

From: Anna Krause [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:54 PM

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

My name is Anna Krause and I live in West San Jose.

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Rebecca Möller [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:57 PM

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

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Thank you,
Rebecca E Möller

From: Surjit Bains [mailto:████████████████████]

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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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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;
- 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 José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices.

Thank you

Sandy Flores <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 2:59 PM

Support Increased Voter Turnout for City Council



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Sincerely

Sandy Flores

Capitol Park Goss Dobern Neighborhood, Dist 5

From: Lovie [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:08 PM

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

Subject: Item 3.10: VOTE NO on Councilmember Peralez's Proposal for a Charter Review Commission



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Dear San Jose City Councilmembers,

During the 50 years the Spencer Family has resided in Santa Clara Vzllely, it has been our pleasure to to become acquainted with Sam Licardo when he served our community effectively as councilmember for District 3 and contined his service par excellence to us citizens as Mayor of San Jose which we value and entrust.

Our family wholeheartedly supports and votes IN FAVOR OF the Council's consideration TO EXTEND THE MAYOR'S TERM OF OFFICE AND EXPAND HIS AUTHORITY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lovie B. Spencer Jr.

From: Jennifer Turner [\[mailto: \]](mailto:)

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:10 PM

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

Jennifer Turner

From: Alan Quezadas [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:12 PM

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From: Tri Nguyen [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:12 PM

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Subject: Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Peralez's Memo!



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Dear San Jose City Councilmember,

I am writing in hope that you will approve Councilmember Peralez's memo directing that an inclusive, community-driven Charter Review Commission be convened. The community deserves an opportunity for collective engagement on the change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor. I hope that community engagement and discussion forum take place (even virtually) to deem the appropriateness to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place.

Sincerely,
Tri Nguyen

From: Walter Hudson [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:14 PM

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 San Jose City Councilmembers and yes you, too, Sam,

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Thank you,

Walter L. Hudson

From: angie tran [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:16 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Cc: Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10; NO on Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter

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As a San Jose native, I am asking our council to vote NO on the potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter. Mayor Liccardo's initiative to place a ballot initiative to change the City Charter undermines public participation in city processes. It is unethical, irresponsible, and undemocratic. Mayor Liccardo's tone deaf response to the racial injustices, discrimination, and police brutality have been underwhelming and disappointing to say the least.

The City and its residents deserve accountability and transparency. I ask that you consider convening a Charter Review Commission to review and put forth a recommendation on the best form of government for the City of San Jose. The decision to amend the City Charter in such a detrimental way with such short timing and improper public review would have long-term consequences for all of our residents.

As our elected officials, it is your responsibility and duty to represent your residents that will better their quality of life. Any charter changes that increases the current executive power will eliminate the necessary checks and balances. **I demand that you vote NO on the Mayor's initiative and engage meaningful public participation on any city charter revisions that involve changes to the City's form of government.**

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:18 PM

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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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Thank you,
Stephanie Kirsch

Rosa Cordova <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 3:25 PM

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Sincerely

Concerned Citizen

Rosa Cordova

Eva Heredia <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely

Eva Heredia

Ada Marquez <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 3:54 PM

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Sincerely,

Ada E. Márquez -District 5 Resident

Concerned Citizen

Christophe Gonzales <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Chris

Gabriel Manrique <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 4:14 PM

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Gabriel Manrique
Community Organizer

Daniel Montero <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely

-Daniel Montero
South Bay Delivery Alliance
Bay Area Latino Cannabis Alliance

Mayra Pelagio <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30/2020 4:35 PM

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Sincerely

Concerned Citizen



June 29, 2020

Mayor and City Councilmembers
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

The City of San Jose deserves a form of government that will help ensure more accountability and transparency. NAIOP Silicon Valley supports Mayor Liccardo's memorandum to implement Inclusion, Accountability and Better Government Reforms for the City of San Jose. We also support the detailed reform as outlined in separate memos dated June 23, 2020 by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and Councilmember Sergio Jiménez. By voting to place it on the November ballot, you will empower the residents of San Jose the opportunity to publicly debate and voice their position on the Mayoral accountability and campaign finance reforms.

As a way of background, NAIOP is America's leading association representing real estate developers, owners and related professionals in office, industrial and mixed-use real estate. NAIOP is comprised of over 18,000 members in North America and we stand for the advancement of responsible, sustainable development that creates jobs and benefits the communities in which our members work and live. Locally the NAIOP Silicon Valley Chapter is the economic jobs engine of Silicon Valley, driven by our members whose clients and tenants are the same companies that are working on solving the COVID-19 crisis such as biotech, industrial (including manufacturing and warehousing), and high-tech companies.

The Mayor's proposal to San Jose faces major challenges in the coming years, such as: the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing housing costs/homelessness, and economic recovery efforts by bringing jobs back to the city. We need a nimble, accountable government structure that can act quickly and creatively to help solve problems for our community. The public can have more confidence if we can draw accountability lines directly to our elected officials and in particular with the at large elected Mayor.

This proposed ballot measure would:

1. **Improve Accountability** – Empower the people's choice, an elected Mayor, to manage city department heads, subject to oversight/supervision from the City Council
2. **Enhance Transparency** – The community can hold an elected Mayor solely responsible for the efficient management of the city, not unelected bureaucrats.
3. **Limit Special Interest Influence** – Ban all lobbyist gifts/political contributions to elected officials and implements a strict conflict of interest ordinance.

By making city government more transparent, simpler, and more accountable, these reforms take power away from donors and special interests – giving it to voters and residents.

NAIOP Silicon Valley urges the Council to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo's memorandum to place the city charter amendments on the November ballot for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient City Hall.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Dick Scott.

Dick Scott
President, NAIOP Silicon Valley

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Christina Pacini.

Christina Pacini
Executive Director, NAIOP Silicon Valley

From: Minh-Huy Tran <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:37 PM

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 - Power Grab

My name is Minh-Huy, and I live in San Jose, CA.

I hope you read this email correctly, because it isn't spam.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:39 PM

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Subject: say NO to mayor's overreach

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Mohit

From: Kansen Chu <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:43 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:47 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:50 PM

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From: Em Abatecola <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:51 PM
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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From: Marcy Broadwell <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:25 PM

To: Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny

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<[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>

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From: Marissa Masangcay <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:28 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10; NO on Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter

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To Whom It May Concern, As a San Jose native, I am asking our council to vote NO on the potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter. Mayor Liccardo's initiative to place a ballot initiative to change the City Charter undermines public participation in city processes. It is unethical, irresponsible, and undemocratic. Mayor Liccardo's tone deaf response to the racial injustices, discrimination, and police brutality have been underwhelming and disappointing to say the least.

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As our elected officials, it is your responsibility and duty to represent your residents that will better their quality of life. Any charter changes that increases the current executive power will eliminate the necessary checks and balances. **I demand that you vote NO on the Mayor's initiative and engage meaningful public participation on any city charter revisions that involve changes to the City's form of government.**

Regards,

Marissa Masangcay

From: Dina Jones <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:31 PM

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

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:33 PM

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Thank you,
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From: Rita R Ruiz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:48 PM

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Rita R Ruiz

From: Wendy Stegeman <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:57 PM

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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,

Wendy L. Stegeman, EdD.

From: Rita R Ruiz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:58 PM

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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.

Thank you,

Wendy L. Stegeman, EdD.

From: Jennifer Soboleski <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:04 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Holy crap, are you kidding me? I heard about this but never dreamed it was going to happen without due process & community input. WTH people??

I am a District 3 resident, and I support councilman Peralez memo.

Thank you,
Jennifer Soboleski

From: Rita R Ruiz <[REDACTED]>

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From: Shane Flores <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:37 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

From: Ruth Price <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:26 PM

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

<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul

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From: Jared Slaybaugh <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:49 PM

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Sincerely,
Jared Slaybaugh

From: Robert Reynolds <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:50 PM

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From: TOM PARAMO <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:20 PM

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

From: Sophia Vu <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:24 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: rosalinda aguilar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:35 PM

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

<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul

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From: Lisa Ramirez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:00 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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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.

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From: Dylan Salak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:14 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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My name is Gail Dylan Salak and I live in San Jose.

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: k r <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:44 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 3.10 public comment

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please do not give Liccardo 2 more years. goodness gracious.

K Rivas, district 7, lifelong SJ resident, survivor of SJPD's brutal attack on protestors May 29

From: William Brotherson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:00 PM

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 - Power Grab

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My name is Will Brotherson & I am a Black Public Defender,

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

This proposed charter amendment is a clear power grab modeled after none other than the evil emperor palpatine from star wars. The mayor is a racist from a corrupt family, with corrupt parents. 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 so 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.

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Sincerely,
Will Brotherson

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From: Marissa Peralez-See <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:27 PM

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

From: Sarah <[REDACTED]>

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

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

<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul

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Thank you,

Sarah Ruiz, District 4 voter

From: Diana Pohle <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:14 PM

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

From: Karen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:18 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Karen Eul

From: Kelley Fernandez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:38 PM

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

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:50 PM

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

From: Rosalinda Cortez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:01 AM

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

gloria quiroz <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30, 6:28 PM

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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 Jos%3 & %9 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 Jos%3%9. 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, Gloria Quiroz
408 643-5408
Concerned Citizen

Carina Bustos <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/30, 5:51 PM

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Sincerely

Concerned Citizen

From: Sana Sethi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 9:50 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: San Jose Resident - Item 3.10

[External Email]

Dear San Jose Representatives,

I am a San Jose resident 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.

Thank you,
Sana Sethi
(she/her)

From: Yolanda Guerra <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:13 AM

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

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<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

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

Good morning,

I'm watching this and this is utterly disgusting to me as a resident. My voice matters and it is not okay to clump these measures together. What a sleazy way to do work. It is clearly a backdoor deal. You are rushing for what? I do not want our city run without my voice by giving this power to the mayor. The mayor does not speak for me but my council members do.

Yolanda Guerra
Educator

From: Yolanda Guerra <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:25 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio
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<[REDACTED]>

Subject: What are you doing?

Dear council members,

We the people are watching. What you are doing? You are pushing something in a process that is utterly disgusting. We are in a pandemic dealing with issues related to this and you are pushing a power grab? You are clumping things together? This is disrespectful to us as voters.

I can't believe that some of you are going against fair elections initiative and you are people of color. It's an embarrassment.

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Educator

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Thank you

From: Louis Rocha <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:42 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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<[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:

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Thank you

From: ALEXA ATONDO <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:52 AM

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

From: tbonejohnburk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 11:08 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: 7-1 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

My name is John Burk and I live in district 3

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John Burk
A Concerned Citizen

From: Mary Helen Doherty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 11:39 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10 Charter Change

[External Email]

Mayor and Councilmembers,

It's painful to witness on Zoom this morning the dismissal of the Latinx members of the City Council consistent requests that the most under resourced members of San Jose be heard and supported. 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.

I respectfully request that you do not take action on this matter at this time. 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: A Renteria <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio
<[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan
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Subject: Re: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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Dear Mayor Liccardo,

Is it easier to leave it up to the voters instead of taking the necessary steps for the safety and wellness of the community that we've seen many cities do already?

If you're worried about funding for the police, then your priorities and judgement does not reflect those of your constituents and you don't deserve an extra two years as mayor as you mislead the public to think you are serving in their interest when you have been protecting corporations and the police more than you are the people.

Sincerely,
Amalia

> On Jun 29, 2020, at 11:58 AM, Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> wrote:
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> Thanks Amalia. The voters will be asked to decide the matter directly—in the November election.

From: Phil Guzman <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 12:58 PM

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

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:58 PM

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<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Nonono

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Do not pass to have the mayor's position extended or NO MORE POWER !!

From: Coban Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 2:13 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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- Cobán López

From: Angelica Becerra <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 2:22 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 2:33 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 3:12 PM

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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From: Jeannie Nguyen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 5:03 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Cc: Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED]> Diep, Lan < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10; NO on Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter

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Regards,
Jeannie Nguyen

From: Yadira Joya [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 12:19 PM

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

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From: sandra Ahearn [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:22 PM

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

Sandra Ahearn

From: Roland Keffer [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:17 PM

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

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Subject: extending the mayor's term



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I know, like the homeless placement, you do whatever the hell you want to.

Roland D. Keffer

From: John Luebben [<mailto:> [REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:56 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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From: Anna Hughes [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 9:30 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Cc: Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED]> Diep, Lan < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10; NO on Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter

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From: Rita Ruiz [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 7:44 AM

To: City Clerk <████████████████████> Liccardo, Sam <████████████████████> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Re: Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Peralez's Memo!

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 2, 2020, at 7:42 AM, Rita Ruiz <████████████████████> wrote:

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> Thank you,

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> Rita R Ruiz

From: Rita Ruiz [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 4:51 AM

To: City Clerk <████████████████████> Liccardo, Sam <████████████████████> Jones, Chappie
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From: Helen Garza <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 3:49 AM

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

Sent: Saturday, July 4, 2020 5:05 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Item 3.10: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal

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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,
Esmat Baradar
Council District 10.

From: Peter Erdle <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, July 4, 2020 12:11 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Perez, Raul
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From: Julie Anaya <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 2:39 AM

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Best Regards ,
Julie Anaya

From: tan dang <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 12:36 AM

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From: Vanessa Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 7:23 PM

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Thank you,

Vanessa Rodriguez Nol

From: Rachana Aluri [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:22 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie
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Subject: June 30th 2020 Council Meeting - Agenda Item (3.10) - Public-Comment

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My name is Rachana Aluri and I reside in District 1.

I find the current proposal of a ballot to change the City Charter is horrifying.

A large alteration to the city charter must have a tangible process for community involvement; however, that is disturbingly missing from the proposal (Agenda Item 3.10) to the Council on June 30th.

It also concerns me that the council will extend the mayor's term by an additional 2 years in office without voters being able to vote directly.

The proposed amendment seems to be a power grasp that would transfer power into the mayor's office. This would reduce the voices of POC who would consider their council members' power decreased, and substituted with a more powerful mayor. Since there have been only a few POC in this office, the net results of moving that much strength into that office will inevitably lessen the power of communities of POC in SJ.

These requests that I make would serve a precise community process. I request that the Council refuse to put anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first assemble a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government in order to present a recommendation for a ballot proposal.

It is reckless to rashly establish an initiative on the November 2020 ballot that could cost almost \$1.7 million, while the City has about a \$100 million deficit. During the final budget meeting, the City Council spent countless hours considering how to move around about a million dollars, so from where did we get the funding for this all of a sudden?

It's horrifying that Sam Liccardo, who has had more than 10 years of power over the San Jose Police Department as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these appalling incidents by the PD as a reason to gain even more power. This police department's behavior is not novel, and more power for Sam Liccardo is NOT the answer.

P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw your since-deleted tweet about teachers. Educate yourself in the SLIGHTEST before you make decisions on the behalf of 1.03 million people. Your willful ignorance is apparent and SICKENING.

Sincerely,
An Alarmed, **Disgusted**, and **Disappointed** Citizen. **Do better.**