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Dear San Jose community,

A very much of a congratulations, and a good luck, in the divestment items, that San Jose community advocacy, initially helped bring to the Rules & Public Safety committees, in August 2025. And that can now be better addressed, within the 2027 San Jose budget agenda item, at the SJ city council public meeting, March 10.

These are ideas in how to develop, a better principled, more ethical investment portfolio, for the future of San Jose. This will include, how San Jose can continue, to better divest from corporations, connected to questionable immigration rights practices. And to also begin, to better consider, how to divest from corporations, supporting Israel practices of war, instead of peace & dialogue. Current U.S. corporations, being questioned include - Alphabet, Microsoft, Amazon, and Caterpillar.

Since 2018, and the first Trump administration - California local govts, have already been developing, good divestment practices, that can well address, in how to better separate themselves, and to end their investments, in corporations supporting private detention centers, and the fossil fuel industry.

These divestment practices, have become very helpful, regular, good examples. And can have a political will & backing, that should make it fairly easy, to better develop a plan, and a good community consensus, at this time. To note, these for-profit prison/detention developers, can often have, other domestic & international connections. This can possibly help in updating, our current local divestment best practices, at this time. And can also be of help, with more difficult, new questions, of San Jose divestment, from corporations supplying war products, and its technical support, to Israel, at this time.

Since the shambolic, horrific events, of 9/11/01, we should be returning to a time, and to what used to be, a more regular way of diplomatic relations - that retaliation & defending ones country, through more war & violence, is not acceptable. And that, Israel should be smarter, than offering continual war &

bloodshed, upon the innocent people of Gaza. As most people of Gaza, were simply not a part of, the October 7, 2023, Hamas massacre.

And from this, the U.S. should be trying to return, to its pre 9/11, good standing in the world. And to work towards dialogue & negotiation, to resolve differences. And with less u.s. military armaments.

The people of San Jose, at this time, are trying to develop, this decent thinking, with better principled, local practices & local control. Thoughtful, coordinated, well principled practices, at the local level, such as divestment, along with more responsible, community tech accountability policies, can simply offer good examples & best practices, towards ideas of peace, open democracy, and better human reasoning. And that all levels of govt, and their local communities, should better reflect upon.

From this, as part of our good system, of checks and balances - local govt, simply should have the ability, to ask for, and to better define best practices, in concepts towards peace, better reasoning, and open democracy. And certainly before, the current federal concepts, of continual war, and its needs of secrecy, opacity, harm, and the prison military industrial complex, in its policy making.

To conclude this section - good beliefs in Judaism, should allow us, to work towards a future of Israel, that is based on ideas of peace, dialogue, and better reasoning, before war & bloodshed, as how to solve issues, in defending a nation. A good luck to ourselves, that future u.s. divestment, from the Israel war machine, can actually have the political will, to be considered practices, 'of the good fight'. And the ideas, of peace before war. And not as an attack, on Israel or Judaism itself.

Oakland City Council, has recently approved, a compromise plan, to end their ALPR vendor contract with Flock, in two years time. And in the next two years, look for a new ALPR vendor. Oakland city council, is now open to criticism, superstition, and innuendo, that they have been, a sellout or unethical, in their compromise deal. When in fact, Oakland city council, seems to be addressing larger questions, in how to invite, all parts of the Oakland community, to this process. And to address, both, Oakland neighborhood Public Safety, and better local control, of their surveillance data collection, within this current federal administration.

All of the Oakland community, is also trying to better understand important lessons, at this time, in how to end shipments, of war equipment to Israel, from its Oakland airports & seaports. All of this, can be important lessons, for current San Jose divestment questions.

Perhaps, focusing on the concepts, of how to leave war, the importance of dialogue, and to not supply war technologies to Israel, can be an important focus, for San Jose divestment, at this time.

I hope these two Oakland examples, and the work of Alameda County, and its local cities, at this time, can also be of help to San Jose, in their own decision making, on the difficult questions of divestment, in the current war practices of Israel. And in what should be, easier questions to answer, in divestment planning for San Jose, to move away from, corporations supporting ICE, and questionable immigration practices & policies, from the corporate level, at this time.

In this current, well-intentioned divestment process, by the San Jose community, I hope, the recent, well intentioned compromise plan, of the city of Oakland, to leave Flock, in 2 years time, can be acknowledged. As this Oakland compromise plan, can also be good examples, of how local communities, can now be able, to more clearly question & address, the future of surveillance & data collection tech practices & placement, in their local neighborhoods.

In San Jose , in working towards a future of peace & sustainability, please don't forget - San Jose is currently being sued, for SJPd overreach, in their use, of SJ neighborhood surveillance technology. And what simply has to be considered as, an over-abundance of surveillance tech, that has been been placed, in local SJ neighborhoods, in the last decade.

The local community level, working towards peace, and open participatory democracy, can create local good standards, and a good reasoning, that can begin to ask - perhaps collectively, with other local communities - Can we all be allowed, to more openly address, the current practices of the federal level, and the prison military industrial complex, of this country. These are questions, that can be larger, than current partisan issues. And bigger than the questionable practices, of the current federal administration. And from this, it can be easier, for all of us, to question together.

This letter, and the current efforts, of both, San Jose & Oakland, are the ideas, of our better human reasoning, open community participatory democracy, and ideas of peace, that allows for, better local control & local autonomy. These new San Jose divestment questions, can be a part of, new, interesting, collective efforts, at the local level, at this time. And in asking, larger questions, in how to end, the continual use of war & harm, by our federal government & the u.s prison military industrial complex.

Again, a congratulations to the San Jose community, and to good luck, in our combined efforts.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Dear San Jose, community,

My previous, Letter to the Public, on Item 3.3, was written before, the recent events, of the surprise U.S/ Israel air strikes. To note, there was a respected & constructive, nuclear negotiation process, that was taking place, between the U.S. & Iran, mediated by Oman - making the current US air strikes, all the more surprising. It may be an important reminder, in how often the U.S., can break agreements of dialogue, negotiation & trust, at the international level.

The organization, clarity, and safety, in the process of, continual dialogue and negotiation, in how to reach consensus decision making, for all sides - must simply be noted & respected, at this time. And in comparison to, these current u.s. swings, of violence, war, chaos, and the deaths of many innocent people, as how to create, current dialogue & understandings, between nation states, all of its people, and its entities.

From this, the sorrowful events of 9/11, and it's ideas of continual war, towards a new world order, is simply being better questioned, by local US communities, at this time. As more open conversation , dialogue, and best practices, are being better developed, at the local community level. And to not overly affect, the day to day practices, of the local community level. In this current, possibly new time of war, it is simply again the time, San Jose city govt & community, has to better consider, how open dialogue & best practices, are simply helpful good ways, to keep local neighborhoods, safe, peaceful, & harmonious. And that this thinking, can actual be ideas, 'of the good fight ', within our current u.s. society.

Current San Jose community asks, of SJ divestment from Israel, and within agenda item 3.3, may be difficult, to better negotiate, at this time. But divestment, can also be long term goals. And simply a part of, many current practices, of peace & better reasoning, that can be very helpful, needed, and available, at the local community level, at this time. And as, a part of good examples, overall, that the national level, can rely less on war, and its harm. And instead, learn how to better work towards, negotiation, dialogue, pesce, and to not harm innocent people, in how to solve issues, in future poliicies & decision making.

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