

From: Monica Mallon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:54 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Thank you

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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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From: Ysabelle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:44 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Lliccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Mayor Sam Liccardo you MUST defund the police. Your constant disregard of your citizens request is proof that you are just as racist as every crooked cop in this city. You are constantly proving that you DO NOT care at all about the people of this city. My name is Aethon Marroquin and I live in District 3. The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is alarming. A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20. I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose. It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal. It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this? It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPd as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer. P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted. Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:28 PM

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Erica Shirley Chubbic
Resident of District 6, San Jose

From: Connor Albright <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:25 PM
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From: Thao Tran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:21 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Regarding Mayor Sam Liccardo

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Thao

From: Jeffrey I Levin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:18 PM

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Subject: Item 3.10: Support for Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey I Levin
Communications Chair

From: Jeffrey I Levin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:12 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie

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Communications Chair

From: Wu, Jane <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:11 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.1

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Jane Wu and I am a City of San Jose employee from the Public Works Department.

I'm writing to express my opposition to giving the Mayor more power without community feedback. This measure would eliminate the independence the city manager and department heads should have to the whims of politicians when making budget and other city management decisions.

I believe the current government structure allows the City Manager, department heads, and the elected council members to serve the citizens better. More voices are heard, and decisions are made by a more democratic process. A switch to a strong mayor system will cause further chaos among the pandemic, and it's more subject to corruption and cronyism. We do not need any more of that.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

From: Jennings, Julie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:09 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Julie Jennings and I am a City of San Jose employee from the PRNS Department.

I'm writing to express my opposition to giving the Mayor more power without community feedback. This measure would eliminate the independence the city manager and department heads should have to the those of politicians when making budget and other city management decisions.

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Sincerely,

Julie Jennings

From: Neecha Sandoval <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:03 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya
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From: Jose Murillo <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:58 PM

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From: David Simonis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:02 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10



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From: Danny Garza <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:53 PM

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President
Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and N.A.C.

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Linda Hutchins-Knowles <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 9:02 AM

Re Agenda Item 3.10: Please give more time for community input on the Strong Mayor proposal

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones and San Jose City Council Members,

We at Mothers Out Front South Bay appreciate attempts to improve our city government, and understand that this proposal is an attempt to do that.

Many of us, however, feel very uncomfortable with the way that this is being rushed through, without sufficient time for ample public input.

We ourselves have not had the time to consider the various components of the proposal, speak with both those in favor and opposed, and do our due diligence--nor have many other organizations and residents, since this item was added to the agenda less than a week ago.

Therefore, we respectfully ask you to slow this process down, and follow the normal protocols of vetting through citizen Commissions and study sessions. We do agree that the city should **convene the Charter Revision Commission** with a diverse coalition of community members to review the potential expansion of mayoral authority.

The strong mayor proposal is a very important matter that concerns us and the many members of our organization who live in San Jose.

Please don't rush this vote. We in the community deserve to be part of this discussion.

Sincerely,
Mothers Out Front South Bay

From: Jessica Gonzales <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:04 AM
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A Concerned Citizen

From: Sumayyah Rawashdeh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:03 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Perez, Raul
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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From: linda nguyen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:02 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10 - Strong mayor proposition



[External Email]

Good Morning,

I am writing in regards to Item 3.10 in support of establishing a Charter Revision Commission PRIOR to implementing a new government structure. I don't think it prudent to spent \$1 million+ to put this idea of changing to "strong mayor" on the ballot without enough support and input from the community.

Thanks,
San Jose resident
Linda Nguyen- D7

From: Vicki Alexander <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:57 AM
To: District9 <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Strong Mayor and Campaign Finance Reform



[External Email]

Dear Council Member Foley,

I'm very concerned about the proposal for a charter change to our form of city government, and I urge you to vote no. The proposal to move to a strong mayor system should be thoroughly studied by a Charter Review Commission and there should be ample community discussion. I'm not comfortable making this change with a rushed process without adequate community input.

I'm also concerned about lumping together a charter change, a change to election dates, and campaign finance reform. These are three different issues, and I think it's confusing to voters to try and vote on them all together.

I do support campaign finance reform, and I would like to see our city move forward with discussions on how to implement this.

Best regards,
Vicki Alexander

From: E Relson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:53 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

Huong Nguyen <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 8:48 AM

Support Increased Voter Turnout for City Council



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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I support Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memo to align districts with the lowest voter turnout with the Presidential election to give people of color representation and a voice.

More people vote in the Presidential election which would increase voter turnout for these elections. East San José and the downtown districts are the poorest and most challenged and have less than one-third of the voter turnout than the more affluent areas of San José. Of those who are voting, they are older, wealthier, and white.

If we do not move the election to the Presidential election, communities of color, young people, LGBTQ citizens, and low-income residents who are disproportionately burdened by policies impacting housing, homelessness, open spaces, libraries, and transportation, will continue to have their voice tampered in the current system.

Please support the alignment of the Council elections with the Presidential election in 2024 contained within the memo authored by Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza for Tuesday June 30, 2020 City Council Meeting, Item 3.10 Ballot Measure.

Sincerely,
Resident of District 7

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Thank you,

Huong Nguyen

From: Kathy Hoang <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:46 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Lliccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers,

The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Lliccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. The Council needs to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality.

Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would:

- Convene the City Charter Commission;
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Thank you,

Khang Nguyen

From: Zulema Ramos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:45 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Charter Revision Commission



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To Whom it may concern,
I would like to identify item 3.10 in support of establishing a Charter Revision Commission Prior to implementing a new government structure.

Sincerely,
Zulema Ramos

From: Allyson Banales [<mailto:>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:33 AM
To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Sincerely,
Allyson Banales

From: Betsy Allen [[mailto: \[REDACTED\]](#)]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:32 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

From: Quynh Nguyen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:32 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Public comment on item 3.10



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Sam Liccardo is a power hungry puppet that does not care about the community he is suppose to serve. Strong healthy cities invest in the people. They invest back into the community. Protests are clear signs that the community feels unsafe and neglected. It's a sign that structures that have been in existence are no longer working. Even big business fire workers who no longer positively serve the organization as a whole. He should understand that since he supports big business over the community. The community does not need another term of Liccardo. The city needs a voice from a person who cares to correct the failed system at the root of the problem. The community pleads NO to his extension. - quynh

From: Rose Amador [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:32 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Council Meeting of 6/30/20

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

I do not support expanding the role of the Mayor because we cannot predict what kind of Mayor we will have in the future. When I see what has happened at the national level, it scares me that, in the future, we too can be in the same situation in San Jose. I would not want a future Mayor only representing his or her district and not mine. As it is, communities of color are underrepresented in city government.

It would be beneficial to our City to move the Council elections to a presidential year in order to increase participation. A City Charter Commission would be advisable as long as it reflects the people it represents.

The Latino community has been adversely impacted by Covid-19 more than any other Ethnic group both where I live (District 8) and where I work (District 7). As a resident of this City, I am very concerned about my community, especially because I have a son in a skilled nursing facility. I feel our community has been severely underserved. Equity to all communities is a dire need of our City.

In community spirit,

Rose Amador LeBeau

From: Gina Gates [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:31 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie < [REDACTED] > Jimenez, Sergio < [REDACTED] > Peralez, Raul < [REDACTED] > Diep, Lan < [REDACTED] > Carrasco, Magdalena < [REDACTED] > Davis, Dev < [REDACTED] > Esparza, Maya < [REDACTED] > Arenas, Sylvia < [REDACTED] > Foley, Pam < [REDACTED] > Khamis, Johnny < [REDACTED] >
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Dear Councilmembers,

Once again, here is another 2020 WTH moment. We must do better, you must do better. Sergio, you should know better. Mi amigo, Sam, asi no.

The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and police brutality in communities of color have highlighted the urgent need to address systemic racism in San Jose and the obligation to include residents from these communities when creating city policy. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the city would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at city hall. We have council members to speak on our behalf but their advocacy will not be enough against a Strong Mayor form of government. Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and full control.

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Thank

In Community,

Gina Gates

San Jose Small Business Owner

From: Kaila Silveira [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:30 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Lliccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

Dear San Jose Councilmembers,

My name is Kaila Silveira and I live in Milpitas bordering District 4. I may not live exactly in San Jose, but I have family, friends, coworkers, and people that I care/support in those communities that aren't getting the help they need. In today's meeting, I urge you to VOTE FOR WHAT'S RIGHT. I demand that your actions speak louder than words. I demand that you choose HELPING THOSE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES rather than prioritizing your own professional needs. We demand that you use your job and represent your citizens properly.

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A Concerned Citizen

From: Jane Light [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:27 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Jane Light

From: Kaila Silveira [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:26 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: June 30th SJ Council Meeting



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Dear San Jose Councilmembers,

My name is Kaila Silveira, and I am emailing you as a concerned citizen about the agenda items 2.24, 2.27, 3.3, and 3.10 that you will be voting on in today's council meeting.

For item 2.24 (Extending the Police Union Contract), I urge you to **VOTE AGAINST AND DO NOT EXTEND THIS ACTION** as it continues to fund SJPd when those funds should be distributed to other community services.

For action item 2.27 (BLM Resolution), I urge you to **MAKE POLICY AND GIVE OPPORTUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THE BLM MOVEMENT** not just proclaim the resolution. You have a job to protect and serve your citizens so your actions need to speak louder than words!

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For action item 3.10 (Increasing Power of Mayor Liccardo by Extending His Term by Two Years), I urge you to **VOTE AGAINST THIS ACTION**. By extending his term, you will allow him to continue ignoring the BLM movement demands and blocking policy that could implicate change. We need new leadership that will FIGHT AND ACTUALLY REPRESENT what the citizens need.

For weeks, we've have been peacefully protesting, sharing our ideas, and collaborating on how to implement change. We've spoken so now it's up to you to make it happen. We need policies that will provide opportunity and protection FOR EVERYONE.

A concerned citizen,

Kaila

From: Mary Helen Doherty [<mailto:> [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10 Ballot Measure Charter Change to Increase Mayor's Role

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

I request your NO vote on Item 3.10. Public engagement in the democratic process is often called out as a value foundational to the work you do on behalf of the residents of San Jose. The denial of this process is apparent in the scheduling of this vote today. In addition, adding the cost of more than \$1.5 million to create a charter amendment at a time when you are taking deep budget cuts is an insult to our most under resourced residents who need you to focus on their needs not the power relationships within city government. I respectfully request that you do not take action on this matter. Your NO vote is a vote to support those you count on you to hear their voices and address their needs.

Thank you.
Mary Helen Doherty

From: cynthia toscano [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:23 AM

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Thank you,

Cynthia

From: Cindy Ha [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:22 AM
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My name is Cindy H and I live in South San Jose.

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A Concerned Citizen

From: Charlotte A. Perez [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:22 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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I ask the council to vote NO on the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo and instead work to convene the Charter Revision Commission and take the time necessary to genuinely engage a diverse coalition of community members across San Jose. We also want to vote on our next mayor and don't agree with automatically extending the current mayor's term. We as residents deserve a say in how our city is run and we won't have that opportunity if this proposal moves forward. We need you to VOTE NO WHILE YOUR VOTE STILL COUNTS!

Thank you

Signed,

Charlotte Perez

P.S. The Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmember Jimenez were elected to represent the people NOT to take over and DICTATE to the people. I have been a resident in San Jose since 1968. I have owned a home and business here for 10 of those years. I am also a retired teacher. I vote NO on this charter change. This unilateral decision is WRONG!

From: Oscar Sandoval [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:20 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Items- 2.24 , 2.27 , 3.10



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Hello,

My name is Oscar Sandoval and I am an educator, artist, and D10 resident. I'm calling on the entire council to NOT approve extending the contract with the San Jose Police Officers Association. This agreement **must be renegotiated** with input from the public. The current agreement is bloated, and millions of those dollars can be reallocated to crucial social services in our city that can eliminate the need for police officers in the first place. It's ridiculous that some of these funds are being used to pay police who have murdered San Jose residents, it pays for internal investigations in misconduct cases that protect police officers, and, worst of all, it pays cops that make heinous, racist comments like the ones leaked from the private Facebook group. If y'all didn't have the courage to stand on the right side of history, and progress, when we demand that you all , OUR elected officials, to defund SJPd, you have another chance here. Be on the right side of history. Don't approve this contract, and allow the public to be a part of this process.

Also the BLM statement is a farce. Unless it is backed by legitimate systemic change (Office of Racial Equity is not an example of systemic change) than it's just as bad as taking a knee as officers continue to kill and harass San Jose residents. It masks San Jose as a city of "progress", when it in fact is lagging behind Oakland, SF, and other big cities that are taking REAL action to protect its Black and Brown communities.

Lastly, Sam Liccardo's "Strong Mayor" proposal is disturbing, especially given his justification that residents want him to have more power to take action to address police violence in our city. This is the same dude that compared defunding racist and killer police system to defunding teachers. As an educator myself I'm disgusted, and a bit fearful now knowing that Liccardo feels empowered to defend police officers over teachers. Do NOT approve this resolution/proposal. Any changes should go through the charter revision commission and be a public process. There does not need to be an automatic extension.

I hope y'all take action to defend marginalized communities in San Jose today. If y'all choose not to, the preventable deaths and anguish inflicted on our communities will be on your hands.

Best,

Oscar Sandoval

From: Nitzya Cuevas-Macias [[mailto:](#)████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:19 AM

To: City Clerk <████████████████████> Liccardo, Sam <████████████████████> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Concerned Citizen

From: Marsella Macias [[mailto:](#) [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:17 AM

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From: Krista Wirth [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:13 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Krista Wirth

From: Ritu Parekh [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:12 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Strong Mayor proposal

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My name is Ritu and I live in District 8.

I'd like to share my alarm regarding the proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter (Agenda Item 3.10).

I'm very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly.

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The injustice in San Jose is appalling but I firmly believe more power for the mayor's office isn't the answer.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Elyse Hulse [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:11 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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From: Maia Baglin [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:05 AM

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Thank you,
Maia Baglin

From: Donna Lacy [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:00 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Thank you

From: William Barrett [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:58 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Llicardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Item 3.10: Support the Mayor's Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Mayor and City Council, I am writing to share my support for Mayor Llicardo's memorandum dated June 19th, 2020 for Better Government Reforms in the City of San José. As we face the greatest series of crises in our lifetime – a global pandemic and the deepest economic recession since the great recession – we must have the people's choice, an elected Accountable Mayor, be directly responsible for the city rather than unelected bureaucrats. San José is the 10th largest city in the United States, yet it is stuck in the past with a management structure more suited for small back water cities. In times of crisis, we need the government to be nimble, responsive, and accountable to the community for results and to bring local government into the 21st century. The public must have confidence that their elected officials are the ones driving the community's priorities. The proposed measure would also curb the influence of powerful special interest groups, who have dominated San José politics for far too long. The measure would implement a strict conflict of interest provision that would require City Councilmembers to recuse themselves on a vote that would benefit their special interest donors. Furthermore, professional lobbyists would be banned from making contributions to a politician's campaign. I strongly urge you to vote in support of Mayor Llicardo's good government reforms for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall. Sincerely, [Name, Council District]

From: Karl Sinclair [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:58 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] >

Subject: Say No to a Strong Mayor



[External Email]

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This is a big change to our city government. While I personally don't believe a strong mayor system is right for our community, ultimately, I think this decision needs more than 6 days of discussion and public outreach. The points laid out in Councilmember Peralez's memo about a Charter Review Commission being able to thoroughly study the need and report back to council is the right way to go. There is not the time to rush to make this decision without proper community input.

There are many good points brought up in the Carrasco, Esparza and Arenas memos about the nuanced changes we could be adding to the electoral reform process also that deserve consideration.

But with their memos and the most recent memo from the City Manager discussing the need for community input, I urge you to Vote No on the Strong Mayor Ballot Proposal.

Sincerely,

Karl Sinclair

From: Megan Moilanen [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:56 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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From: Cory Laurence [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:55 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Lliccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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My name is Cory Laurence and I live in South San Jose.

The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is alarming.

A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20.

I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly.

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Sincerely,
Cory Laurence

Holly S <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 9:54 AM

Support Increased Voter Turnout for City Council



CC

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I support Council members Carrasco and Esparza's memo to align districts with the lowest voter turnout with the Presidential election for Tuesday June 30, 2020, City Council Meeting, Item 3.10 Ballot Measure.

Having more people vote in the Presidential election would increase voter turnout. East San José and the downtown districts are the poorest and most challenged and have less than 1/3 of the voter turnout than the richer areas of San José, who are older, wealthier, and white.

If we do not move the election to the Presidential election, communities of color, young people, LGBTQ citizens, and low-income residents who are disproportionately burdened by policies impacting housing, homelessness, open spaces, libraries, and transportation, will continue to have their voice tampered in the current system.

Please support the alignment of the Council elections with the Presidential election in 2024 contained within the memo authored by Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza for Tuesday June 30, 2020, City Council Meeting, Item 3.10 Ballot Measure.

Sincerely,
Holly Shipley

From: Marjorie Lundberg [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:51 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>

Subject: meeting today



[External Email]

Please put this comment into today's record for the meeting regarding Item 3.10. A Charter Revision Commission MUST be held BEFORE any mayoral changes.

"If the Mayor can hire or fire the City Manager without Council participation, or the Mayor can direct the City Manager or department heads to withhold or diminish the importance of material information, then these officials may see no obligation to interact with anyone except for the Mayor, who will be directing their day-to-day activities. Each Councilmember must continue to be able to interact with the City Manager and department heads so that the Executive Team remains privy to perspectives from across our diverse City and so that the Councilmembers can continue to have direct discussions with them about the needs and concerns of our constituents."

Marge Lundberg

From: Elijah Stoll [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:48 AM
To: City Clerk <████████████████████>
Subject: City Council Meeting



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My name is Elijah Stoll and I live in Downtown San Jose. The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is alarming. A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20. I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there have been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose. It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal. It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this? It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPd as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer. P.S. We all saw Sam Liccardo's tweet about teachers that he's now deleted. Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen

From: Gilbert Armendariz [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:44 AM

To: [REDACTED] City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Item 3.1 Public Comment Amendment to City Charter



[External Email]

I am writing to oppose the mayor's ballot measure to amend the city charter as outlined in his memorandum. I support the memo from councilmember Peralez who clearly lays out the need for public engagement in this process and poor timing of the initiative. Thanks

Gilbert Armendariz, district 3 resident

From: Jose Cortes [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:42 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Lliccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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From: jose cortes [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:41 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie < [REDACTED] > Jimenez, Sergio < [REDACTED] > Peralez, Raul < [REDACTED] > Diep, Lan < [REDACTED] > Carrasco, Magdalena < [REDACTED] > Davis, Dev < [REDACTED] > Esparza, Maya < [REDACTED] > Arenas, Sylvia < [REDACTED] > Foley, Pam < [REDACTED] > Khamis, Johnny < [REDACTED] >

Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers, The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and police brutality in communities of color have highlighted the urgent need to address systemic racism in San Jose and the obligation to include residents from these communities when creating city policy. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the city would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at city hall. We have council members to speak on our behalf but their advocacy will not be enough against a Strong Mayor form of government. Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and full control. Allowing the Mayor to make unilateral decisions and yield power over other councilmembers or departments indiscriminately would not only suppress the voice of our communities of color but skew the checks and balances of our local government. Please VOTE NO on the Mayor's, Vice Mayor's, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo and use your authority wisely. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would: - Convene the City Charter Commission; - Move all Council elections to presidential years while creating a special 2-year term for the Mayor to implement this change; and - Refer the campaign finance reforms proposed to the San Jose Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices. Thank you

Rolando Bonilla <[REDACTED]>
Tue 6/30/2020 9:38 AM

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More people vote in the Presidential election which would increase voter turnout for these elections. East San José and the downtown districts are the poorest and most challenged and have less than one-third of the voter turnout than the more affluent areas of San José.

If we do not move the election to the Presidential election, communities of color, young people, LGBTQ citizens, and low-income residents who are disproportionately burdened by policies impacting housing, homelessness, open spaces, libraries, and transportation, will continue to have their voice tampered in the current system.

Please support the alignment of the Council elections with the Presidential election in 2024 contained within the memo authored by Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza for Tuesday June 30, 2020 City Council Meeting, Item 3.10 Ballot Measure.

Sincerely,
Rolando Bonilla
District 5

From: Nassim Nouri [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:32 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10: Support the Carrasco & Esparza Proposal

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to share my support for Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memorandum. Now is the time for change in our electoral system to improve representation of our communities and reduce the influence of money in politics. In order to best represent the people of San Jose, we need these campaign finance reforms and changing all councilmember elections to the presidential year to improve voter turnout will only improve the number of voices in our city that are heard and represented.

With the passage of the needed electoral reform that will build a more representative City Council, we can then begin the a discussion that address any potential need for changes to the Council-Manager system and the Mayoral powers.

Sincerely,
Nassim Nouri
Council District 4

From: Jennifer Woo [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:31 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers,

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Thank you.
Jen Woo

From: Robin Lyons [<mailto:>]

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Robin Lyons

From: Nassim Nouri [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:29 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Councilmembers,

The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Liccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. Instead work to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality.

Thank you
Nassim Nouri
San Jose resident
District 4

From: Kathy Brillante [<mailto:> [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:29 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Public Comment Item 3.10 for meeting on 6/30

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Kathy Brillante and I am a resident from San Jose's District 7. I am writing in regards to Item 3.10.

I writing to support a Charter Revision Commission. This will best address the needs of the city PRIOR to granting executive authority to the mayor.

Best,
Kathy Brillante

From: Nassim Nouri [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:25 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This is a big change to our city government. While I personally don't believe a strong mayor system is right for our community, ultimately, I think this decision needs more than 6 days of discussion and public outreach. The points laid out in Councilmember Peralez's memo about a Charter Review Commission being able to thoroughly study the need and report back to council is the right way to go. There is not the time to rush to make this decision without proper community input.

The Fair Elections Initiative had almost a year of community engagement through it's signature collection process. This helps to make clear the language of the ballot initiative to voters and give the community time to discuss. I support the Fair Elections Initiative as good campaign finance reform needed to build trust with our community and the elected officials that serve them as well as align the Mayoral Election to a presidential year to improve voter turnout. Adding the strong mayor provisions to the Fair Elections Initiative language adds an additional complex piece to a ballot initiative that will mask the desires of the community for these two very different important discussions.

There are many good points brought up in the Carrasco, Esparza and Arenas memos about the nuanced changes we could be adding to the electoral reform process that also deserve consideration.

But with their memos and the most recent memo from the City Manager discussing the need for community input, I urge you to Vote No on the Strong Mayor Ballot Proposal.

Sincerely,

Nassim Nouri
San Jose resident
Council District 4

From: Sanobar Mehta [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:23 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,
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From: Meggyn Watkins [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:22 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Llicardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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Sincerely,
Meggyn

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:22 AM
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Maria Guttenbeil [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:21 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Items on the docket for 6/30 @ 9am



[External Email]

Hello,

Any agenda items that does not allow community participation is an injustice to its community members. Any changes to the power of the Mayor should go through a charter revision commission. I support Peralez and Arenas' memos rejecting the power grab!

San Jose PD's contract should not be extended without provisions that serve the community they police. End Qualified immunity and other initiatives that defend murders. We should all be governed by the same laws!

We need Affordable housing, city programs that assist first-time homebuyers etc. Please focus more on the people and not the corporations or special interests of those who fund your campaigns!

Best,
Maria

From: Apriel Gamboa [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:18 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Lliccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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From: Laura Hammond [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:17 AM
To: [REDACTED] City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Public comment item 3.1 ballot measure to amend city charter



[External Email]

I am a district 3 resident and I am writing to voice my opposition to the ballot measure to amend the city charter proposed by Mayor Liccardo. Most of the reasons why are outlined in City Manager Sykes and Councilmember Peralez memos, both of which I support. While I agree with the point to move the mayoral election to increase voter turnout, the community deserves input in to the remainder of the proposed amendment as we all have a stake in it. I agree with city manager Sykes that this amendment will lead to dysfunction and sully checks and balances by allowing the mayor the immediate authority to appoint and fire the city manager and dept heads. It blurs the power structurr and weakens a council that serve many diverse districts with distinct needs and an indepedent voice. I urge all members of the council to oppose this ballot measure for a city charter amendment and work to engage a community process for change instead.

Thanks
Laura

From: Mers Tran [[mailto: \[REDACTED\]](#)]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:17 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Lliccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: I dissent with Agenda 3.10

My name is Meryssa Tran and I live in the Evergreen area.

I believe that Agenda Item 3.10 is a misallocation of priorities and funds.

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Meryssa Tran

From: Mariana Cozzella [[mailto:](#)████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:13 AM

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From: grace corona [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:12 AM
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From: Luna Oppus [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:11 AM

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Luna Oppus

From: Maria Guttenbeil [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:11 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda 3.10



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Mayor Liccardo has proved he isn't open to listening to the citizens he serves. He listens to the corporations. We will be spending up to 1.7 million to place this initiative on the ballot instead of allocating those funds to more important issues as in the homeless population, servicing our community in other ways that make a real impact on our City.

City council needs to focus on putting money into affordable housing initiatives and so much more.

Best,
Maria

From: Amanda Rivas [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:10 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Disapproval of Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Amanda and I am a resident of San Jose, Ca and have been for the past 32 years.

The proposed change to the city charter would dramatically shift the way our local government runs and affects every single resident. Now is the time for us to voice our opinions and yet this process is being rushed out the door without anyone's opinion. I demand you use your power to halt this proposal and allow our voices to be heard in a proper and fitting way.

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Amanda

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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Sarah Enzminger [[mailto:](#)████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:34 AM

To: City Clerk <████████████████████> Liccardo, Sam <████████████████████> Jones, Chappie
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My name is Sarah Enzminger and I live in Almaden, Johnny Khamis' district.

I am about late to email this for public comment, my bad. I hope you still consider my voice in this matter as you vote.

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From: Marsella Macias [[mailto:](#) [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:29 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Marsella P. Macias
Concerned San Jose Native & Resident

From: Manuel Avalos [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:38 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,
Manuel Ávalos

From: Jessica Gutierrez [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:45 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10



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I OPPOSE this action. Any change to the city charter should be a process that the community can participate in. Any changes to the power of the mayor should go through a charter revision commission. I support the key parts of Peralez and Arenas Memos rejecting the power grab. Moving the election for the mayor to a presidential year without an automatic extension (fair elections initiative) is necessary to increase voter turnout without giving an extended term to Mayor Liccardo. Campaign finance reforms must be made in collaboration with the community.

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Jessica Gutierrez

AdrianTepehua Vargas <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 10:54 AM

Support Increased Voter Turnout for City Council

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I support Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memo to align districts with the lowest voter turnout with the Presidential election to give people of color representation and a voice. More people vote in the Presidential election which would increase voter turnout for these elections. East San José and the downtown districts are the poorest and most challenged have less than one-third of the voter turnout than the more affluent areas of San José. Of those who are voting, they are older, wealthier, and white.

If we do not move the election to the Presidential election, communities of color, young people, LGBTQ citizens, and low-income residents who are disproportionately burdened by policies impacting housing, homelessness, open spaces, libraries, and transportation, will continue to have their voice tampered in the current system.

Please support the alignment of the Council elections with the Presidential election in 2024 contained within the memo authored by Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza.

Sincerely

Concerned Citizen

From: Alice Wu [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:53 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Lliccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment

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My name is Alice Wu and I live in Willow Glen.

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Sincerely,
Alice Wu

From: Tim Tran [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:51 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Lliccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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My name is Tim Tran, and I have family in San Jose.

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From: Yolanda Guerra [[mailto:](#)████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:50 AM

To: City Clerk <████████████████████> Liccardo, Sam <████████████████████> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers,

The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and police brutality in communities of color have highlighted the urgent need to address systemic racism in San Jose and the obligation to include residents from these communities when creating city policy. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the city would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at city hall. We have council members to speak on our behalf but their advocacy will not be enough against a Strong Mayor form of government. Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and full control.

Allowing the Mayor to make unilateral decisions and yield power over other councilmembers or departments indiscriminately would not only suppress the voice of our communities of color but skew the checks and balances of our local government.

Please VOTE NO on the Mayor's, Vice Mayor's, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo and use your authority wisely. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would:

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From: Teresa Tran [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:47 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Thank you

Teresa H. Tran

From: Anabel Martinez [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:11 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sincerely,
Anabel

From: Nathan Notary [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:08 AM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Thank you
Nathan Ganeshan

From: [REDACTED] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:07 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Feliz Reyes

From: Mahder Aklilu [<mailto:>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:06 AM

To: City Clerk < > Liccardo, Sam < > Jones, Chappie
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Becky Lake [<mailto:>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:05 AM
To: City Clerk < >
Subject: Item 3:10

[External Email]

Dear council members

Please, I am in support of establishing a Charter Revision Commission PRIOR TO implementing a new government structure giving the mayor the power to hire and fire the city manager.

This proposed structure is not functional: sharing the authority to dismiss department directors will create dysfunction within the organization. This is an extraordinary change with far reaching consequences. We need time and community involvement to evaluate those who will be impacted by this change.

Thank you

A concerned citizen

Becky Lake

From: Alethya Avilan [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:05 AM

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Dear San Jose City Councilmember:

I am writing to ask that you vote to APPROVE Councilmember Peralez's memo directing that an inclusive, community-driven Charter Review Commission be convened. The community deserves better than to be forced with no community engagement on this change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor. Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place. Doing so without public process is not democratic. Please do better!!

Thank you,

Alethya Avilan

From: demetrius vasquez [[mailto:](#) [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:05 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Perez's Memo!

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Dear San Jose City Councilmember,

I am writing to ask that you vote to APPROVE Councilmember Perez's memo directing that an inclusive, community-driven Charter Review Commission be convened. The community deserves better than to be forced with no community engagement on this change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor. Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place.

Thank you,

From: Warda Ali [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:01 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10 for 6/30/20 Council Meeting



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Good morning,

I am writing in regards to Council Agenda Item 3.10 for today's City Council Meeting on 6/30/2020.

The proposal from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmember Jimenez to place a measure on the November 2020 ballot to increase the Mayor's executive and centralized power and extend Mayor Liccardo's current term by two additional years is unacceptable.

Given the egregious lack of community outreach and the current crisis, as well as the Mayor and Council's refusal to defund the SJPd as repeatedly demanded by their constituents, placing this measure on November's ballot is an extremely unilateral move and will upend the checks and balances system within our local government.

I strongly oppose this move.

Regards,

Warda Ali

From: sherry dennis [<mailto:sherry.dennis@cityofsanjose.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:12 AM

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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers,

The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and police brutality in communities of color have highlighted the urgent need to address systemic racism in San Jose and the obligation to include residents from these communities when creating city policy. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the city would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at city hall. We have council members to speak on our behalf but their advocacy will not be enough against a Strong Mayor form of government. Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and full control.

Allowing the Mayor to make unilateral decisions and yield power over other councilmembers or departments indiscriminately would not only suppress the voice of our communities of color but skew the checks and balances of our local government.

Please VOTE NO on the Mayor's, Vice Mayor's, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo and use your authority wisely. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would:

- Convene the City Charter Commission;
- Move all Council elections to presidential years while creating a special 2-year term election for the Mayor/Council to implement this change; and
- Refer the campaign finance reforms proposed to the San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices.

Thank you

Sherry Dennis

From: sherry dennis [<mailto:sherry.dennis@cityofsanjose.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:11 AM

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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers,

The proposed change to the city charter would dramatically shift the way our local government runs and affects every single resident. Our voices should count but we are being shut out of this process as it's being rushed through without real and substantial community engagement. You have the current power to halt this proposal and allow for our voices to be heard.

I ask the council to vote NO on the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would:

- Convene the City Charter Commission;
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The Council needs to take the time necessary to genuinely engage a diverse coalition of community members across San Jose. We as residents deserve a say in how our city is run and we won't have that opportunity if this proposal moves forward. We need you to VOTE NO WHILE YOUR VOTE STILL COUNTS!

Thank you

Sherry Dennis

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Dear Councilmembers,

The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Liccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. The Council needs to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality.

Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would:

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