
FW: SVCN Comments re Item 8.5, Envision San José 2024 General Plan

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and members of the City Council,

Please see the following comments regarding **Item 8.5** from the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), an alliance of community-based organizations working to support thriving and equitable communities in Santa Clara County.

The Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) respectfully expresses concern about the proposed change to the City of San José's General Plan update process, which would replace a broad-based, cross-sector task force with the smaller, less representative Planning Commission. While we acknowledge the memorandum from Councilmembers Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, Councilmember Campos, Councilmember Cohen, and Councilmember Casey recommending enhanced community outreach to offset this shift, SVCN emphasizes that meaningful public engagement must go beyond informing residents of public hearings. Consistent with our longstanding policy priority advocating for deep, inclusive community engagement by local governments, we urge the City to proactively involve its existing bench of engagement specialists—including nonprofit organizations and professional consultants—in designing and facilitating a robust outreach process. This should include interactive methods such as focus groups, surveys, and community town halls to ensure that diverse voices across San José are authentically heard and reflected in the General Plan update. We caution against setting a precedent that reduces community representation in shaping the city's future.

Thank you,

Shannon Zhang | Nonprofit Policy + Advocacy Fellow

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

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FW: ADLG Envision San Jose 2024 Task Force memo

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From: Greg Peck - ADLG <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 11:01 PM
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Hello.

The All District Leadership Group (ADLG) is a consortium of leaders from active San Jose leadership groups, representing the neighborhood associations in San Jose. Please read the attached memo, which includes *inputs to the Envision 2024 General Plan* affecting all of our neighborhoods.

Respectfully,
Greg Peck
Chair
All District Leadership Group

Attachment: ADLG Envision San Jose 2024 Task Force memo.pdf

All District Leadership Group

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The Honorable Matt Mahan and Members of the City Council

sent via email June 1, 2025

SUBJECT: ADLG inputs on Envision San Jose 2024 Task Force

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The All District Leadership Group (ADLG) is a consortium of leaders from active San Jose leadership groups, representing the neighborhood associations in San Jose.

Regarding the proposal to replace the broad-based, cross-sector *Envision San José 2024 General Plan Four-Year Review Task Force* (Task Force) with the smaller, less representative Planning Commission:

We understand that the staff recommendation is intended, in part, to address these constraints. We recommend that you proceed in a manner that does not unintentionally diminish community representation in shaping the city's future. We therefore appreciate the recommendation in the 5/30/25 (Mahan, Foley, Campos, Cohen, and Casey) Memo calling for a comprehensive public outreach program.

As a result:

- We support the staff's recommendation to limit the scope of the third Four-Year Review.
- We support the time change to have the Planning Commission serve as the Task Force for the third Four-Year Review. Staff should plan to avoid this need in the future.
- We request that the comprehensive public outreach program utilize the City's existing bench of engagement specialists in designing and facilitating a robust outreach process. A process that includes interactive methods such as focus groups, surveys, and community town halls to maximize the ability for voices throughout San José to be authentically heard and reflected in the General Plan update.

Respectfully,
Greg Peña
Chair, All District Leadership Group

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6/3/25 City Council agenda, Item 8.5 - Proposed Scope of Work for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San José 2024 General Plan

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Joint enviro letter - GP 4-year review scope.pdf;

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

Please find attached the joint comments of Green Foothills and Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance with regard to Item 8.5 on the June 3 City Council meeting agenda (Proposed Scope of Work for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San José 2024 General Plan).

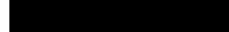
Thank you for your attention to these comments.



Alice Kaufman (She/Her)

Policy and Advocacy Director

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June 2, 2025

San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA
Via email

Re: 6/3/2025 Council Agenda, Item 8.5
Proposed Scope of Work for the General Plan Four-Year Review

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

The undersigned organizations support staff's recommendations for both the scope of the Four-Year Review, and for the Planning Commission to be designated as the Four-Year Review Task Force for the third Review Cycle.

In particular, we support excluding areas with immitigable Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impacts from any potential new growth areas. The city's VMT maps clearly illustrate the negative environmental impacts that would result from increasing growth in the outlying areas of the city, such as Coyote Valley, Alviso, and the Evergreen and Almaden Valley neighborhoods. Any potential expanded growth areas must be in San Jose's infill areas, close to existing transit and other amenities, in order to avoid significant increases in greenhouse gas emissions and potential impacts to open space and wildlife.

We also support the recommendations in the Memorandum from Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers Campos, Cohen, and Casey with regard to the importance of providing meaningful opportunities for residents and community stakeholders to share input throughout the Four-Year Review process. We agree with the concerns expressed by other nonprofit organizations regarding the need for meaningful public engagement that goes beyond merely informing community members of public hearings. Such engagement efforts must include elements such as community workshops, engagement with neighborhood associations, and public surveys. We recommend that staff utilize the resources of community-based organizations in public outreach and engagement efforts.

In addition, while designating the Planning Commission as the Task Force for purposes of this Four-Year Review cycle makes sense given the limited scope of this review and economic

conditions, we wish to emphasize that the model of a diverse 40-member Task Force representing a broad array of perspectives should not be abandoned going forward. The staff memo states that a General Plan amendment will be brought to Council in Fall 2025 to effectuate this change in the nature of the Task Force; this General Plan amendment should specifically state that it is limited to this Four-Year Review cycle due to its limited scope and the current budgetary constraints, and should not be considered precedential for future Four-Year Review cycles.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Alice Kaufman
Policy and Advocacy Director
Green Foothills

Shani Kleinhaus
Environmental Advocate
Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance

FW: SJ Chamber Support of Item 8.5: Proposed Scope of Work for Four-Year General Plan Update

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SJ Chamber - Comments for General Plan Update 060225.pdf;

From: Kat Angelov <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 1:31 PM

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Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Leah Toeniskoetter <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SJ Chamber Support of Item 8.5: Proposed Scope of Work for Four-Year General Plan Update

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Honorable Councilmembers Kamei, Campos, Salas, Cohen, Ortiz, Mulcahy, Doan, Candelas, and Casey,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, I'd like to express our support for item 8.5: Proposed Scope of Work for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San José 2024 General Plan.

Please find attached our letter of support. For any questions, please contact our CEO Leah Toeniskoetter (copied) or respond to this email.

Thank you for the consideration of our comments.

Regards,
Kat



Kat Angelov
Policy Manager
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**San Jose
Chamber of Commerce**

June 2, 2025

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

**RE: Item 8.5: Proposed Scope of Work for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San José 2024
General Plan**

Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for the proposed scope of work of the four-year General Plan review. We are encouraged to see that the scope reflects several key priorities for the Chamber, and we commend the recommendation to designate the Planning Commission as the approval body for this update.

The proposed scope rightly focuses on four key areas: increasing residential unit capacity, modifications for urban village plans, modifications to the Jobs/Employed Residents ratio, and expanded CEQA exemptions. Each of these areas have consistently emerged as focal points in past updates and throughout the recent Housing Element process, drawing input from advocacy groups, residents, businesses, and City Councilmembers. We believe that city staff have crafted a thoughtful approach that addresses San Jose's most urgent growth challenges.

Further, we support using the Planning Commission as the approval body rather than reconvening a General Plan Task Force. Based on our prior experience serving on Task Forces, we've seen that while they bring valuable perspectives, the process can become complex and delay decision-making. Leveraging the Planning Commission offers a more streamlined and effective path forward.

We appreciate the memorandum from Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers Campos, Casey, and Cohen calling for a robust public outreach effort. Broad, inclusive engagement is critical to ensure voices from all corners of San Jose are heard and reflected in the process.

For the reasons listed above, we urge your support for the scope of work as proposed.

Sincerely,

Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO
San Jose Chamber of Commerce

FW: June 3, 2025 Agenda Item 8.5 - Letter from SPUR

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From: Sujata Srivastava [REDACTED]

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Please see attached the comment letter from SPUR on Agenda Item 8.5

Thank you,
Sujata

Sujata Srivastava (she • her)
Chief Policy Officer | [SPUR](#)

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RE: June 3, 2025 Agenda Item 8.5: Proposed Scope of Work for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan

Dear Members of the San José City Council,

SPUR is an urban policy research and advocacy organization dedicated to making the Bay Area more equitable, prosperous, and sustainable. We were honored to serve on the task force for the last four-year review of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan. We are pleased that the proposed scope of work for the next four-year review is structured to address significant barriers to the development of housing. We applaud the foresight of staff in using this opportunity to prepare for a timely and compliant seventh-cycle housing element that can meaningfully meet the housing needs of all the city's residents.

SPUR supports staff's recommendations for both the scope of the Four-Year Review, and for the Planning Commission to be designated as the Four-Year Review Task Force for the third Review Cycle. We believe that the Planning Commission is the appropriate body for this effort, and that this approach allows the work to be disciplined, focused, and timely, while conserving limited staff time and financial resources.

We also commend Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers Campos, Cohen, and Casey for their Memo calling for a comprehensive public outreach program, co-led by the Office of Racial and Social Equity and the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department, to provide meaningful opportunities for residents and community stakeholders to share input throughout the Four-Year Review process. We urge the Council to adopt these recommendations as well. We do want to emphasize the need for real opportunities for public input in the Four-Year Review process, especially from underrepresented communities of color, individuals with disabilities, and other important stakeholders who may need language access, special accommodations, or be less likely to participate in the public process.

To this end, we urge the City to proactively involve its existing bench of engagement specialists—including nonprofit organizations and professional consultants—in designing and

facilitating a robust outreach process. This should include interactive methods such as focus groups, surveys, and community town halls to ensure that diverse voices across San José are authentically heard and reflected in the General Plan update.

Sincerely,



Sujata Srivastava
Chief Policy Officer
SPUR



FW: Vibrant San Jose General Plan Update Agenda Item 8.5 for June 3rd council meeting

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From: Carol Owendro [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

Vibrant San Jose is a new local group advocating for policy changes that will result in abundant, affordable housing and walkable, bikeable neighborhoods with access to transit.

We support city staff updating the general plan to allow small multifamily housing in more places (housing element strategy p-35) as stated in the planning department's scope of work for the 4 year general plan update that you are voting on on June 3rd. We urge you to direct staff to allow these 2-4 unit buildings on all residential land.

We are aware the city is off track on our RHNA housing production goal and will likely come up 40,000 units short if the city continues at the same pace of building as the last 7 years. That is why it is crucial that we make big changes to our zoning laws during this 4 year general plan update and allow our neighborhoods to become denser with these missing middle housing types.

The status quo of only allowing single family homes on 94% of our residential land, as the city tells us is the current state, is not sustainable. Our rents and homes prices are too high. Our homeless population is too high. I implore you to direct city staff to update San Jose's zoning to allow small multifamily homes of up to 4 units in all areas currently zoned for single family homes, in addition to exploring other locations like areas currently zoned for commercial. Small multifamily homes like 6-8 unit buildings should be allowed on all larger streets like Meridian and Hillsdale.

Let's make San Jose affordable for young families, the middle class, working class families, the elderly, and everyone who works and belongs to our community.

See attached signatures from residents who signed this petition.

Thank you,

Carol Owendro
Vibrant San Jose Founder

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Luke	Spicer		San Jose	95112		3
Patrick	Owendro		San Jose	95125		6
Matt	Savage		San Jose	95125	Please support housing for middle income families and workforce housing!	6
Abigail	Hart		San Jose	95126		
Tate	Tunstall		San Jose	95119		Need more housing in District 10
Sam	Privett		San Jose	95134		10
Rodrigo	Zeledon		San Jose	95126		4
Mitchell	Evans		San Jose	95129	We need more missing middle across the whole city!	1

FW: SV@Home Letter Supporting Staff Recommendation: GP 4-Year Review Scope & Task Force

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From: Alison Cingolani [REDACTED]
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Subject: SV@Home Letter Supporting Staff Recommendation: GP 4-Year Review Scope & Task Force

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Hello,

Please find attached SV@Home's letter in support of staff's recommendations for both the scope of the Four-Year Review, and for the Planning Commission to be designated as the Four-Year Review Task Force for the third Review Cycle. This approach allows the work to be disciplined, focused, and timely, while conserving limited staff time and financial resources.

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Thank you,

Alison Cingolani, AICP
Director of Policy

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Via email

June 2, 2025

RE: June 3, 2025 Agenda Item 8.5: Proposed Scope of Work for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers Kamei, Campos, Salas, Cohen, Ortiz, Mulcahy, Doan, Candelas, and Casey,

As an organization dedicated to ensuring every resident of Santa Clara County has access to a safe, stable home they can afford, we at SV@Home are pleased that the proposed scope of work for the Four-Year Review of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan is structured to address significant barriers to the development of housing. We applaud the foresight of staff in using this opportunity to prepare for a timely and compliant seventh-cycle housing element that can meaningfully meet the housing needs of all the city's residents.

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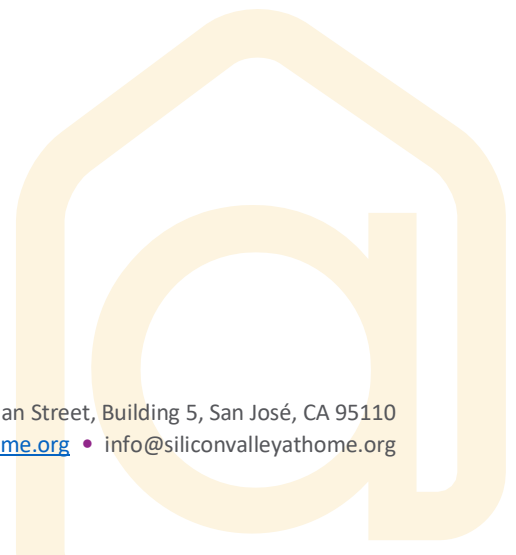
Regina Celestin Williams
Executive Director

June 2, 2025

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Silicon Valley @ Home is a nonprofit advocacy organization that works with a broad coalition of strategic partners to support housing solutions for low income families and individuals throughout Santa Clara County's communities. We advocate for solutions including increasing production of homes at all income levels, especially affordable housing; preserving existing affordable housing; and protecting our community's most vulnerable residents from displacement.



FW: Vibrant San Jose General Plan Update Agenda Item 8.5 for June 3rd council meeting

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From: Carol Owendro <[REDACTED]>

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I know this is past the deadline but if possible, can you update the attached petition signers?

Thank you!

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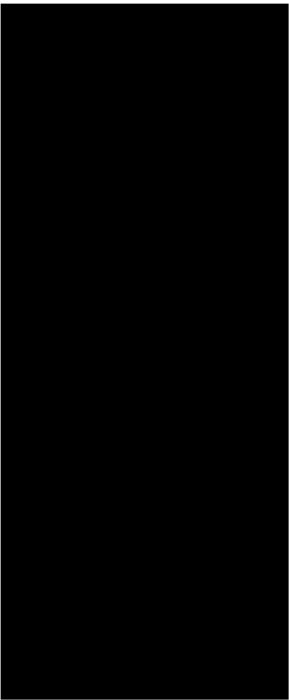


Let's make San Jose affordable for young families, the middle class, working class families, the elderly, and everyone who works and belongs to our community.

See attached signatures from residents who signed this petition.

Thank you,

Carol Owendro
Vibrant San Jose Founder

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Carmelita (Lita) Gutierrez

(Pronouns: she/her)

South Bay Labor Council

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June 3, 2025

San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Mahan and San Jose City Councilmembers,

On behalf of the South Bay Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, we are writing to ask you to include specific language today to ensure strong participation from Labor in the Envision San José 2024 General Plan, particularly from the Labor Council, the Building Trades Council, and the Mechanical, Electrical, Plumber, and Sprinklerfitter unions (MEPS).

As staff notes, the General Plan review is a critical process for San Jose's future, outlining a pathway to build more housing, create good jobs, and comply with state regulations.

Labor has proudly participated in past processes. The Task Force model ensured broad stakeholder engagement, including Labor. Although it was occasionally unwieldy, so is democracy. Ultimately, the City arrived at a thoroughly vetted General Plan. Now, with a review ahead of us, San Jose deserves nothing less. Labor needs a seat at the table.

Finally, the staff memo emphasizes the need to add housing capacity to the General Plan and the resulting requirement to adjust the jobs/housing balance. San Jose requires housing and jobs, but the jobs must be well paying, quality jobs. To develop family-sustaining jobs in San Jose and nurture thriving communities, we must ensure that the General Plan focuses on connecting people to quality jobs. It is essential to promote quality jobs, especially in the construction trades, and these measures should be included in the review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David Bini
Executive Director
Santa Clara & San Benito Counties

Jean Cohen
Executive Officer
South Bay Labor Council

Building & Construction Trades Council

Re: Vibrant San Jose General Plan Update Agenda Item 8.5 for June 3rd council meeting

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On Tue, Jun 3, 2025, 11:12 AM Carol Owendro <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks so much!

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025, 11:09 AM Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hello,

Posted.

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Thank you for reaching out!

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29 Erica	Walters		San Jose	95130		
30 Kaye-Ailsa	Rowan		San Jose	95112	I support middle housing with off-street parking as part of the plan. Adding or converting multi-family units without adding parking is poor planning.	San Jose
31 Viet-Hung	Nguyen		San Jose	95148		
32 Lesley Alison	Collins		San Jose	95112		3
33 Bruce	Nguyen		San Jose	95133		5
34 Elisa	Page		San Jose	95125	People in my neighborhood like to complain about duplexes, fourplexes etc. "changing the character" of our admittedly very beautiful neighborhood. You know what else changes the character? The tear-downs of all the early-to-mid-century cottages and other one-story homes in order to build McMansions that reach to the very ends of each property line and fail the test of having any character at all.	
35 Karen	Andersen Latti		San Jose	95139	So if people are cool with McMansions, but not with well done duplexes and fourplexes, I fear the think it's the "people" who will move in to middle housing that have the characters they don't want. And that's classist and probably racist too.	
36 Filip	Buca		San Jose	95124		
37 Margaret	Cimafranca		San Jose	95112	We can't keep complaining about the lack of affordable housing, and then refuse to participate in the solution in certain neighborhood, as though we're "above it." It's gross and the only thing I really don't like about living in Willow Glen...the NIMBY-ism.	6