-24 March Budget Message

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your continued efforts to address our housing and homelessness crisis. We greatly appreciate the urgency you are bringing to address this crisis and share in the goal of bringing people indoors and on the path to permanent housing as quickly as possible.

However, we are deeply concerned at the prospect of diverting Measure E funding dedicated to affordable housing production. Data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition found that [the San Jose metro area only has 33 available and affordable apartments for every 100 extremely low income households](#) and countless studies have shown that the lack of affordable housing is the primary driver of homelessness in a community. Locally, we saw a [24% rise in new people becoming homeless last year](#), largely due to rents and wages not keeping pace.

The potential loss of affordable housing funds is even more concerning [because there are 13 affordable housing developments in the pipeline and waitlisted for City funding](#), which could collectively add more than 1,500 new affordable apartments in San Jose. And because these projects are able to leverage significant outside funding, moving them forward would require less than \$150,000/unit in City funding. But without Measure E, the last remaining source of local affordable housing dollars in the City, we risk seeing these projects delayed or killed altogether.

We also must acknowledge that efforts to expand shelter in San Jose will not yield tangible results if we're not also continuing to expand affordable housing opportunities as well. [Recent data published by our Continuum of Care](#) showed that only ¼ of the people who accessed temporary housing or shelter in Santa Clara County last year were able to secure permanent housing - and that the vast majority of those who did find housing were only able to do so with the help of a subsidized housing program or unit. Without continuing to expand affordable housing options in our community, we risk seeing our shelter sites hosting people indefinitely and unable to keep up the rising number of people being pushed into homelessness for the first time.

That's why we must find ways to continue expanding both shelter and affordable housing in San Jose. In particular, we urge the City Council to:

- **Explore new sources of revenue.** Instead of being forced to choose between these two key community priorities, let's explore opportunities to bring in new revenues that will help us address both critical needs. New sources of revenue will also be key in helping meet the significant ongoing costs related to operating the City's growing portfolio of EIH and other shelter sites.
- **Find alternative approaches to bring people indoors that don't require steep cuts to other City priorities.** In the spirit of the Mayor's call to treat homelessness like the crisis it is, let's explore faster options to quickly sheltering our unhoused neighbors. For example, utilizing existing City facilities as temporary shelters (as was done during the pandemic) could be implemented much more quickly and with minimal upfront capital costs.

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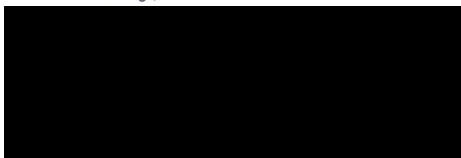
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They would also offer a much better setting than outdoor safe-sleeping sites - at a minimum, people would have access to heat, cooling and indoor plumbing, something safe sleeping sites cannot provide and will take much longer to bring online.

We appreciate the challenging fiscal landscape you are confronting and that tough choices lie ahead. But we must find a way to continue making progress on both of the community's top two priorities: ending homelessness AND expanding affordable housing options. We are committed to working with you to find solutions that will help us make meaningful progress on both of these critically-important goals.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Loving
CEO

FW: 3/19 Agenda Item 3.3: Mayoral Budget FY24-25

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Hello,

My name is Maelin Aquino, I'm a Community Organizer and Housing Counselor with Asian Law Alliance. I am a resident of District 6 in San Jose, CA.

I'm writing to share my support for the Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance. San Jose is home to nearly 13,000 fast food workers and the City needs to do its fair share in protecting all workers, especially those who are most vulnerable to wage theft and instable housing conditions. The Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance represents a transformative opportunity to empower fast food workers, particularly women, enhance working conditions, and contribute to efforts to alleviate homelessness in our city.

- Knowledge is power. This ordinance empowers thousands of workers, in particular women of color, to access protections granted to them by state and federal laws. When businesses understand that their employees are knowledgeable about their rights, they are more likely to uphold fair labor standards, provide adequate wages and benefits, and create a supportive work environment.
- The Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance improves working conditions for over 13,000 people across the fast food industry, granting more individuals access to stable incomes.
- 1 in 9 homeless individuals in California are employed by the fast food industry. This ordinance aligns with our ongoing efforts to combat homelessness and create a more equitable and inclusive city for all residents.

Lastly, for the second year in a row, the mayor's budget message demands we sacrifice real solutions to our housing crisis in favor of old ideas that we stopped doing for a reason: sweeps, tents and congregant shelters don't end homelessness and they offer minimal relief. We have to treat our limited dollars to invest in permanent housing as a precious resource and we are concerned and surprised the mayor would once again try to gut Measure E and undermine the will of the voters. The mayor's budget message does not reflect our urgent need to improve

community safety or the unanimous will of the council to invest more in alternative response and violence prevention. I support items 2, 4 and 6 in the memo from councilmembers Ortiz, Jimenez and Candelas.

Sincerely,

Maelin Aquino (she/her/hers)

Community Organizer at Asian Law Alliance

HUD Certified Housing Counselor

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Wiilam Keller and I am a resident of D10. I live in Almaden/Campton Chase and am very concerned about homelessness. I need to get them off the open space and creeks and put them in transitional housing with assistance. Change the budget to address this priority.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

William Keller

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Diane Dao, and I am a resident of D8. I live in D8 and am very concerned about homelessness. I do noticed the homeless people near King&Tully businesses area. I don't feel safe to go into those businesses. I am willing to support and vote for the budget.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Diane H Dao

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Hello,

Ahead of the 3/19 Council Meeting tomorrow, please find attached MidPen's comment letter on item 3.3 regarding the 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Please be in touch with any questions or follow-up.

Thank you,

Alex Rogala (he/him) | Policy Manager**MidPen Housing**

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March 18, 2024

RE: Measure E in the March Budget Message

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of MidPen Housing to express our concerns that the Mayor's March Budget Message once again proposes to shift Measure E funding away from affordable housing production.

MidPen Housing is one of the nation's leading nonprofit developers, owners, and managers of high-quality, affordable housing and onsite resident services. Since MidPen was founded in 1970, we have developed over 130 communities and 9,400 homes for low-income families, seniors, and those with supportive housing needs throughout Northern California. In San José, our portfolio includes 14 properties comprising over 1,200 units, with one 203-unit project in our pipeline.

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That pipeline project, VTA Capitol Station, received a waitlisted award from the City's 2023 NOFA for affordable housing funds. In partnership with Santa Clara Valley Transportation [REDACTED] Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing (OSH), this project will [REDACTED] place parking into a vibrant, walkable, bikeable, sustainable, and [REDACTED] development. The project will create a total of 203 affordable rental homes, including 50 permanent supportive housing (PSH) units and 50 units reserved for extremely low income (ELI) households. Over half the PSH units will be 2-BRs, and 3-BRs sizes—a rare unit type in the market but one that is desperately needed by low-income families seeking an affordable home with supportive services.

Critical new construction projects like VTA Capitol Station depend on City funding programs, and many will be delayed or scrapped if Measure E revenue is diverted entirely to interim solutions. This will have an impact on the City's pipeline of affordable homes for years to come. City financing is a vital tool for leveraging federal and state funding, which we cannot afford to leave on the table.

We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but instead of pitting one strategy against another, we ask the City to focus instead on how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance a "both/and" approach to our community's priorities. Truly addressing the homelessness crisis requires that we invest in a spectrum of housing solutions. Interim housing and short-term shelters are important parts of the continuum, and we see first-hand how they can support people's success in moving to permanent housing.

MidPen supports All Home's "1-2-4 Framework for Homelessness Solutions" that involves a strategic and coordinated set of concurrent investments: for every unit of interim housing created, another two units of permanent housing and another 4 interventions should be invested

in homelessness prevention. Together, these actions can help eliminate unsheltered homelessness in the Bay Area by 75%. This approach aligns with the rationale behind the existing Measure E allocation.

It is essential to understand that long-term operating costs are identified and baked into the upfront underwriting of permanent affordable housing. Annual operating costs for permanent units often represent one-third or one-half the cost of interim operating costs, which continue to rise at an unsustainable rate and put significant pressures on the City's general funds. Furthermore, when one considers the cost-efficiency on a per bed basis, the difference is even greater. While interim solutions typically focus on providing single beds, affordable housing projects like VTA Capitol Station provide two and three bedrooms per unit. This means that every dollar supports more beds in permanent housing. Both solutions serve an important role in the system, so it's important to keep in mind the long-term cost efficiency of permanent housing.

Please protect affordable housing funding in this year's budget and let's come together to develop a real plan for funding and sustaining a comprehensive approach to our housing and homelessness crisis.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact Nevada V. Merriman, Vice President of Policy & Advocacy, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Matthew O. Franklin
President & CEO
MidPen Housing

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Mayor Mahan & Council Members -

The Mayor was just re-elected by an overwhelming majority of San Jose voters because he focuses on major issues that all citizens want & need to have resolved. It is this focus that makes for success in dealing effectively with these problems.

As a resident of District 10 I have had the pleasure working with him for many years before he first became our Mayor, so I know that he deserves your support to move the entire city positively forward.

Please, approve his Budget Message as written.

Thank you,

RICH

Rich Crowley

Chair - San Jose District 10 Leadership Coalition

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Hi D7 Leadership Group,

Thank you for reaching out to us on your concerns of the resolutions of the 1,000 Unhoused being cleared out of the creek bed along Coyote Creek. We heard you and we will work together with the leadership groups of NAs in D7 and all residents in selecting the side for the pre-engineered congregate camping sites.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know. Once again, thank you for your continuous support.

Best regards,

Tara Dang
Community Outreach Coordinator
City of San Jose, Mayor's Office

On Thu, 14 Mar at 5:10 PM , D7 Leadership Group <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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To: Mayor Mahan
Councilmember Bien Doan

The D7 Leadership Group which is composed of representatives from District 7 neighborhood associations, business associations, and neighborhood leaders fully supports removal and clean-up of illegal encampments along our city waterways. As residents of D-7, we are especially concerned about Coyote Creek that runs the length of District 7. For too long this creek has been majorly polluted by unhoused persons camping too close to the creek and dumping trash and human waste directly into the waters. We are very glad that the State of California is forcing the City of San Jose to be compliant with the Federal Clean Water Act which would require the removal of all encampments within 500 feet of a waterway. We also understand that this is both a positive direction and also a huge challenge for our city.

The challenge will be that the unhoused individuals will need a place where they can go. We support the use of safe sleeping sites, safe parking spots, and pre-engineered congregate housing in order to help the city comply with State and Federal mandates for clean waterways. We feel these quick build and less expensive housing alternatives are the initial step to getting a handle on the homelessness crisis. We appreciate and applaud the focus on this crisis in the mayor's budget message.

A huge challenge for the city, and its partners such as Santa Clara County, Valley Water and VTA will be to find suitable locations that do not heavily impact neighborhoods, schools, parks, and downtown. We are concerned with pre-engineered congregate housing designed for 1000 people which we feel would heavily affect any neighborhood or business area. Smaller scale versions across the city, would lessen the burden for all neighborhoods and businesses.

We look forward to working with the city to help find areas that will balance the needs of our unhoused population, with the expectation of a quality of life for our neighborhoods. This is a grand opportunity!



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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Anne Younan, and I am a San José Arts Advocate. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Despite existential threats, San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

I appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, I have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps."

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to stop dragging its feet on this issue.

Also unaddressed in the Mayor's March Budget Message is the option of allocating a greater portion of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to arts, culture, and tourism programs. During the Council's recent study session on Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events (Feb. 16, 2024), three different TOT funding scenarios were examined, yet none of these are currently being recommended for further examination.

Instead, the Mayor has chosen to focus on only one of the 12 funding options presented at the study session: an admissions fee for San José events. While the potential for revenue generation from such a fee is immediate and measurable, it would effectively create an additional burden for arts patrons and presenters alike. Any such fee would need to be structured to keep the programs provided by arts and cultural organizations accessible to our entire community and anyone visiting San José to experience those programs.

While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, I call on you to direct OEDCA staff to work with San José Arts Advocates, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, I ask that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Anne Younan
General Manager

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Thank you,
Mark J. Mikl
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CHARITIES HOUSING

March 15, 2024

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

We are deeply concerned that the Mayor's March Budget Message once again proposes to shift Measure E funding away from much needed affordable housing production.

We have a significant much needed pipeline to deliver affordable apartment homes to the City of San Jose. Two communities were awarded funding under the December 2023 NOFA.

5885 Santa Teresa Blvd. 49 unit large family affordable. This community is shovel read and will be applying for tax credits in June 2024 and would start construction early next year.

71 Vista Montana, 94 unit large family affordable. We have been working with the City on an important AHSC application for an important significant source of funding for the housing but also for City's bike and ped improvements and Capital Corridor for transit improvements. This project would apply for tax credit late in 2024.

In addition we have two projects in the Housing NOFA que first and third up.

2920 E. Alum Rock, 65 unit large family affordable
Winchester and Driftwood, 100 unit large family affordable.

Lastly we are in contract for a parcel at 998 S. DeAnza Blvd. If the City redirects funding our lender Housing Trust Silicon Valley may have a concern originating the need land acquisition loan.

All of these projects are envision as large family affordable with AMIs between 30-50% and with 25-50% of the apartment homes set asides for special need populations.

Sadly, Measure E is one of the only remaining sources of local affordable housing funding available for new developments, and shifting those funds will put the city's entire pipeline at risk. We also need to remember that these dollars also allow us to access an even greater amount of federal and state funding, which we cannot afford to leave on the table.

We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but instead of pitting one strategy against another, it's time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance BOTH community priorities.

Please protect affordable housing funding in this year's budget and let's come together to develop a real plan for funding and sustaining a comprehensive approach to our housing and homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Mikl
Executive Director

FW: REAL Coalition Letter re Item 3.3, Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, City Council, City Manager Maguire, and Budget Director Shannon,

Attached you will find a letter from the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition regarding **Item 3.3, the Mayor's Budget Message**. We look forward to your discussion on this topic.

Thank you,

Ángel Aliano | Nonprofit Policy & Advocacy Fellow

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Mayor & City Council, et. al
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200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
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Sent via electronic mail

Re: Item 3.3, Mayor's Budget Message, March 19, 2024

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, City Council, City Manager Maguire, and Budget Director Shannon:

This letter is being submitted by 38 nonprofit and ally members of the Racial Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition. Please consider our comments regarding the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Message.

Housing

Relating to Measure E, the city council may need to make "hard choices" but it doesn't have to make self-defeating ones. We cannot afford to undermine the city's only reliable source for funding new affordable housing by throwing band-aids at gaping wounds. While we need a balance of permanent housing, temporary shelters, and prevention – temporary measures are not permanent solutions. The lack of affordable housing is the problem, and building affordable housing is the answer. Whereas we are very supportive of prevention approaches, we do not believe it's wise to divert funding from adding permanent housing units for this purpose.

The assumption of a need to spend \$25 million on creek cleanups in one year is a self-inflicted wound on the city budget. As the budget message and city staff's previous forecast points out, the figure is really just a guess and doesn't make clear actual costs, the possibility of other sources of funding including potential new revenue, or evidence that the full amount can, should, or would be spent in a single year.

For safe parking, we support the mayor's intention to invest in expanding options

for RV dwellers; those plans need to include more off-street locations with hygiene and other services.

Community Safety

In addition to funding for implementation of alternative speed enforcement cameras, the city manager should be directed to include adequate funding for a thorough and ongoing community process to oversee deployment of the cameras. Furthermore, we support the additional investment in quick-build traffic safety intervention and they should be done in alignment with camera deployment so we increase safety through infrastructure and not punitive measures in over-policed communities.

We do not support the additional surveillance measures recommended in the Message.

It is good to see the mayor's support for more coordination and investment in alternative response to behavioral health crises and other situations best served by someone other than law enforcement. However, the budget message doesn't reflect the will of the council as expressed in the February 27 hearing on 911 and police dispatch. At a minimum, the budget needs to include funding for an additional TRUST team.

And, the budget message ignores the unanimous will of the council and its direction to staff February 6 to recommend expanded or new violence prevention measures. This work should be assumed to be part of the budget for FY25 rather than an add-on in opposition to other needs.

Additional Priorities

The Mayor's Message seems to assume that the services included in the \$23.5 million in one-time funding should be continued; these services, including the policing aspects, should be assessed to determine, for example, whether they advance racial equity and effectively keep our community safe.

The REAL Coalition continues to support resources for programs that advance

racial equity (which we advocated for in FY24), including: moving forward key priorities of the Recovery Task Force, improving the City's approach to civic engagement as well as continuing promotora piloting, and making permanent racial equity positions in city departments.

Please consider this letter signed by 38 nonprofit and ally members as you decide what action to take on March 19. You can reach REAL by emailing iselar@sacredheartcs.org.

Sincerely,

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About the REAL Coalition

The REAL community of nonprofit leaders and allies has been meeting since June 2020 to use our positional power to advocate for a more racially-just and equitable society; to establish a peer network of leaders committed to fighting white supremacy and systemic racism in ourselves and our institutions; and to hold each other accountable to the promises we made in the Nonprofit Racial Equity Pledge. The REAL Coalition is broadly representative of the nonprofit community including human and community services, behavioral health and health, arts and culture, domestic violence, older adults, food distribution, education, environmental, farming, legal, disability rights, LGBTQ rights, ethnic, immigrant rights, housing and homelessness, criminal justice reform, urban planning, and intermediary organizations, and others. Over 125 organizations have participated in the REAL Coalition.

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Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council.

Please find attached Silicon Valley at Home's recommendations on Item 3.3 March Budget Message for your consideration.

Thank you.

Mathew Reed
Director of Policy
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March 18, 2024

City of San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113**Re: Item 3.3 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message**

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

The Mayor's March Budget Message has historically been accepted by the council as the beginning of a budget process, which will proceed through the council's adoption of the final 2024-2025 budget in June. We agree that we must act with urgency to bring our neighbors in from the streets and into permanent homes. We are deeply concerned, however, that the proposed priorities are neither fully reflective of the needs and interests of the city, responsible in the near term nor sustainable over time. As a result, acceptance of this message must be contingent on the following provisions:

- 1. Continue your commitment to a balanced approach to our response to the crisis of homelessness and displacement by maintaining the Measure E spending plan that supports both the provision of shelter and the creation of homes people can permanently afford.**
- 2. Identify new sources of funding to account for the significant ongoing costs of supporting interim shelters and a comprehensive homelessness response system. Rather than pitting solutions against one another, we must seek new sources of revenue to support both of these key priorities.**

Providing more affordable housing is a top priority for San Jose residents and leaving this out of the budget fails the commitments we have made to invest in permanent housing stability for current and future generations.

The Annual Community Survey shows that addressing homelessness and providing more affordable housing are the top two priorities for residents yet, affordable housing production is left out of the Mayor's budget message. **Providing more affordable housing is the top priority for Black and Latinx residents who suffer the most under the weight of our housing crisis.**

The lack of affordable housing options is a serious threat to our community: 70,000 families in our community are rent-burdened, and it is the primary factor driving more of our neighbors into homelessness every day.

We have permanent projects ready to go. The most recent city Affordable Housing Funding Notice of Funding Availability identified an additional 13 affordable developments waitlisted for city funding, representing more than 1,500 new affordable homes all of which would be at risk if Measure E funds were to be diverted.

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Re: Item 3.3 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message

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Permanent affordable housing is a critical part of a system of response to the crisis of displacement and homelessness in our communities.

Permanent affordable housing is an integral part of a system of response laid out in the city's implementation plan for the Community Plan to End Homelessness. Data from Destination: Home's Continuum of Care showed that only ¼ of the people in interim housing or shelters in Santa Clara County last year were able to secure permanent housing and 75% of the folks who transitioned did so with the help of a supportive housing program and/or other form of housing subsidy. In recognizing the importance of interim shelter, we must remember that the measure of our success is the number of people who can achieve permanent housing stability.

The only true solution to homelessness is permanent housing. Stable, affordable homes are proven to be what we need to stop overcrowding, rent burdening, displacement, and evictions.

Next week you will have the opportunity to support an innovative local tenant preference policy that targets affordable housing investments to address community instability, displacement, and homelessness. This solution is only going to be effective if we continue to invest in affordable housing.

Emergency interim shelter is important, but the current costs of expanding these resources are unsustainable and will require an ongoing independent revenue source.

The city must look for permanent revenue streams to fund the significant and continuous interim operating costs. The most recent commitments to the Cerone and Rue Ferrari sites show development costs of \$200,000 and \$224,000 per bed, and an estimated \$70 million per year in system-wide operating costs per year by 2028 under current expansion plans. The required financial commitment to maintaining these interim sites is unfeasible and has already begun to impact the city's budget deficits.

While we understand the difficult decisions that lie ahead given this year's fiscal challenges, we urge you to keep **both** ending homelessness and increasing the availability of affordable housing as top priorities. Towards that end, we urge the council's support for the recommendations included in the memorandum submitted by Councilmembers Ortiz, Candelas, and Jimenez to enable a discussion grounded in a full accounting of costs and the impact of different approaches.

SV@Home is committed to working towards common understanding and support for comprehensive solutions to end the housing crisis in San Jose. We believe that no single strategy will be effective on its own and that addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities requires embracing a balanced systemic response. Affordable housing is an invaluable asset to our city and we must treat it as such.

Sincerely,

Regina Celestin Williams
Executive Director



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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please find attached a letter of support for the Mayor's 2024-25 budget message and priorities.

We appreciate the careful consideration and forthcoming discussion of the 2024-2025 budget and look forward to working with you for the best outcome of our city's future.

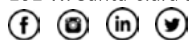
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March 18, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Council meeting 3/19/24. Item 3.3 - Support Approval of Mayor's Budget Message

Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

The San Jose Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of the Mayor's 2024-2025 Budget message and priorities.

The San Jose Chamber represents a diverse community of small to large businesses in our city and region. The recommendations put forth in the Mayor's memo reflect the highest priorities of San Jose's residents and businesses.

We understand the challenges of balancing a budget and setting priorities in a year with an expected deficit and uncertain economy. We would like to thank the Mayor, Councilmember Torres, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Cohen and Councilmember Foley for collaborating to create an action-oriented, fiscally responsible and forward-thinking set of recommendations.

Of particular importance to economic and workforce development in our city is Section VI. Attracting Jobs and Investment. We'd like to emphasize our support of:

Streamlining and reducing cost of planning and permitting

- Streamline the planning and permitting process for projects in downtown San Jose (specific plan areas with approved EIRs)
- Improve predictability for development and construction projects citywide in both timing and cost
- Create a fee calculator that will estimate an applicant's cost of doing business with the city
- Analyze current impact fees on the cost of development

Investing in the future of AI

- Propose specific incentives to encourage companies with fewer than 100 employees to start up in or relocate to San Jose
- Explore workforce, technology and especially AI-focused partnerships with SJSU
- Explore the allocation of one-time funding to expand the Government AI Coalition and lay the groundwork for a Civic Sandbox Initiative that facilitates regular piloting of innovative technologies by City Departments in collaboration with outside entrepreneurs and academics



**San Jose
Chamber of Commerce**

We appreciate the number of requests and priorities the Mayor and each Councilmember must balance in any given year. Knowing that staff time is limited and there will be reductions in areas of the budget, we appreciate your prioritization of these investments for both short and long-term economic benefits for our city.

We look forward to working with you in support of these efforts.

Sincerely,



Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO
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Joshua Jimenez

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

Please find attached a comment letter from Abode Housing Development on the proposed changes to Measure E that will be discussed as part of the upcoming city budget.

We look forward to building more affordable housing with San Jose as a partner.

Jon

—
Jonathan White (he/him)

Chief Real Estate Officer

Abode Housing Development

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March 18, 2024

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Re: Proposed Changes to Measure E Spending Plan

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

On behalf of Abode Housing Development, a non-profit affordable developer focused on creating permanent supportive housing developments in the Bay Area, **I write to express our deep and significant concerns over the proposed changes to the Measure E spending plan.**

When Measure E was approved in 2020, the voters were told that this tax would predominantly go towards building more affordable housing and the City Council adopted a corresponding spending plan that allocated this funding to a number of key housing programs - with the vast majority of funding going towards new affordable housing production, which we know is critically-important to solving our homelessness crisis.

Abode Housing Development has been actively pursuing supportive housing developments in San Jose for more than 10 years and all of them have required significant funding from the City of San Jose to be viable. Measure E is a crucial component in the development of supportive housing that is the true solution to solving homelessness. Affordable housing developments in general and supportive housing projects in particular require City, County, Housing Authority, generally state and federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC"). The State and Federal Funding require the leveraging of local funding to be competitive.

We currently have one project under construction with City Measure E funding, Parkmoor Community Apartments. This 81 unit project will provide supportive housing for transitional aged youth coming out of foster care who are experiencing homelessness and affordable housing for very low income families. It would not have been able to start construction in November 2023 without Measure E funding from the city of San Jose.

We have 4 projects in our pipeline that are relying on future Measure E funding with 312 units between them, half of which are reserved for people experiencing homelessness. Three of those projects applied for the San Jose NOFA in November of 2023. Algarve was recommended for a funding award which, once that funding is formally allocated and committed from San Jose, allows us to apply for the last portion of funding, the Low Income Housing Tax Credits, in August 2024 with a construction start in the spring of 2025. Two other projects, Casa de Novo Phase I and Milestone Arts Colony were waitlisted due to lack of available funding from San Jose. These projects will become viable to apply for tax credits after additional Measure E funding from San Jose is awarded to them. At this point these two projects are stuck in predevelopment because they lack a city funding commitment that allows them to continue towards construction. They are both entitled and ready to go other than not having sufficient funding.

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The competitive nature of state and federal funding is already substantial with most funding sources being heavily over subscribed, so every local dollar is critical for the projects be able to secure other funding and be viable. For LIHTC projects, city housing funding is generally leveraged 5 to 7 times resulting in a much greater investment in the city without spending local money. Eliminating San Jose as a source of affordable housing funding will have long term negative impacts both to the individual affordable housing projects, but will also **cause San Jose to miss out on bringing state and federal funding to the City in the range of \$20M to \$50M per project.**

These are real projects that the City will simply be unable to fund if it goes through with this drastic shift in Measure E funding. And even if the City is in a position to restore affordable housing funding in the future, any short-term pause in affordable housing funding creates exponentially longer delays in bringing new developments to fruition and threatens to kill some projects all together. Further, for every year the project is stuck in predevelopment, the cost of the development generally increases by at least 10% due to inflation.

It's important to note that we acknowledge the need for temporary housing and shelter options in San Jose, but those are short term emergency room solutions and are not solving the problem of homelessness because people will not live in a shelter permanently. You need new affordable housing developments to solve the problem of homelessness. We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but instead of pitting one strategy against another, it's time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance BOTH community priorities.

Please protect affordable housing funding in this year's budget and let's come together to develop a real plan for funding and sustaining a comprehensive approach to our housing and homelessness crisis. We look forward to partnering with the city of San Jose to build more desperately needed affordable housing and providing safe and dignified homes for people who are experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,

Jonathan White
Chief Real Estate Officer
Abode Housing Development


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HAC Comment letter on item 3.3

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Council, and Staff,

Please see the attached comment letter for item 3.3 "City Budget" on behalf of the Housing Action Coalition. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

In solidarity,

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March 19, 2024

Dear Mayor Mahan, Council, and Staff,

We are writing on behalf of the Housing Action Coalition, a member-supported nonprofit that advocates for creating more housing for residents of all income levels to help alleviate the Bay Area and California's housing shortage, displacement, and affordability crisis to express our excitement about the budget proposals related to permitting in the City of San José, particularly those aimed at fostering housing development and streamlining the permit process.

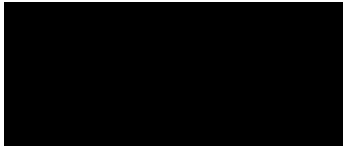
Specifically, we are encouraged by the proposal to explore pausing or reducing certain building fees to support the development of housing. The escalating costs associated with building permits can pose significant barriers to both individual homeowners and developers alike, hindering the creation of much-needed housing units across our city. By temporarily easing these financial burdens, we can incentivize investment in housing projects, thereby expanding our housing supply and promoting greater affordability for residents of all income levels.

Furthermore, the initiative to create a fee calculator that estimates an applicant's cost of doing business with the city is a proactive approach to improve transparency and efficiency in the permit process. Too often, developers are deterred by the uncertainty surrounding permit costs and regulatory requirements. By providing applicants with a clear understanding of the financial implications upfront, we can empower them to make informed decisions and navigate the permitting process with greater confidence and ease. This, in turn, will spur economic growth, stimulate job creation, and accelerate the delivery of much-needed housing options for our community.



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We are thankful for the city's leadership and vision in advancing these critical initiatives. By prioritizing housing affordability and economic development, you are laying the foundation for a more vibrant, equitable, and prosperous future for all residents of San José.



Corey Smith, *Executive Director*
Housing Action Coalition (HAC)



Ali Sapirman, *South Bay & Peninsula Organizer*
Housing Action Coalition (HAC)

City Council 3/19/2024 - Item 3.3: Mayor's March Budget Message

Karen Kienzle <[REDACTED]>

Mon 3/18/2024 6:35 PM

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Karen Kienzle and I am a San José Arts Advocate and proud San Jose resident. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Despite existential threats, San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

I appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, I have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps."

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to stop dragging its feet on this issue.

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While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, I call on you to direct OEDCA staff to work with San José Arts Advocates, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, I ask that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Karen Kienzle
District 3 resident

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Kit Wilder <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/19/2024 7:00 AM

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kit Wilder, and the grant writer for City Lights Theater Company of San José and a professional actor and director with the company. For many years I have been a live theatre practitioner and supporter in San José and the Bay Area, and I am an avid San José Arts Advocate. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

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Kit Wilder
Grant Writer, Actor, Director, City Lights Theater Company of San José
City of San José District Three

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FW: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Tue 3/19/2024 8:04 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Laksh Bhasin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:07 PM

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

Subject: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

As a homeowner and resident in District 6 of San José, I am deeply invested in our city's well-being and fairness, and urge you to vote in favor of adding one time funding to the City's budget to study developing a Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance during the upcoming council meeting on March 19, 2024.

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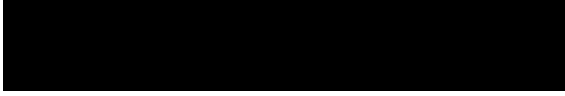
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I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Laksh Bhasin



San Jose, California 95126

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FW: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Emma Hartung [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:45 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: makingmyvoiceheard@sacredheartcs.org
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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Dear San Jose city council,

My name is Emma and I am a resident of District 3. Last month, a young person in my life experienced psychosis for the first time - they agreed to go with their family to be evaluated, but if they had not, what options would their family have been left with? Too many of us have been left too many times to wonder if there's anyone at all we can call for support when our loved ones are in crisis, without endangering them further.

I'm writing to urge you: please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Thank you,
Emma Hartung
San Jose, CA 95116

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FW: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Larry Prowd [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:38 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Karen Prowd and I am a resident of District 10. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. Human beings deserve respect and help when needed. We cannot turn a blind eye to the homeless, nor to the safety and blight that surrounds it.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Karen Prowd

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kelsey Colson [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:57 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Let's support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember Foley,

My name is Kelsey, and I am a resident of D9.

I continue to be concerned about the three big issues plaguing San Jose: homelessness, crime and blight. Homelessness needs to be treated like the humanitarian crisis that it is. We cannot continue to put bandaids on bleeding arteries and hope it will somehow miraculously solve the crisis. It is imperative that our representatives at City Hall make prudent financial decisions that target the top issues.

Just like a personal budget, we must focus on the critical bills first and then when those bills are covered we can expand to other spending. If we continue to put a little here and a little there we will NOT get ahead in solving the issues facing San Jose. We need clear focus and the Mayor's budget message gives that needed clear focus.

I am asking you to please vote for practical spending that targets and focuses our tax dollars on solving the crisis. We cannot afford to delay voting yes to a balanced budget, common sense spending plan that addresses the top three issues currently facing San Jose.

Please vote to pass the Mayor's budget message on March 19th.

You are my voice at City Hall and I am counting on your yes vote!

Kindly,
Kelsey

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From: Larry Prowd [REDACTED]
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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Larry Prowd, and I am a resident of District 10. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. We ought to spend the money on homelessness that we now spend making military tanks!

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Larry Prowd

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Wanda Wong <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:00 PM
To: Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.3: Mayor's March Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember Jimenez,

My name is Wanda Wong and I am a lifelong resident of District 2 - born and raised - attended Stipe Elementary School, Davis Jr High, Oak Grove High School and earned my accounting degree from San Jose State University.

It's really disheartening to see the city that I grew up in at the level it is today. I live in the [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. We are seeing new encampments weekly around our freeway exits. We can't continue this route. District 2 is not the gem it used to be and we need to ensure that we have the funds to support helping the unhoused.

However, I am proud of the community I live in and as a result re-established our Neighborhood Association so that we can regain our voice to your office. As my representative, I am asking that you support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Please represent your constituents that voted you into office.

Thank you,

Wanda Wong
[REDACTED]

District 2 NLC

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Luat Phan [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:05 PM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Luat Phan



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FW: Ashley Bowman 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: San Jose United [REDACTED]

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Subject: Ashley Bowman 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Protect our Parks. Please strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success of a parks ballot measure. Please expand and enhance the proposal for a November 2024 ballot measure to identify the park priorities of San Jose voters and what they would be willing to support. Lastly, please direct staff to explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Our community needs public parks and urban green space, both of which are a basic need that promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. For example, Alum Rock Park is still undergoing repair. 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. I appreciate that the Mayor's March 2024 budget message highlighted, "Our city parks currently face over \$450 million in deferred maintenance costs. It's time we let residents decide..." by directing "the City Manager to explore placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot."

With regard to the Mayor's suggestion of leasing parkland for commercial purposes. It should be noted that the City Charter (Section 1700.1) already allows long-term leases of parkland with prior approval by the electorate. One example is Raging Waters. For some parks in other cities, significant revenue often comes from fees charged on adjacent real estate properties. There may be many ways to address the lack of maintenance funding. Converting public parkland that is currently open to all free of charge into commercial uses that would charge fees or sell goods and services is an equity issue. Not all San Jose residents can afford to spend money at Raging Waters or other commercial uses. In addition, such commercial uses would be extremely likely to be located on natural, undeveloped areas within our park system, thus reducing San Jose residents' access to nature and urban green space.

If the Council decides to move forward with a potential ballot measure, it is critical that the ballot measure allow voters to express a variety of priorities rather than just weigh in on one idea. For example, residents could weigh in on:

- ** Safety in parks**
- ** Connecting with nature**
- ** Park maintenance**
- ** Playgrounds and other family friendly amenities**
- ** Availability of food and beverage**
- ** Socializing and connecting with family and friends**
- ** Increasing parkland to help San Jose adapt to climate changes**

I ask that any ballot measure strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success. Staff should also explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Protect Our Parks.

**Sincerely,
Ashley Bowman
95127**

You may not use my contact information for any purpose other than to respond to my concern regarding the topic listed above, nor may you share my address with any other organization(s) or individual(s).

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Tue 3/19/2024 8:12 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Eduviguez Ramirez [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:31 PM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Eduviguez Ramirez



San Jose, California 95122

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Hector Hernandez [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:45 PM

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

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Hector Hernandez



San Jose, California 95116-2989

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From: Jack Wall [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 6:20 PM

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Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Dr. Jack Wall, and I am a resident of District 6. I live in [REDACTED] and am very concerned about homelessness. I am concerned with the number of homeless who are severely mentally ill and/or substance abuse addicted.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Dr. Jack Wall

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From: Malinda Markowitz [REDACTED]

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Malinda Markowitz



San jose, California 95123

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Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:39 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei <district1@sjdistrict1.org>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

- **Please support the Mayor's budget message**
- **Please hold a study session on the proposed parks ballot measure before authorizing polling**

I agree that unsheltered homelessness is our great city's biggest challenge and needs to be treated as the emergency that it truly is. I urge you to fully fund the Mayor's homelessness proposals, and seriously consider emergency measures such as safe sleeping sites and reallocation of Measure E funds as part of the solution.

As you decide on solutions to homelessness, please ask yourself: *"Is this proposal better than un-managed encampments along our waterways, freeways, parks, neighborhoods and downtown?"*, and *"what percentage of our homeless population will this proposal help?"*. We need to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people as quickly as possible, and can't afford to let the perfect be the enemy of the good. It is time for bold action, and testing new ideas.

Regarding the proposed parks ballot measure, I encourage you to request a study session with an opportunity for focused staff discussion and public comment before beginning polling, even if this would delay the ballot measure to a later election.

I did read the entire budget message and generally support all the stated proposals and priorities (with some hesitation on the parks ballot measure). I hope you will too.

Thank you,

David Noel, District 9
President, Erikson Neighborhood Association

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Dear Council members,

As someone born and raised in San Jose and as a 54 year resident of District 9, I ask that you support the Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance being proposed and discussed on Tuesday.

I currently have two daughters working in food service and I can't think of a better way to help them in their current situation, as a parent and as a lifelong resident. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sal Ventura

Sal Ventura

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san jose, California 95124

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I am broadly in favor of [Memorandum from Ortiz, Candelas & Jimenez, 3-15-2024](#) , but I don't believe it goes far enough. I have additional recommendations.

Measure E

I do not think it is necessary for the memo authors to "reluctantly accede to the general framework proposed by the Mayor", given that the general framework is based off ignoring, and subsequently deprioritizing and reallocating funding away from, the #2 Resident Priority, "Provide More Affordable Housing". See also the public comment letter from the South Bay Community Land Trust (SBCLT). The memo authors also make great points about how ample affordable housing will "prevent residents from becoming homeless in the first place"; and about how our Housing Element was repeatedly rejected "due to weakness in our affordable housing and anti-displacement programs". We need to make sure that our vital Measure E funding is going towards building affordable housing in excess of the amount we've committed to in our Housing Element.

In short, we should not be funding the residents' #1 priority by stealing funds away from residents' #2 priority (which is itself a critical component of permanently solving the #1 priority). We need "both/and" solutions that raise additional funding for EIHs and permanent affordable housing, and that streamline production of both. The stormwater permit requirements are not a strong enough reason to reallocate Measure E money, given that we have state affordable housing requirements as well. The money to fund homeless solutions needs to come from raising revenue or reallocating money from lesser priorities.

The Mayor's message has a laudable goal of wanting to streamline the experience of developing in San Jose, but the effort is misdirected. The letter from the SBCLT notes that the City's "market rate housing goals is not and never has been our problem." In this deficit year, any effort that the City makes towards streamlining processes and reducing expenses should be focused primarily or exclusively towards affordable housing development. That would be the Common Sense approach: maintain the course on funding for affordable housing, create opportunities to streamline affordable housing production, and reinvest the savings back into more housing. On the other hand, reducing funding for affordable housing, and making no effort to streamline its production, is the exact opposite of Common Sense.

A deficit year is definitely not the time to be giving handouts to market-rate housing developers in the form of reduced [impact] fees, except perhaps in the case of Urban Villages.

Vision Zero

I support Quick Builds, but they need to actually be Quick, we need to be Building many more of them per year, and we need to be aggressively raising funds and winning grants in order to make them permanent. "Quick" Builds on safety priority corridors need to be implemented within half a year of being identified and prioritized, rather than waiting multiple years for the next repaving. Otherwise it's not really Vision Zero, it's more like "Vision Zero if it's convenient".

The Quick Build program doesn't inspire much confidence when (a) the flimsy plastic posts are constantly being destroyed and not replaced; (b) the posts are spaced so far apart that cars can still easily drive through them; (c) rule breaking is ignored (and perpetuated by SJPd, SJFD, and other city employees); (d) the City forgets to put green paint on the road. Sturdier posts, spaced more closely together, might cost more, but they won't need to be replaced as much, and people will be more inclined to actually take advantage of the infrastructure that the city is spending money on.

Please also support the initiatives being recommended by the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (pages 6-8 in the public comments PDF). In particular, we desperately need funding for DOT's proposed "strike team", along with an associated 311 function, to quickly resolve issues in bike lanes and other off-street paths. The City's bike infrastructure needs to actually be clear of obstructions at all times in order for us to achieve Vision Zero. Funding DOT parking enforcement and AB 361 bike lane cameras would also be two great ways of eliminating many calls to 911.

Disclaimer: I am a volunteer and member with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC), and I support their positions, but my public comments are not speaking on their behalf, only my own behalf.

Raising revenue from ParkSJ garages

There are 3.6k parking spaces in the five main ParkSJ garages. At these five garages, there is no charge for the first 90 minutes of parking. <https://parksj.org/90-minutes-free/>. After those free 90 minutes, parking is still very cheap: \$1-per-15-minutes, with a \$10 cap on nights and weekends. The website brags: "So if you need two hours, your parking will be \$2, an average price of \$1 per hour — way less expensive than most big cities." Not just less expensive than most big cities. This is hugely subsidized even compared to the privately-owned market-rate lots downtown, and cheaper than some proposals for rate hikes on the City's own curbside parking meters.

I propose that the City explore the following revenue-generating measures:

- Reduce the amount of free time to 60 minutes or fewer, or completely eliminate the free time; or
- Lower "90 minutes free" to "30 minutes free" (or fewer), and change the rate to \$1-per-20-minutes (higher average price per hour compared to today, unless you park for more than 4 hours); or
- Change "90 minutes free" to "\$1-per-30-minutes for the first 90-minutes".

From the extra revenue being generated during those first 90 minutes, redirect most of it to the General Fund and/or dedicated funds for Vision Zero, traffic calming, bike/ped infrastructure, etc. Also cancel (and stop saving funds for) most of the parking capital projects, except for the elevator replacements, other ADA accessibility projects, bike parking projects, and anything that is essential to keeping the facilities operational long-term. These savings should also be redirected to the General Fund.

I am not only a cyclist, but my family owns a car that we occasionally park at Market & San Pedro Square garage in order to use the EV charging and patronize Downtown businesses. These proposed price increases would impact me too. But I want to see them happen, because our public parking is too heavily subsidised, and I want to pay more money to Vision Zero, traffic calming, bike/ped infrastructure, EIH projects, and other useful city services.

T.R.U.S.T "Trusted Response Urgent Support Team"

Funding a new TRUST team for 911 Alternate Response is a win-win-win: it will save the lives of people having mental health crises; frees up SJPd time for other calls that aren't currently getting addressed; and is a good investment in sorely needed mental health services.

The recommendations from the "911 Event Data Analysis", plus the other Council memorandum actions that were approved at that 2/27 discussion, should also be included in the budget planning. As should the approved actions from the 2/6 discussion on item 3.4 "Violence Prevention Service Models Status Report".

RVs

I support cost-effective safe parking sites with essential amenities (including trash and recycling services, biowaste removal, and restroom access) and case management, akin to the Mountain View. I am against policies (even pilots) whose primary goal is clearly meant to push away people who live and work in San Jose but can only afford to live in their vehicle. Unhoused people have to live somewhere. RV bans are useless, because until there is way more safe parking than there are RVs, and an excess of affordable housing, the only outcomes are:

- The RVs move to different streets.
- The RVs are towed, and the family is completely unsheltered.

Both outcomes are a waste of money, and neither solves anything for the community. It is understandable that neighbors and property owners wish to avoid trash, biowaste, and crime. But the solution to trash is to provide residential trash service to RVs (and encampments), and after that enforce existing codes. Similarly for biowaste, plus adding many more public restrooms would be a great help to everyone in the City. The solution to crime is to target actual malicious criminals, not punish all RV dwellers in an attempt to push crime somewhere else.

Banning RVs is Not About Street Safety [1], so please stop using cyclists and pedestrians as your excuse to punish homelessness.

In future years, once there are way more safe parking vehicle slots than there are lived in vehicles, and there is ample public transportation from those safe parking sites to city services and job centers. Perhaps then we can think about enforcing the usage of the safe parking sites. But doing it right now is cruel, and a waste of money in a deficit year. Any dollar/staff spent on No Oversized Parking signs, enforcement, and towing is a dollar/staff wasted that could have been utilized towards opening more safe parking sites.

Vanlords and RV buy-backs

Vanlords should not be tolerated, but the Budget Message has the wrong reason and the wrong approach. Regardless of your perspective on the morality of rent collectors, everyone should be able to agree that collecting rent for an RV isn't more immoral than collecting rent for an apartment. The problem with vanlords is that they are charging people rent to be able to live on publicly-owned land. And they are likely (though I don't know for sure) providing cheap, sub-standard, code-violating RVs, and not providing maintenance services that one would expect from a landlord. Those are the problems that are aggressively tackled. The city should explore criminalizing and prosecuting anyone who:

- cons someone into paying for access to any portion of public property/roadway;
- parks an inoperable / code-violating RV on public property/roads and charges someone rent for access to that RV;
- charges someone rent for access to an RV, but does not provide maintenance services to keep it operable and up to code.

I think those are the correct approaches that get at the root of the vanlord problem. This would punish the bad actors rather than expending city funds to artificially limit the supply of RVs. It also leaves open the possibility that a good actor could buy old RVs, repair them and bring them up to code, park them on private land, and provide a humane, non-exploitative, low-cost rental service.

I do not think it is a good use of city funds to buy-back RVs, especially for disposal. However, if the City determined it were cost effective and humane, and needed to bolster its EIH supply, perhaps the City could explore RV buy-backs for reasonably-maintained RVs, and then provide them (at safe parking sites) for unsheltered people to move into while waiting for space at an EIH or permanent housing.

"Leveraging Technology for Safer Neighborhoods"

I would like for the city to save money by killing two birds with one stone. While doing the legwork to prepare the necessary procedures for the AB-645 ASE cameras, I wish it would also tie that in with AB-361 bike lane enforcement cameras. I imagine that these two systems would end up having far more similarities than they have differences. If the city would explicitly consider the AB-361 cameras when preparing for the AB-645 ASE cameras, the city could come up with a system that works really well for them both (plus any similar systems in the future), and save the duplicate effort.

I do not support expanding ALPR surveillance (other than those used specifically and exclusively for red light cameras and ASE cameras) or expanding "SJPd enforcement activities through investments in recording capabilities and remote access to live camera feeds".

"The Downtown Experience"

Santa Clara St is also blighted by high volumes of vehicle traffic and curbside parking (in an area that has many thousands of cheap, off-street parking spaces). And for "Downtown San José's most prominent street", the sidewalks are too narrow. The next time Santa Clara St is paved/striped, I would like to see the lanes get narrowed (unless they are already as narrow as allowed), street parking removed, and other quick build traffic calming elements installed. The space saved from parking removal can go towards wider sidewalks, bus bulb-outs, and/or quick build bike lanes.

I enjoy spending time at San Pedro Square, but it is absolutely not something that is "fiscally prudent" to invest in any time soon. It is already the most consistently lively, well-visited place in Downtown. Making it a permanent pedestrian mall won't fundamentally change much. And it isn't equitable to invest so heavily in this one small area, when so many other less-privileged areas of Downtown and the City at-large could use that money to create the kind of highly walkable space that San Pedro is already blessed to have.

Digital Wayfinding Kiosks

We already have digital wayfinding. But it only shows you how to find parking garages. Why not reprogram and repurpose the existing digital signs to point towards transit hubs and City landmarks?

San José Sports Authority

I agree with preparing for 2026 in advance, eliminating "unnecessary and time-consuming", streamlining procedures, and investing in wayfinding. But the main thing that will make these big events financially successful for the City, is the needed infrastructure for people to get around easily (without a car). Especially for the World Cup, where travelers will likely be coming from cities where public transit,

biking, and walking are the norm. The city needs better transit stops, more reliable transit (signal priority and bus-only lanes), wider sidewalks, more and safer and wider bike lanes, and more BayWheels bikes and stations. "Super graphics, sponsorship, and marketing and activation campaigns" won't matter if people cannot get around easily en-masse. Furthermore, infrastructure improvements will pay dividends for the city forever, whereas these other items are merely one-time expenses with no lasting city benefit.

Managing the Impacts of Encampments

I support "providing weekly trash pickup services at the estimated 50 encampments that are currently not serviced"; "enforcement of existing prohibitions on driving vehicles on trails and in parks"; "increased access to water, sanitation and hygiene services".

"Continue a community-based budget process where the City's residents and businesses are educated and engaged, as well as have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the City's annual budget."

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Equity.

I support Recommendations 3. and 4. in the Memorandum from Ortiz et al. But I would suggest looking beyond just "equity-based distribution of park impact fees". Are there other programs, besides parks, that would benefit from equity-based distribution of funding. I bet there are many such projects. This is something that the city should be doing across-the-board in its budgeting process and its day-to-day allocation of project funding, and not just from one-off requests in Council Memoranda.

Mayor and Council Office Budgets

I mostly agree with Recommendation 9 in the Memorandum from Ortiz et al. But given that the Mayor is a representative of the residents at-large, some reasonable amount of duplication between the Mayor and Council Offices seems appropriate. I do agree that the current amount of duplication seems excessive. The set of Neighborhood / Outreach / Community positions could be significantly consolidated. And if these are all currently vacant positions (the memo doesn't specify), then perhaps in deficit years they should be mostly deduplicated.

Thank you,

Jordan Moldow (speaking on behalf of himself)

District 3

San Jose, CA 95112

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Protect our Parks. Please strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success of a parks ballot measure. Please expand and enhance the proposal for a November 2024 ballot measure to identify the park priorities of San Jose voters and what they would be willing to support. Lastly, please direct staff to explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Parks are so essential in having a healthy life and they can be enjoyed by everyone and everywhere whether having a picnic, throwing a frisbee, relaxing on the lawn. or just playing with your kids. I had the opportunity as a City-Wide 2-term Parks Commissioner to see first hand the need for parks, maintaining them, and seeing new Parks developed in new housing communities. What a huge job to keep 10 Districts moving in the right direction with the budgets needed to do the work. What an experience and I was so blessed to be a contributor to this City and extremely grateful.

Our community needs public parks and urban green space, both of which are a basic need that promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. For example, Alum Rock Park is still undergoing repair. 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. I appreciate that the Mayor's March 2024 budget message highlighted, "Our city parks currently face over \$450 million in deferred maintenance costs. It's time we let residents decide..." by directing "the City Manager to explore placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot."

With regard to the Mayor's suggestion of leasing parkland for commercial purposes. It should be noted that the City Charter (Section 1700.1) already allows long-term leases of parkland with prior approval by the electorate. One example is Raging Waters. For some parks in other cities, significant revenue often comes from fees charged on adjacent real estate properties. There may be many ways to address the lack of maintenance funding. Converting public parkland that is currently open to all free of charge into commercial uses that would charge fees or sell goods and services is an equity issue. Not all San Jose residents can afford to spend money at Raging

Waters or other commercial uses. In addition, such commercial uses would be extremely likely to be located on natural, undeveloped areas within our park system, thus reducing San Jose residents' access to nature and urban green space.

If the Council decides to move forward with a potential ballot measure, it is critical that the ballot measure allow voters to express a variety of priorities rather than just weigh in on one idea. For example, residents could weigh in on:

- ** Safety in parks**
- ** Connecting with nature**
- ** Park maintenance**
- ** Playgrounds and other family friendly amenities**
- ** Availability of food and beverage**
- ** Socializing and connecting with family and friends**
- ** Increasing parkland to help San Jose adapt to climate changes**

I ask that any ballot measure strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success. Staff should also explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Protect Our Parks.

Sincerely,
Virginia Thomas
95112

You may not use my contact information for any purpose other than to respond to my concern regarding the topic listed above, nor may you share my address with any other organization(s) or individual(s).

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To San Jose City Councilpersons:

Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Susan and John Baird
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Jocelyn Merz



Saratoga, California 95070

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Tue 3/19/2024 8:19 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Johanna Latz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:35 PM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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From: David Noel <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:39 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei <district1@sjdistrict1.org>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

- **Please support the Mayor's budget message**
- **Please hold a study session on the proposed parks ballot measure before authorizing polling**

I agree that unsheltered homelessness is our great city's biggest challenge and needs to be treated as the emergency that it truly is. I urge you to fully fund the Mayor's homelessness proposals, and seriously consider emergency measures such as safe sleeping sites and reallocation of Measure E funds as part of the solution.

As you decide on solutions to homelessness, please ask yourself: *"Is this proposal better than un-managed encampments along our waterways, freeways, parks, neighborhoods and downtown?"*, and *"what percentage of our homeless population will this proposal help?"*. We need to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people as quickly as possible, and can't afford to let the perfect be the enemy of the good. It is time for bold action, and testing new ideas.

Regarding the proposed parks ballot measure, I encourage you to request a study session with an opportunity for focused staff discussion and public comment before beginning polling, even if this would delay the ballot measure to a later election.

I did read the entire budget message and generally support all the stated proposals and priorities (with some hesitation on the parks ballot measure). I hope you will too.

Thank you,

David Noel, District 9
President, Erikson Neighborhood Association

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From: Vince Sugrue <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose, California 95131

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FW: Item 3.3—Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: jane hayes [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:30 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Item 3.3—Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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I'm writing to ask that you support the Candelas/Jimenez/Ortiz [memo](#), as well as sharing this statement from [Disability Rights California](#) on the recent killing of a young Black teenager with Autism in San Bernadino County, California.

The importance of funding TRUST is not something that can be put off. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crisis and more dangerous for community members in crisis.

I stand with Disability Rights California in demanding changes that:

- Prevent people with disabilities from coming into contact with law enforcement.
- Divert funds from law enforcement to community-based programs and services.
- Decrease the power of institutions that routinely harm people with disabilities and marginalized groups.

TRUST is public safety for all, as is keeping people in their homes through permanent affordable housing and anti-displacement strategies. Providing the right responder for the crisis IS common sense. Providing a mental health response for a mental health crisis IS back to basics.

In solidarity,
Jane Hayes

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kathryn Hedges [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 7:15 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 budget

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I am a registered voter in District 3 and a member of SURJ and RECS. I support the TRUST field team funding because it's the right thing to do from multiple perspectives: humanitarian, risk management, fiscal, and public relations.

Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST **is** public safety.

Humanitarian Reasoning:

I'm sure you've read plenty of stories by now about the harm caused by police responding to behavioral health crises, so I incorporate those by reference.

Risk Management and Fiscal Reasoning:

- In 2023, the City of San Jose could find \$4.2 million in 2023 to compensate victims/survivors of police violence at calls for behavioral health crises. Why does the Mayor think that \$2 million in FY 24-25 is not a good investment to prevent at least some of the future tragedies where the City is held liable?
- The City of San Jose is willing to pay whatever overtime SJPd bills them for, instead of investing a fixed \$2 million for alternative response that will divert hundreds of calls a month away from sworn officers with badges and guns.
- The City of San Jose would be willing to risk a lawsuit by the ACLU for discriminating against people whose disabilities manifest as behavioral health crises. If 911 policy is to send an ambulance for physical health crises, but a few squad cars to behavioral health crises, this is clearly discrimination on the basis of disability. Even if the City prevails, how much will it cost in legal fees after the false economy of deciding not to fund \$2 million for TRUST?
- TRUST can't share outcomes of their interventions for privacy reasons, but I know of two cases in my building alone where TRUST persuaded high service utilizers to stop making bogus 911 calls. How much does it cost the City to send SJFD to turn off a false alarm at my building--multiple times a month, every month? TRUST convinced him to stop pulling the alarm when he's bored. How much does it cost the City to send a SWAT team to my neighbor's imaginary hostage situation--twice in one night, probably several times a year? TRUST talked to her about resources a few months ago and she hasn't done this again.

Public Relations Reasoning:

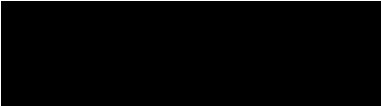
Besides the direct financial cost of wrongful death/disability settlements or discrimination claims, there is a reputational cost to the City of San Jose. It is not a good look when police shoot people for being in crisis and the City gets sued, or to get sued by the ACLU for disability discrimination.

Conversely, expanding the alternative response program recommended by ReImagining Public Safety and SV De-Bug would enhance the City's reputation for caring for the community. SURJ canvassed hundreds of residents across neighborhoods representing all class and race demographics of San Jose with about 99% support. How many other programs get that kind of reaction? Virtually nobody we talked with felt safe calling the police to respond to a behavioral health crisis. People described calling SJPd to a crisis as "the nuclear option" very frequently. (I'm not kidding about the reputation cost to the City of all those wrongful death suits. Knowing that you could harm your loved one inadvertently is chilling. And the trauma of being cuffed for transport is enough to put people off the idea that police are the right responders.)

People who heard our description loved the idea of sending a TRUST team with a medic, a crisis intervention specialist, and a peer counselor. (Of course there are situations where someone is clearly a threat, but they've only needed to call 911 for backup a handful of times in a year and a half. They ask about safety factors and try to de-escalate over the phone if possible, so they're not just sending counselors to a hostage situation or whatever.)

Please do the right thing and fund a TRUST field team in the FY 2024-25 City budget.

Kind regards,
Kathryn Hedges



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From: Jady Castro <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:55 AM

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Gilroy, California 95020

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From: Feras Hassan [REDACTED]

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: San Jose United - [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:17 AM

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Subject: Debra Gibson 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Tue 3/19/2024 8:25 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Elias Vasquez [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:24 AM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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From: Karen Nemsick [REDACTED]

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Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

We are deeply concerned that the Mayor's March Budget Message once again proposes to shift Measure E funding away from affordable housing production. While we appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, we cannot do so at the expense of desperately needed affordable housing.

The single greatest systemic cause of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing.

Santa Clara County has failed to produce enough housing to match the needs of our growing population. This has resulted in skyrocketing rents that have made most housing units simply unaffordable for a large segment of residents. The exorbitant cost of housing in San Jose has left approximately 100,000 families rent burdened and struggling to simply get by: 65,000 renter households in San Jose are cost-burdened, meaning they are spending between 30-50% of their income on rent; 32,000 renter households are severely cost-burdened, spending more than 50% of their income on rent. A health emergency or consistently increasing utility bills can send a cost-burdened family into a financial spiral ending in homelessness.

The key to preventing homelessness is safe and affordable housing.

Our vision at United Way Bay Area is an equitable Bay Area where all people have the opportunities and resources needed to thrive. Housing is a critical resource because it impacts health, wellbeing, education, and financial stability. As Bay Area residents, organizations, and leaders, must stand together to uplift and support the individuals counting on us the most.

Protect funding for affordable housing in Measure E again this year, and let's come together to develop a real plan for funding and sustaining a comprehensive approach to our housing and homelessness crisis.

Karen Nemsick
Director, Housing Justice
United Way Bay Area

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FW: TRUST funding

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Joanna Kent [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:47 AM

To: District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: TRUST funding

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Hello, Councilmember Foley and Mayor Mahan,

As a resident of San Jose and the mother of a child with a rare disease with severe cognitive impairments, I am writing to ask that you support the Candelas/Jimenez/Ortiz [memo](#), as well as to share this statement from [Disability Rights California](#) on the recent killing of a young Black teenager with Autism in San Bernadino County, California. I often worry that it will be my child.

The importance of funding TRUST cannot be put off. Responding to crises is both more expensive for police and more dangerous for community members.

I stand with Disability Rights California in demanding changes that:

- Prevent people with disabilities from coming into contact with law enforcement.
- Divert funds from law enforcement to community-based programs and services.
- Decrease the power of institutions that routinely harm people with disabilities and marginalized groups.

TRUST is public safety for all, as is keeping people in their homes through permanent affordable housing and anti-displacement strategies. Providing the right responder for the crisis IS common sense. Providing a mental health response for a mental health crisis IS back to basics.

In solidarity,

Joanna Kent

District 9 Resident of Santa Clara County - Cambrian Neighborhood

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**Sincerely,
Rachel Grocha Welch
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City Council 3/19/2024 - Item 3.3: Mayor's March Budget Message

Ann Watts <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/19/2024 9:26 AM

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Dear Honorable Mayor Mahan and City Council,

My name is Ann Watts, and I am a San José Arts Advocate. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

I would appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, I have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps."

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to get on board with this approach.

Also unaddressed in the Mayor's March Budget Message is the option of allocating a greater portion of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to arts, culture, and tourism programs. During the Council's recent study session on Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events (Feb. 16, 2024), three different TOT funding scenarios were examined, yet none of these are currently being recommended for further examination.

Instead, the Mayor has chosen to focus on only one of the 12 funding options presented at the study session: an admissions fee for San José events. While the potential for revenue generation from such a fee is immediate and measurable, it would effectively create an additional burden for arts patrons and presenters alike. Any such fee would need to be structured to keep the programs provided by arts and cultural organizations accessible to our entire community and anyone visiting San José to experience those programs.

While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, I call on you to direct OEDCA staff to work with San José Arts Advocates, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, I ask that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Ann Watts

District 6

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Ann Watts

Executive Director

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From: Cassandra Magana [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:13 AM

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

Subject: Agenda Item 3.3

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Hello Mayor Mahan, distinguished members of the City Council, my name is Cassandra Magana, and I am representing West Valley Community Services, in collaboration with the REAL Coalition.

Today I want to stress the importance of prudently managing our limited financial resources, particularly in our efforts to invest in permanent housing solutions. It is crucial that we treat these funds as precious resources, ensuring they are allocated where they can have the most significant impact in addressing our homelessness crisis.

It is both concerning and surprising to see, for the second consecutive year, attempts to undermine Measure E. This measure, approved by the voters, was intended to provide crucial funding for affordable housing initiatives. Any attempts to divert or reduce these funds directly contradict the expressed will of the community.

We cannot afford to waver in our commitment to addressing the root causes of homelessness. Measures such as sweeps, tents, and congregant shelters offer temporary relief at best, while failing to provide long-term solutions. Instead, we must prioritize investing in permanent housing projects that can truly make a difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness.

By protecting and effectively utilizing Measure E funds, we uphold the promises made to the community and ensure that our efforts are aligned with the needs of those most vulnerable in our city. I urge the Council to consider the long-term implications of their budget decisions and to prioritize the well-being of our residents. Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

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With Compassion,

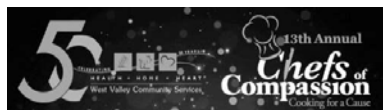
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From: San Jose United [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:28 AM

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FW: Item 3.3, Mayor's Budget Message, March 19, 2024

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Tue 3/19/2024 9:57 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Brittany Alvarez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:52 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Item 3.3, Mayor's Budget Message, March 19, 2024

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Good Morning,

My name is Brittany Alvarez and I serve as the Executive Director of LEAF- the Latino Education Advancement Foundation. I am also a member of the nonprofit Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition.

For the second year in a row, the mayor's budget message demands we sacrifice real solutions to our housing crisis in favor of old ideas that we stopped doing for a reason: sweeps, tents and congregant shelters don't end homelessness and they offer minimal relief.

We have to treat our limited dollars to invest in permanent housing as a precious resource and we are concerned and surprised the mayor would once again try to gut Measure E and undermine the will of the voters.

The mayor's budget message does not reflect our urgent need to improve community safety or the unanimous will of the council to invest more in alternative response and violence prevention. These are public safety issues that fall under the city's jurisdiction.

I support items 2, 4 and 6 in the memo from councilmembers Ortiz, Jimenez and Candelas, in particular their calls to protect Measure E funds for spurring affordable housing, changing the way the city distributes park fees, and investing in TRUST.

Sincerely,

Brittany

Brittany N. Alvarez (She/Her)

Executive Director





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FW: Mayor's Fiscal Budget Proposal

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: John & Jill [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:55 AM

To: Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Sandoval, Vanessa <vanessa.sandoval@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Mayor's Fiscal Budget Proposal

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Councilman Jimenez,

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Thank You,

John Leipelt
D2 NLC Chair
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FW: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Tue 3/19/2024 10:34 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Guillermo Martinez [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:19 AM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I hope this message finds you well. As a resident deeply invested in our city's well-being and fairness, I urge you to vote in favor of adding one time funding to the City's budget to study developing a Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance during the upcoming council meeting on March 19, 2024.

In San José alone, nearly 13,000 frontline fast food workers face job instability, unsafe working conditions, and unpredictable schedules. These challenges disproportionately affect women and people of color. A staggering 85% of fast food workers in California suffer from wage theft, and 1 in 9 unhoused workers in the state are employed in fast food, leading to housing instability or even homelessness.

Despite these challenges, a recent report by the Step Forward Foundation revealed that 88% of California fast food workers lack knowledge about their rights and essential benefits. The Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance aims to address labor violations by providing training to workers and offering paid time off to sustain their families.

However, the fast food industry has lobbied against this ordinance, claiming it would harm small, locally-owned businesses and the local economy. Yet, the law's applicability to companies with over 30 establishments indicates they are not the small establishments they claim to be but rather big corporate enterprises, many with a history of labor violations. Good businesses should welcome their employees' awareness of their rights, but many of these companies have profited at their workers' expense. Their fear stems from the threat posed by informed workers to their exploitative business models.

The Fast Food Industry's race-to-the-bottom model and poor working conditions have ripple effects across communities, contributing to public health impacts, wage theft, and housing instability and homelessness — and the Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance can be a critical part of our city's goals to combat these issues.

I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Guillermo Martinez



San Jose , California 95123

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From: John & Jill <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:04 AM

To: District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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D2 NLC Chair
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FW: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Chris Dunlap [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:12 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Please ensure that funding for an additional SJ field team for TRUST is included in the 2024-2025 budget. The 911 report identified thousands of behavioral health related police interactions that could be handled by more appropriate responders, like TRUST. It's both more expensive for police to be responding to these crises and more dangerous for community members in crisis. TRUST at its current funding level cannot meet the current demand, especially in SJ, let alone the additional need identified by the city's 911 events analysis. TRUST *is* public safety.

Many thanks,
Chris Dunlap
Santa Clara County Employee & SURJ Sacred Heart Member

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FW: Mayors Budget Message

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From: John & Jill [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:57 AM

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: San Jose United [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:05 AM

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Subject: Anna Leyva Nguyen 95128 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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FW: Measure E comment letter - Abode Services

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From: Bronwyn Hogan [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:22 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Please find attached a comment letter from Abode Services on the proposed changes to Measure E to be discussed as part of the upcoming city budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bronwyn

Bronwyn Hogan

Vice President, Community Relations

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Abode Services

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March 19, 2024

Mayor & City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Proposed Changes to Measure E Spending Plan

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

On behalf of Abode Services, an agency committed to ending homelessness and one that puts dignity at the center of our work, **–I write to express my concerns over the proposed changes to the Measure E spending plan.**

We understand that difficult decisions must be made with limited resources, however know that through our local, regional and national data that shelter and interim housing are only effective when they are paired with a permanent housing resource. Most people living in shelter and interim housing do not magically begin to afford housing in the county. The average cost of an apartment in the county is \$2,900 and to be able to afford that, a household needs an income of over \$115,000/year. Currently we only have 33 available and affordable apartments for every 100 extremely low income household that need them. **We cannot do anything to stop the production of affordable housing, as this gap will widen!**

Sadly, Measure E is one of the only remaining sources of local affordable housing funding available for new developments, and shifting those funds will put the city's entire pipeline at risk. We also need to remember that these dollars also allow us to access an even greater amount of federal and state funding, which we cannot afford to leave on the table.

We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but instead of pitting one strategy against another, it's time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance BOTH community priorities. We want to ensure that we get people inside quickly **and** that they have long term housing options to move to once they are inside.

Sustainable Solutions to Homelessness

Please protect affordable housing funding in this year's budget and let's come together to develop a real plan for funding and sustaining a comprehensive approach to our housing and homelessness crisis.

We look forward to partnering with the city of San Jose to build more desperately needed affordable housing and providing safe and dignified homes for people who are experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,



Vivian Wan
Chief Executive Officer
Abode Services

FW: Victoria Partida 95122 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Subject: Victoria Partida 95122 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Victoria Partida
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FW: Bill Rankin 95125 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Tue 3/19/2024 11:18 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: San Jose United [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:48 AM

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>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]

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Tue 3/19/2024 11:18 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: David Borough <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:42 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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The people of San Jose expect more from you! Step up to the plate, and hit a home run for fast food workers!!

David Borough



San Jose, California 95129

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FW: richard hagner 95116 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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From: San Jose United [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:37 AM

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Tue 3/19/2024 11:19 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Erik Poicon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:45 AM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Mountain View, California 94040

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FW: Steven Spivak 95123 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: San Jose United [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:59 AM

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Tue 3/19/2024 11:20 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: James Kalani <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:55 AM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Sunnyvale, California 94085

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Guillermo Martinez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:05 AM

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jimmy Kelly [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:08 AM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Jimmy Kelly



San Leandro, California 94579

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FW: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: dgaskill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:12 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message
Importance: High

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Dear David Cohen,

My name is Diane Gaskill. I am a resident of District 4. I live in the Berryessa area and am very concerned about homelessness because I have seen many homeless people in my area. Some of them can barely walk, and sometimes block traffic for several minutes while crossing the street. I have talked to the City of San Jose outreach people, but they say they cannot do anything. I have talked to the social services department too, and get the same response.

But Mayor Matt is on the right track, so as my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Diane Gaskill
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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dominic Torreano [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:09 AM

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Dominic Torreano



San Jose, California 95131

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kellen Hughes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:11 AM
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I trust you will make the right decision for our community.

Kellen Hughes



San Jose, California 95122

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Alie Victorine [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:15 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; district7@sanjose.ca; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; district9ca@sanjose.gov

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Good

Afternoon Mayor and City Council,

I'd

like to express my strong support for the March Budget Message the Mayor submitted in collaboration with Councilmembers Omar Torres, David Cohen, Dev Davis and Pam Foley. This collaboration produced a thoughtful and focused vision for this year's budget process which will help the City tackle the major issues impacting our residents despite the budget shortfall which is focused on ending street homelessness, reducing crime, cleaning up our city, and speeding up permitting.

I

am concerned that parks are barely mentioned in the Mayor's budget and so I also support recommendations 3 & 4 of the Ortiz, Jimenez, Candelas memorandum that encourages the city manager to look for additional funding for parks as well as possible policy changes that would allow for equal distribution of park funds among the city council districts. The \$600 million shortfall for park maintenance must be addressed somehow. Parks contribute to our civic beauty and pride, but without proper maintenance they also contribute to our city's blight.

Finally

I would like to express gratitude and thanks to the Mayor and his staff especially the Neighborhood Outreach Coordinators who have done a wonderful job this year supporting the D-7 community. In my many years of civic involvement, I have never felt as connected to the Mayor's office or as connected to my city at large.

Thank
you,
Alie
Victorine
President,

Seven Trees NA
President,
D7 Leadership Group
Coyote
Meadows Coalition, lead

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Tom Wilson, and I am a resident of District 5. I live in the Country Club neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness. I'm uncomfortable with the high levels of blight and crime that have increased concurrent with the homeless population.

I am asking City Council to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Tom Wilson

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FW: Daniel Smith 95110 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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From: San Jose United - [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:26 AM

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Playgrounds that are free of the desperate poor are what young families in San Jose need. We live in Downtown and Ryland Park is a good option for us. It is well maintained and has very few homeless/desperate poor residing in or near it. St. James park could be a great place, but between empty storefronts and the cities inability to make it a safe and clean place to be, it is a waste.

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95110**

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95120**

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Subject: Michael Hazelton 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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**Sincerely,
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95112**

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ernesto Canchola <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:27 AM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Ernesto Canchola



San , California 95156

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FW: Lucille B Chacon 95138 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:24 AM

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Subject: Susan Carlson 95130 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Chris Pilson <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose, California 95138

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jitender Grewal [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:37 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: I support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Jitender Grewal, and I am a resident of DISTRICT 8. I live in Evergreen and am very concerned about homelessness. It is scary to go for an early morning or late evening walks. Car break-ins are at all time high.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Jitender Grewal & Family

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Mullissa Willette <[REDACTED]>
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Mullissa Willette



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FW: David Poeschel 95120 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Subject: David Poeschel 95120 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Protect our Parks. Please strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success of a parks ballot measure. Please expand and enhance the proposal for a November 2024 ballot measure to identify the park priorities of San Jose voters and what they would be willing to support. Lastly, please direct staff to explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

And, Matt, you know I am sincere when I say that I have probably donated hundreds, maybe a thousand, volunteer hours in the parks over the last couple of decades and am only one of many hundreds of volunteers contributing to our parks. Our City budget already squeezes the good will of the civic minded in order to avoid taxing those who can afford taxes. This effort can only go so far before communities throw-in-the-towel and give up.

Our community needs public parks and urban green space, both of which are a basic need that promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. For example, Alum Rock Park is still undergoing repair. 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. I appreciate that the Mayor's March 2024 budget message highlighted, "Our city parks currently face over \$450 million in deferred maintenance costs. It's time we let residents decide..." by directing "the City Manager to explore placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot."

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- ** Safety in parks**
- ** Connecting with nature**
- ** Park maintenance**
- ** Playgrounds and other family friendly amenities**
- ** Availability of food and beverage**
- ** Socializing and connecting with family and friends**
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Protect Our Parks.

Sincerely,
David Poeschel
95120

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City Council 3/19/2024 - Item 3.3: Mayor's March Budget Message

Lisa Mallette [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Lisa Mallette
San Jose, District 3

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Executive Artistic Director

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FW: Item 3.3: Letter from SBLC, IAFF Local 230, IFPTE 21, AFSCME 101, and IBEW 332

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Subject: Item 3.3: Letter from SBLC, IAFF Local 230, IFPTE 21, AFSCME 101, and IBEW 332

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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please find the attached letter from the leaders of the South Bay Labor Council, San Jose Fire Fighters IAFF Local 230, IBEW 332, IFPTE Local 21 and AFSCME Local 101 on the Mayor's March Message.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Jeffrey

Jeffrey Buchanan
Policy Director, Working Partnerships USA
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March 19, 2024

Mayor Matt Mahan and Councilmembers
18th Floor, San Jose City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

As unions representing over 100,000 workers across San Jose and Santa Clara County, we write to share our deep concerns with the Mayor's March Budget Message. Specifically, we remain worried that the plan presented to this Council is setting up a series of false choices that run counter to the long-term interests of our working families, residents, and businesses.

In this year's message, Mayor Mahan presents a series of his proposals for short-term homeless shelters from last year's budget and this year's message, a plan that shows little thinking on how such proposals fit together or would even be effective or realistic, as a foregone conclusion, then points to their pricetag as a structural fiscal shortfall requiring the City to prepare for tens of millions of dollars of undefined service cuts. Let's be clear, this is no way to plan for our future. As a City, we need to be honest that this so-called shortfall is the Mayor's choice, creating long-term structural deficits and unfunded liability if we carry out this vision.

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affordable housing projects of City support will only further exacerbate our challenges and impact construction workers, many of whom are already on the verge of housing instability.

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We look forward to continuing conversations as the FY 2024-2025 Budget process continues.

Sincerely,

Jean Cohen, Executive Officer, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council

Javier Casillas, Business Manager, IBEW 332

Krista De La Torre, Representative, IFPTE Local 21

Matt Tuttle, President, San Jose Fire Fighters IAFF Local 230

John Tucker, Representative, AFSCME Local 101

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From: Ernie Arranaga [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:26 PM

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Ernie Arranaga



San Jose, California 95132

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Dear Councilmember,

My name is Kelly , and I am a resident of DISTRICT 4. I live in Berryessa area and am very concerned about homelessness. Our streets are not safe and the homeless people need long term solutions.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

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Lisa Mallette [REDACTED]

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Thomas Rivera



San Jose, California 95124

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Kimberly Scofield <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kimberly Scofield, and I am a San José Arts Advocate. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Despite existential threats, San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

I appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, I have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps."

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to stop dragging its feet on this issue.

Also unaddressed in the Mayor's March Budget Message is the option of allocating a greater portion of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to arts, culture, and tourism programs. During the Council's recent study session on Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events (Feb. 16, 2024), three different TOT funding scenarios were examined, yet none of these are currently being recommended for further examination.

Instead, the Mayor has chosen to focus on only one of the 12 funding options presented at the study session: an admissions fee for San José events. While the potential for revenue generation from such a fee is immediate and measurable, it would effectively create an additional burden for arts patrons and presenters alike. Any such fee would need to be structured to keep the programs provided by arts and cultural organizations accessible to our entire community and anyone visiting San José to experience those programs.

While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, I call on you to direct OEDCA staff to work with San José Arts Advocates, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, I ask that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Kimberly Scofield
SAN JOSE, DISTRICT 9



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Greetings Mayor and Council:

Please see the following letters and petitions of support for the City developing a Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance as part of the FY24/25 Budget Process.

- Petitions from 2,392 San Jose voters in support of a Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance collected by Working Partnerships USA.
- A letter from labor leaders from SBLC, WPUSA, SEIU 521 and AFSCME Local 101
- A letter from community and civil rights leaders from LUNA, Asian Law Alliance, Law Foundation of SV, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet, Amigos de Gaudalupe, CARAS, and SJ/SV NAACP.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best,
Jeffrey

Jeffrey Buchanan
Director of Public Policy
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Signed by:

Stacy Infantino

Zhane Schroeder

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Stacy Flores

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March 19, 2024

Mayor Matt Mahan and Councilmembers
18th Floor, San Jose City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, Ca 95113

RE: The Mayor's March Budget Message

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Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

Latinos United for a New America

Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet

San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP

Asian Law Alliance

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March 19, 2024

Mayor Matt Mahan and Councilmembers
18th Floor, San Jose City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

We represent over 100,000 working people across San Jose and Santa Clara County. We stand with our members in urging your support to allocate one time funding for staff work needed to develop a Fast Food Fair Work ordinance as part of the City of San Jose's FY 2024-2025 budget.

San Jose is home to 13,000 fast food cooks, cashiers and baristas, the majority of whom are women, immigrants and people of color. These workers have driven double-digit increases in the operating profits of global companies like McDonald's, Starbucks, Burger King and others. They are an integral part of our City's economic engine.

Despite their industry's success, fast food workers face precarious economic conditions. One in nine homeless workers in the state are [employed in the fast food sector](#) – more than any other industry. And too many face rampant abuses in their workplaces.

Eighty-five percent of fast food workers report having experienced [wage theft](#). In San Jose, workers have rung the alarm over sexual harassment and health and safety hazards—from septic flooding and rats, to extreme heat, and violence at their workplaces—which also impact customer safety. Workers are routinely denied access to their sick days, forcing them to work sick. When they try to assert their rights, they often face illegal retaliation. Although we have laws designed to protect workers, far too few understand their rights at work and how to enforce them. A [new study](#) finds that 93 percent of these workers do not understand their rights and protections on the job or how to access public programs.

San Jose has the opportunity to address this knowledge gap and improve compliance among fast food employers in the FY24-25 budget. We support allocating one time funding for staff time to develop a Fast Food Fair Work ordinance to provide mandatory know-your-rights training annually, so that fast food workers can learn about their rights, protections and public benefits available to them. The ordinance should also give fast food workers paid time off to attend the training and the opportunity to earn further paid time off.

Our city is at the heart of Silicon Valley's innovation and wealth. However, too many families are being left out of sharing in this prosperity. We trust that you share a vision of San Jose in which all workers, families and business can thrive. We urge your support of the Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jean Cohen, Executive Officer, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council

Maria Noel Fernandez, Executive Director, Working Partnerships USA and First Vice President, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council

Riko Mendez, Chief Elected Officer, SEIU Local 521 and President, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council

John Tucker, Representative, AFSCME MEF Local 101

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Hello,

Please find attached a comment to item 3.3 regarding Mayor Mahan's Budget Message.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Elizabeth Funk
Founder and CEO
DignityMoves
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March 19, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of San Jose:

I am writing to express my support for Mayor Matt Mahan's March Budget Message, specifically as relates to investing in interim housing solutions for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Mayor Mahan's budget message states that for "moral, fiscal and environmental reasons" substantial investments are needed to provide alternatives for people languishing on our streets. As permanent housing costs so much, and only limited (and often undesirable) shelter is available, the net result is people falling deeper into chronic homelessness. The more trauma they endure, the more likely they are to develop substance use or behavioral health issues. Unsheltered homelessness needlessly costs hundreds of lives in San Jose alone each year. While investing in interim housing seems expensive in a time of constricting budgets, the status quo is even more expensive and fiscally unsustainable.. Leaving people in unmanaged conditions costs 2-3x more than providing dignified interim housing and supportive services. That's a remarkable return on investment. If even a fraction of those people return to being taxpayers the return is many multiples.

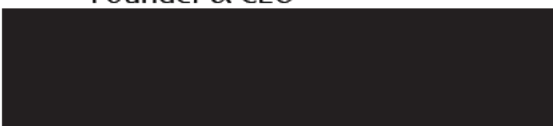
Financial costs also add up quickly: police and fire services, emergency room visits, environmental damage. A 2015 study in Santa Clara County found that "the top five percent of unhoused individuals who consume the most public resources account for almost half (47%) of all expenditures." On average, each individual costs \$65,000 per year with highest users over 100,000. These amounts far exceed the investment required to provide a dignified space and supportive services for our neighbors.

On behalf of DignityMoves I hope that you will support the passage of Mayor Mahan's budget message. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Funk
Founder & CEO



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Dear Councilmember David Cohen,

My name is Michael Kraus, and I am a resident of District 4. I live in the Penitencia neighborhood and am very concerned about homelessness. I constantly get feed back from the Penitencia Neighborhood residents and all of them are concerned with the homeless issue and the spreading of homeless camps.

As my representative, I am asking you to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which will help us get people indoors faster. Please vote to pass the message on March 19th.

Thank you for representing my voice at City Hall,

Mike Kraus
President-Penitencia Neighborhood Association


Web Page: www.Penitenciaassociation.com

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Ciry Council Members,

I am in full agreement with the letter from and endorsed by:

Sandy Perry, Vice President of the Board
Josefina Aguilar, Executive Director
South Bay Community Land Trust

Endorsed by:

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From: Victor Costa [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:58 PM

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

Subject: Re: Public comment for City Council March 19, item no: 3.3, Fast Food Worker Ordinance

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Victor Costa
[REDACTED]

Turlock, California 95382

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From: Domingo Armendariz [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:56 PM

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Gilroy, California 95020

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Renata Sanchez
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San Jose, California 95134

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FW: Lisa E Hettler-Smith 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Subject: Lisa E Hettler-Smith 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Protect our Parks. Please strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success of a parks ballot measure. Please expand and enhance the proposal for a November 2024 ballot measure to identify the park priorities of San Jose voters and what they would be willing to support. Lastly, please direct staff to explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Our community needs public parks and urban green space, both of which are a basic need that promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. For example, Alum Rock Park is still undergoing repair. 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. I appreciate that the Mayor's March 2024 budget message highlighted, "Our city parks currently face over \$450 million in deferred maintenance costs. It's time we let residents decide..." by directing "the City Manager to explore placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot."

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If the Council decides to move forward with a potential ballot measure, it is critical that the ballot measure allow voters to express a variety of priorities rather than just weigh in on one idea. For example, residents could weigh in on:

- ** Safety in parks**
- ** Connecting with nature**
- ** Park maintenance**
- ** Playgrounds and other family friendly amenities**
- ** Availability of food and beverage**

**** Socializing and connecting with family and friends**

**** Increasing parkland to help San Jose adapt to climate changes**

I ask that any ballot measure strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success. Staff should also explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Protect Our Parks.

Sincerely,

Lisa E Hettler-Smith

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You may not use my contact information for any purpose other than to respond to my concern regarding the topic listed above, nor may you share my address with any other organization(s) or individual(s).

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Subject: Chris Mildebrandt 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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From: Chris Copolillo [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:40 PM

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

Subject: General Public Comment, 3/19 Council Meeting

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Council members,

This year, as KIPP San Jose Collegiate students brought forward concerns on their safety, our students and staff received exceptional customer service support from the Neighborhood Outreach team. Our students were heard by city staff largely due to members of this team; later two KIPP students were brought on the team as interns, an important developmental experience. As you consider the tradeoffs required to meet the needs of residents in the budget, we hope you will keep this experience in mind.

- Chris Copolillo

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From: David Noel [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:26 PM

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

Subject: Fw: Please Support the Mayor's Budget Message

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Hi City Clerk,

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Thank You, David Noel

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Sent: Tue, Mar 19, 2024 at 2:39 AM

Subject: Please Support the Mayor's Budget Message

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

- **Please support the Mayor's budget message**
- **Please hold a study session on the proposed parks ballot measure before authorizing polling**

I agree that unsheltered homelessness is our great city's biggest challenge and needs to be treated as the emergency that it truly is. I urge you to fully fund the Mayor's homelessness proposals, and seriously consider emergency measures such as safe sleeping sites and reallocation of Measure E funds as part of the solution.

As you decide on solutions to homelessness, please ask yourself: *"Is this proposal better than un-managed encampments along our waterways, freeways, parks, neighborhoods and downtown?"*, and *"what percentage of our homeless population will this proposal help?"*. We need to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people as quickly as possible, and can't afford to let the perfect be the enemy of the good. It is time for bold action, and testing new ideas.

Regarding the proposed parks ballot measure, I encourage you to request a study session with an opportunity for focused staff discussion and public comment before beginning polling, even if this would delay the ballot measure to a later election.

I did read the entire budget message and generally support all the stated proposals and priorities (with some hesitation on the parks ballot measure). I hope you will too.

Thank you,

David Noel, District 9
President, Erikson Neighborhood Association

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Subject: Doris Livezey 95129 - Protect Our Parks: Council Agenda 3/19/24 Item 3.3

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Protect our Parks. Please strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success of a parks ballot measure. Please expand and enhance the proposal for a November 2024 ballot measure to identify the park priorities of San Jose voters and what they would be willing to support. Lastly, please direct staff to explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

We need more parks and we need to save the parks we have. Please vote for more money for maintenance for our parks. A healthy city has healthy parks. Enough cement!!

Our community needs public parks and urban green space, both of which are a basic need that promote physical and mental health. Many parks still require repair and maintenance and staff are needed for either to occur. For example, Alum Rock Park is still undergoing repair. 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. I appreciate that the Mayor's March 2024 budget message highlighted, "Our city parks currently face over \$450 million in deferred maintenance costs. It's time we let residents decide..." by directing "the City Manager to explore placing a measure on the upcoming November 2024 ballot."

With regard to the Mayor's suggestion of leasing parkland for commercial purposes. It should be noted that the City Charter (Section 1700.1) already allows long-term leases of parkland with prior approval by the electorate. One example is Raging Waters. For some parks in other cities, significant revenue often comes from fees charged on adjacent real estate properties. There may be many ways to address the lack of maintenance funding. Converting public parkland that is currently open to all free of charge into commercial uses that would charge fees or sell goods and services is an equity issue. Not all San Jose residents can afford to spend money at Raging Waters or other commercial uses. In addition, such commercial uses would be extremely likely to be located on natural, undeveloped areas within our park system, thus reducing San Jose residents' access to nature and urban green space.

If the Council decides to move forward with a potential ballot measure, it is critical that the ballot measure allow voters to express a variety of priorities rather than just weigh in on one idea. For example, residents could weigh in on:

- ** Safety in parks**
- ** Connecting with nature**
- ** Park maintenance**
- ** Playgrounds and other family friendly amenities**

- ** Availability of food and beverage**
- ** Socializing and connecting with family and friends**
- ** Increasing parkland to help San Jose adapt to climate changes**

I ask that any ballot measure strive to identify the priorities of San Jose voters to maximize the likelihood of success. Staff should also explore additional funding mechanisms for park operations and maintenance to improve our Neighborhood Parks.

Protect Our Parks.

**Sincerely,
Doris Livezey
95129**

You may not use my contact information for any purpose other than to respond to my concern regarding the topic listed above, nor may you share my address with any other organization(s) or individual(s).

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City Council 3/19/2024 - Item 3.3: Mayor's March Budget Message

Dan Holland [REDACTED]

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Dan Holland, and I am a San José Arts Advocate. I am writing regarding Item 3.3 on your agenda for today, Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mayor's March Budget Message.

Despite existential threats, San José's creative industry continues to be a critical component of our city's economic engine and Downtown's recovery. According to a 2023 Americans for the Arts study, San José's nonprofit arts sector alone generates \$292M in annual economic impact, supports over 4,700 jobs for local residents, and contributes \$6M in direct local taxes. This financial impact is a tremendous return on the City's modest annual investment in cultural grants that help keep these organizations afloat and city cultural centers maintained.

I appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding opportunities to support arts, culture, and tourism programs and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José. However, I have serious concerns with the Mayor's continued reliance on one-time or bridge funding to "fill the gaps."

Of particular concern is the neglect to address a "Private Percent for Art" policy, which has been a City Council priority since 2020. Such a policy could meaningfully improve the city's built environment and generate desperately needed infrastructure for local artists, arts nonprofits, and small businesses that live under constant threat of displacement by large developments. There are many cities in the Bay Area and throughout California which have successfully implemented a Private Percent for Art policy. San José needs to stop dragging its feet on this issue.

Also unaddressed in the Mayor's March Budget Message is the option of allocating a greater portion of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to arts, culture, and tourism programs. During the Council's recent study session on Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events (Feb. 16, 2024), three different TOT funding scenarios were examined, yet none of these are currently being recommended for further examination.

Instead, the Mayor has chosen to focus on only one of the 12 funding options presented at the study session: an admissions fee for San José events. While the potential for revenue generation from such a fee is immediate and measurable, it would effectively create an additional burden for arts patrons and presenters alike. Any such fee would need to be structured to keep the programs provided by arts and cultural organizations accessible to our entire community and anyone visiting San José to experience those programs.

While considering the Mayor's March Budget Message, I call on you to direct OEDCA staff to work with San José Arts Advocates, the local developer community, and other stakeholders to return to the Council with a Private Percent for Art ordinance for your consideration prior to the close of Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Furthermore, I ask that you direct City staff to conduct further financial modeling of a full or partial reallocation of TOT dollars and/or the establishment of a baseline of TOT revenues allocated to the General Fund with the "net new" allocated to arts, destination marketing, and destination events.

In addition to serving as an economic driver, the arts continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for learning, leisure, and community building in our city. It is within your power to ensure that our arts industry receives the resources it needs to survive.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Regards,

Dan Holland
District 3/San José

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