



FW: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:41 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Keith Thiemann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 5:07 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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Hello I cannot attend the November 19th council meeting. However as a district 3 resident I would request that the San Jose city government call for a special election to fill the now open seat.

Let the peoples voices be heard directly in selecting how to fill this open seat to avoid division and animosity.

Thank you
Keith Thiemann



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FW: Special Election for D3 Vacancy (Nov. 19th, 2024)

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Thally Dao <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 5:14 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Special Election for D3 Vacancy (Nov. 19th, 2024)

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Dear City Clerk:

As residents of D3, our family of 4 preferred a special election to fill the vacancy to ensure that our voices could be heard in a democratic way.

In addition, we hope that a list of potential interim candidates could be made public and available to D3 residents prior to appointing a representative for the interim period. Thank you!

Best regards,

Thally A. Dao
(Hensley Historic District)

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FW: District 3 Vacancy: Please appoint a new representative

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From: Mark Schroeder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 5:31 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Vacancy: Please appoint a new representative

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Please record my comments for the City Council meeting, Tuesday 11/19/2024.

I've lived and owned a home here in downtown San Jose since 2003 in council district D3. I would like the City Council to appoint a new D3 representative.

The City of San Jose does not need to waste up to \$5million dollars to run at least 1 special election but more probably 2 special elections for the D3 seat in 2025. Lets face it, this would be a record low voter turnout and we have better uses for our time and money.

By the time a new D3 council person was elected, they would need to start running again for the next election. Lets not waste this time and money. The appointment process for D10 worked well when Matt Mahan became mayor and his D10 seat was vacated.

Thank you,
Mark Schroeder



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From: Judy De Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:02 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Vacancy

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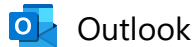
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In regards to Agenda item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy at the Nov 19th, 2024, council meeting and as a resident of Council District 3, I would like to see a temporary representative be appointed by Council members until a special election is held.

Judy De Wolf
[REDACTED]

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FW: Save the City Money

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From: Anne Wilke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:05 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Save the City Money

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I go for an appointment to finish the term. The least expensive choice.

A special Election with or without an interim appointment would not attract a great number of voters, yet cost a good deal.

Anne Wilke

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FW: Comments for the agenda about the vacancy on City Council District 3

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Jo Kawanami <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:06 PM
To: Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Comments for the agenda about the vacancy on City Council District 3

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Dear Councilmember Batra,

I would like to weigh in on the decision that District 3 should be able to have a special election to choose their next council person. Although I live in District 10, your district, Councilmember Arjun Batra, I believe we, too, have a voice in this decision.

City Council members are elected by the people, not by special appointment. I know that you were selected through appointment in this term. You have been a wonderful advocate and leader for District 10. However, I do not approve of appointing Sergio Jimenez, D2, for interim appointment after he has been termed out nor should he be appointed as D3 City Council until 2026. He doesn't even live in D3, and would not understand all the intricacies of downtown area. When he was our D10 council person, he allowed homeless encampments to be built, allowed Glider property to be sold to developers, and he was not very responsive to his constituents.

We, the people, must decide who are our representatives. That is what is in our City Charter, and in our constitution. We should not select someone just because it is convenient. Please do the right thing and stop other council members from trying to "make it easier" for the city council. This is our city, and you all are our representatives.

Sincerely,

Josephine Kawanami
County Central Representative Elect District 1



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From: Dave Peterson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:09 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy,

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Councilmembers & Mayor,

I am unable to attend the live meeting tomorrow, November 19 regarding the D3 vacancy, but I wanted to express my support for a vote in favor of a special election. This should be the only choice. As a citizen of District 10, I found it completely unfitting for our community to have been 'appointed' a representative two years ago. I felt betrayed by an otherwise sound council. Mr. Batra was a very nice person who worked hard during his time in office, and may even have won in a special election, but his time in the office was tainted by the what was/is known to be a polarized council making the appointment rather than letting the citizens of District 10 decide who it's representative would be.

Such a long term decision should never be allowed for a the Council and Mayor to decide. The representation of a constituency should be by the constituency itself. I hope that this Council and Mayor will see fit to do the right thing - and hold a special election. If it were also decided to very temporarily appoint a person - who would not be running for the position - so be it, but the Council should be able to work together for the good of all its citizens to operate the Council office I collaboration and sustain responsibilities for a missing representative until such time as one can be elected.

And if you think it's a moot point for a citizen outside of the District to have an opinion at all, than please also apply that same thinking to every councilmember and the Mayor who also does not live within District 3 which would lead you to conclude that only a special election can resolve the vacancy properly.

I further ask that the Council and Mayor to end this option and create a rule within the law that eliminates this 'appointment' process in the future and requires a special election in all cases.

Best regards,

Dave Peterson
Resident, District 10

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FW: District 3

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: María Hennessy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:12 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3

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I am a 220 year resident of district 3 and I would like The Council to appoint a temporary representative until a special election can be held. David Pandori is a former council member and has retired. He would be an excellent choice as he worked under Susan Hammer's administration and is a Democrat (as was O. Torres).

Please consider my opinion in this decision.

Sincerely,

Maria Hennessy



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FW: Replacing District 3 Councilmember

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Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:43 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: John Fioretta <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:29 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Replacing District 3 Councilmember

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council:

I reside in the Naglee Park neighborhood of District 3. I support electing a replacement for our district. I believe the cost of an election is warranted because more than one-half of the term remains. In addition, regardless how fair and transparent any process for appointing a temporary replacement may be, politics will rear its head; witness the last time the Council replaced councilmembers without an election.

I understand that a third option--temporarily appointing a District 3 council member as an interim replacement until an election--will also be considered. I would support such an arrangement ONLY if the temporary council member would NOT be a candidate for District 3 in the forthcoming election. Without such a requirement the interim council member would have an advantage over other candidates and politics would again be perceived as having played an undue role in the decision.

I want to thank the District 3 staff for their work during this difficult time. They really stepped up on behalf of our district!

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John Fioretta, Esq.
[REDACTED]

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FW: District 3 appointment meeting 11-19-24

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Julia Skordos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:56 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 appointment meeting 11-19-24

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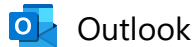
I am a homeowner of District 3 in the Vendome neighborhood.

I will not be able to attend the meeting on 11/19/24 at 1:30 but wanted to provide my input as a District 3 resident, see below.

- **Interim Appointment + Special Election:** The Council would appoint a temporary representative to serve until a special election is held.

Thank you,
Julie Skordos

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FW: Filling District 3 Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Norma Martinez-Palmer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:58 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Filling District 3 Vacancy

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Hello

I received an email asking for my input. I am unable to attend the city council meeting. I live in District 3 and my input is to have an interim appointment until the city has a special election. Although I understand it will cost more money, I feel it is important that the community choose their representative who is familiar with our district and can advocate for the needs of our ethnically and economically diverse communities.,

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Norma

Norma Martinez-Palmer, Ed. D
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FW: replacement for District 3

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 7:07 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: 'Malinda Markowitz' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: replacement for District 3

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To whom it may concern.

My preference for filling District 3 to replace Omar Torres is by appointment. We have previously filled vacancies by appointment, and it worked well. Why would we spend thousands of dollars on a election. Let's be prudent with our money.

Thank you
Malinda Markowitz

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FW: District 3 -Request Interim and Special Election

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Sabrina Rose <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 7:29 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 -Request Interim and Special Election

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Hello,

I live in District 3. I'd like to request that we have an interim appointment and special election.

Regards,
Sabrina Rose

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FW: District 3 Council Person

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Michelle Dreyband <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 7:29 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Council Person

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Hi,

I am a resident of D3 and am civically engaged as a board member at a local nonprofit organization. I would like to express my strong opinion to appoint a council person instead of holding a special election. The cost of a special election doesn't seem justified when the person in the position would only be there for 2 years. In 2 years there will be an election, but for now a person should be appointed. I believe that money would be better used downtown to activate our community and serve the D3 constituents.

Michelle Dreyband

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FW: District 3 Representative

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From: Rachelle Curry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 7:38 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Representative

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

As a homeowner in District 3, I believe we should have the right to vote as to who shall represent us on the City Council.

I would request that the Council appoint an interim representative and then schedule a special election in early 2025 to ensure the residents have a democratically elected representative.

Rachelle Curry
District 3 resident

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FW: District 3 council seat recommendation

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karen Greenbank <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 7:54 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 council seat recommendation

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My name is Karen Greenbank. My husband Dan and I live on 18th street and can't make it to the 1:30 meeting in which either a person is going to be appointed or elected.

We would like to recommend David Pandori to be appointed until a special election can be made.

I am not at all happy that this meeting is in the middle of the day that working people who, like us, live in this district, can't attend because we have jobs.

Karen and Dan Greenbank
[REDACTED]

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FW: Filling D3 Council Seat

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Shannon George <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:01 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Filling D3 Council Seat

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City Council,

D3 has already been severely impacted by the actions of our previous Council person and the lack of representation we have endured the last few months because the Council did not take immediate action. We must have immediate representation and a say in who represents us for the next two years. I can only support an interim appointment combined with a special election. Anything less would be a slap in the face to the residents of one of San Jose's most important districts.

Shannon G., 20 year D3 resident

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FW: D3 district

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From: Kari Bell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:05 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: D3 district

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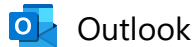
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We live on N. 19th street & we want an election.
We would also like Irene Smith to be our interim Councilmember until the election.
We have a continual problem with homeless motorhomes next to our house & we need representation to help us deal with this situation.

Tab & Kari Bell
[REDACTED]

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FW: Item 3.7 - district 3 vacancy

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Sarai Rojas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:19 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.7 - district 3 vacancy

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Hello,

As a D3 resident and voter, I would like to express my support for the interim appointment option (temp appointment followed by special election) to fill the disgraced Councilmember's vacancy.

Thank you

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FW: Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Donna Thurmon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:43 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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Honorable Mayor Mahan and City Council Members,

As a 29-year resident of District 3, I request that you support a Special Election to fill this vacancy at the City's earliest opportunity. District 3 constituents best know the issues, stakeholders and partners and we deserve a representative who will be a strong advocate and invested in our community.

Respectfully,
Donna Thurmon
[REDACTED]

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FW: Agenda Item 3.7, D3 vacancy

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ella Gribstad <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:44 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7, D3 vacancy

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Dear City Clerk,

As advocates of representative democracy, we strongly prefer filling the District 3 Councilman vacancy by special election.

In addition, if Council insists on an appointment, it should be finalized by the incoming council, not the current council which has 3 members leaving office.

Thanks for your service and consideration.

Best regards, Ella Gribstad

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From: Sophie Gribstad <[REDACTED]>
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Best regards,

Sophie Gribstad

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Maria Bornski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:49 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Comment on item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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I'm writing in support of the city council appointing a councilmember for District 3 to serve until the next scheduled election. Our district has been without effective representation for weeks now and an appointment process would ensure we get representation quickly.

The city council already decided that an appointment process is an acceptable way to fill unexpected vacancies 2 years ago when the D8 and D10 seats came open. At the time, an appointment process was chosen due to it being faster and less expensive than a special election combined with the fact that special elections have notoriously low turn out, and therefore can be less democratic than regularly scheduled elections.

I am in support of the council following their own precedent set very recently and using an appointment process to fill this seat

- Maria Bornski
D3 resident

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From: Nicole Gribstad <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:53 PM
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Nicole Gribstad

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Ben Gribstad

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Please see the attached letter regarding item 3.7 on tomorrow's agenda.

Sincerely,

Jack McGovern

Jack McGovern (he/him)
Political Director
South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council
[REDACTED]

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November 18, 2024

The Honorable Matt Mahan and City Council
City of San Jose
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RE: Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of our over 100,000 members and their families across San Jose and Santa Clara Counties, the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building Trades Council and Working Partnerships USA strongly encourage the San Jose City Council to move quickly to schedule a special election to fill the upcoming vacant District 3 City Council seat.

Our City has been devastated by the disturbing revelations leading up to Omar Torres’s resignation. In their wake, neighborhood, business, and labor leaders have all made clear that it is essential for the City to unite in moving quickly toward holding a special election to ensure representation of the residents, workers and businesses that call District 3 home. While we understand a special election comes with costs, it is important for the City Council to balance the need for continuity in City services for District 3 residents and the Mayor’s unifying call for a special election.

Regardless of how the City Council chooses to fill such an interim position, the City should seek as strong of a commitment as legally possible that the chosen candidate will not run for the 2025 special election. Additionally, the City should take every measure to ensure transparency and fairness in its selection. The public should also be made aware of potential conflicts of interest by applicants, requiring applicants to submit and make public a California Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests to ensure that a trusted caretaker able to meet the District’s needs will be appointed in the interim.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Cohen, Executive Officer, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council
David Bini, Executive Director, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building Trades Council
Maria Noel Fernandez, Executive Director, Working Partnerships USA
Jerry May, President, IAFF Local 230
Kathy Tran, Political Specialists, IFPTE 21
John Tucker, Union Representative, AFSCME 101
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Andrew Siegler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 9:13 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 11/19/2024 Meeting, Agenda Item 3.7 D3 Representation

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council,

We need a vetted appointment with a transparent process and public input rather than a special election.

Special elections are expensive--and favor older, wealthier demographics and not the majority of the district.

Whereas an appointment gives us immediate and consistent representation for the next two years, and more if they're re-elected.

An interim appointment would have someone at the start of the budget cycle that wouldn't be in place at the end of the budget cycle.

Both Councilmembers Candelas and Batra proved to serve their districts well, and were appointed. They were able to jump right in and start representing their districts as the city geared up for the budget season.

D3 needs consistent representation for this reason.

Please choose to go with an appointment rather than a special election or interim appointment.

Sincerely,

Andrew Siegler (he/they)

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Schedule a 1-on-1: <https://calendly.com/andrewsieglar/1on1>

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FW: 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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From: Annette Dow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 9:13 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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Hello,

I understand that at the Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 City Council meeting a decision will be made on how to fill the vacancy in the District 3 council seat. I understand that the choices are to select our next representative through a special election, an appointment, or a combination of both—with an interim appointment followed by a special election.

As a resident of District 3, who now has neither a city council member or a county board of supervisor representative, I would ask that this seat be filled as quickly and judiciously as possible. I urge the Council to make an appointment to fill the seat for the remainder of the term for that seat. While I would prefer an appointment and then a special election, I think the funds for such an election could be better spent on affordable housing or interim housing or grants to keep people in their homes before they become unhoused.

I would also ask that the Council consider appointing someone who would NOT be a candidate in the next election, nor someone who has already been rejected by the majority of voters in this district in the most recent election.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these requests.

Annette Dow
[REDACTED]



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FW: Nov 19 2024 City Council Agenda item 3.7

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From: Shideh Fazaeli <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 9:58 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To the Mayor and City Council members,

I am in favor of holding a special election to fill the City Council District 3 vacant seat. It is important that our community contributes to selecting a replacement. During this critical time when the Mayor is launching the next phases of the RV Action D3 doesn't have representation. This is a huge detriment to all of us that live in Vendome because the Columbus Park RV encampment is located in our district. The encampment has directly impacted my quality of life. Every night I am kept awake with unhoused neighbors yelling at each other while they are camping for the night in the parking lot of the City Bank. People that walk in front of my house to the liquor store drop their garbage on my front lawn almost daily. I pick up liquor bottles and cigarette packages and food wrappers. Our home and our vehicles have been subject to theft. And now at such a crucial juncture my community is being asked to agree to an appointed council member? Needless to say this is beyond unacceptable. We at Vendome have been dealing with the unhoused community at Columbus Park and the Guadalupe River Park since before the pandemic. Enough is enough.

Thank you.

Shideh Fazaeli
Vendome Neighborhood Resident

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FW: filling district 3 vacancy

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From: Clay Campbell <[REDACTED]>
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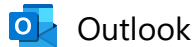
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Hello,

My preference in this matter is Interim Appointment + Special Election. Thank you.

Clay Campbell
Northgate Dr, San Jose

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FW: Filling the District 3 Vacancy: Interim Appointment + Special Election

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From: Jeff D <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:08 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Filling the District 3 Vacancy: Interim Appointment + Special Election

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Please fill the vacancy by

Interim Appointment + Special Election

Thank you.

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From: Lauren Gribstad <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:17 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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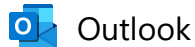
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FW: Please allow D3 residents to vote for their next Council Member

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From: A E <[REDACTED]>
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Please allow D3 residents to vote for their next Council Member. **I would ask for an interim appointment for the position until filled by election.**

As a resident in District 3, I want the Council to move to allow us to vote for our next Council Member. I do not want this council to appoint for us a Council Member that will be there until the end of term.

I do not have the confidence in all members of this Council knowing that two of the Council Members allegedly knew about CM Torres indiscretion and did nothing.

Please allow our District to move forward with voting for our next Council Member to represent us.

Respectfully,
Antonina
Hyde Park

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FW: District 3 Vacancy

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From: James Ickes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:30 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Vacancy

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Thank you for your consideration,
James Ickes

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From: Ellie Young <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:32 PM
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Thank you for your consideration,
Ellie Young



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D3 Vacancy - Item 3.7 - City Council 11/19

From Jordan Moldow <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 11/18/2024 11:47 PM

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There are legitimate reasons for preferring a special election, and legitimate reasons for preferring an appointment. Neither opinion should necessarily be considered "playing politics".

What is playing politics, is continuing to prefer for the choice to be arbitrary. The current system allows districts to be treated differently, depending on the political conveniences of a majority of Councilmembers. The City Clerk's Informational Memorandum shows that (a) vacancies are not infrequent; (b) the City has not been consistent in dealing with vacancies. 6 vacancies were filled with special elections (some with a temporary appointee), and 3 vacancies were filled by Council appointment only.

According to <https://www.spur.org/news/2024-11-06/what-happens-now-filling-unanticipated-open-council-seat-san-jose>, our peer California charter cities have charter-prescribed vacancy procedures. Only San Jose has a process where the Council decides differently each time about what to do. The Council should begin work to fix this. Either the process should be to always hold a special election, or to always perform a Council appointment. If for some reason you believe that some wiggle room is needed for truly extenuating circumstances, you can add language that allows 8 Councilmembers (or a unanimous vote of all non-vacant Councilmembers) to choose a different replacement mechanism. The Charter should also have a required timeline to adhere to.

I hope that Council's decision today is not only about D3, but also to begin the process of amending the City Charter to enshrine that decision for all future vacancies as well.

Residents should have representation for their district during the budget process. As such, if a special election is scheduled, something needs to be done to ensure D3 representation in the meantime. Probably by conducting a temporary appointment of someone who is not running for special election - perhaps someone working in the D3 office, who can continue the budgetary priorities of the most recently elected Councilmember.

As an aside, the process for conducting a special election wouldn't be as daunting and expensive if we could do it without needing a run-off election. If, [in 2022 the City had chosen to implement ranked choice voting \(RCV\)](#) for the 2024 elections, then we would be in a good position today to conduct a single election to choose a new D3 Councilmember. This is one of the many benefits of the RCV system.

Best,

Jordan Moldow, a D3 resident (speaking on behalf of himself)
Japantown, 95112

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From: David Westerman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 12:40 AM
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Mrs. Taber,

I am a resident in D3 and I am unable to make this afternoon's meeting concerning the D3 vacancy. I consider the best choice to fill the D3 vacancy is to have a Special Election with interim D3 appointment. Irene Smith is the only good choice for the interim appointment. She is a resident of D3 and was in second place for the election for this office. The reason she lost to Omar Torres is that Mr. Torres spread the lie that she was a republican. Mrs. Smith has always been registered as npp for party choice. She is a highly educated person and has very innovative ideas for our rampant homeless problem.

If San Jose feels that an appointment to D3 is necessary due to budgetary problems then Irene Smith is the only acceptable choice for D3 voters. I ask the council members to choose the person who would best serve D3 and that person is Irene Smith.

David Westerman
[REDACTED]

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From: Victoria Taketa <[REDACTED]>
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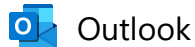
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I am in favor of holding a special election to fill the City Council District 3 vacant seat.
It is important that the residences in our district contributes to selecting a replacement.
I am a residence of the Japantown Neighborhood Association.

Thank you
Victoria Taketa
Japantown Neighborhood Association
District 3

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From: SUSAN YAMASHITA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 1:16 AM
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Hello,

My name is Susan Yamashita, I'm a D3 resident of Japantown.

I prefer to have an Interim Appointment + Special Election.

The best qualified candidate for D3 councilmember is Irene Smith.

Thank you,

Susan Yamashita
[REDACTED]

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FW: Re D3 Appointment

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From: Lauren Miller <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Re D3 Appointment

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Hello,

I am submitting my thoughts on today's vote. I am a D3 constituent who was involved in signature gathering for the recall. Please, appoint us a new representative as soon as possible. I have been without representation at the City level for so many weeks it is upsetting. Please schedule a Special Election so myself and my community members can vote for a new representative for D3.

The communication from D3 staff via email in the wake of this scandal has been unsettling. I appreciate that they are trying to reassure the public that they are doing all they can. But the reality is, for me, that the communications show that they are very much in need of a leader. Just like I am needing representation at the city level. Please vote to fix this problem, with haste.

Lauren

Lauren A. Miller
CA LMFT 146405
ID MCBMFT 10500
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Scott Hakeem <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 5:44 AM
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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

We are writing to express my support of having a democratic election instead of an appointment for the filling of the vacant D3 Council Seat. As residents and business owners in District 3 of San Jose, we are deeply invested in the future of our community.

After the recent events, we believe the public faith in the City Council and our representation has been greatly impacted. This is not a time for using a terrible situation for political gain. The last appointment process left much to be desired and was filled with what seemed to be a lot of political gamesmanship.

District 3 deserves representation that is focused on our very specific needs in downtown and does not simply fulfill a political agenda from other areas of the city.

Please vote for D3 to have a voice in our representation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Hakeem and Mary Robertson
[REDACTED]

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FW: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:49 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Fowler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:20 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please choose 'Interim Appointment + Special Election' for the district 3 vacancy.

If the vacancy is filled by appointment the representative will be representing the interests of the appointers, not the citizens of district 3. Two years is too long to go without representation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Fowler
[REDACTED]

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FW: Special Election - NOW!

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Charles Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:46 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Special Election - NOW!

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We, in District 3, demand a special election. We are tired of inadequate representation!

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FW: District 3 Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dana Grover <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:01 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Vacancy

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Unfortunately I cannot attend today's council meeting (11/19/2024). If I was able to attend I would voice support for an interim appointment followed by a special election. Please pass this on to the city council.

Thank you,

Dana Grover
[REDACTED]

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FW: DISTRICT 3 VACANCY

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Vanessa Rivera <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:59 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: DISTRICT 3 VACANCY

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Good Morning,

READ COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:

"Above all, I'd like to point out that the city has done a poor job at keeping communication with the constituents of D3 as to the handlings of filling the vacancy, especially with only 1 email received not a full day in advance from the meeting.

With the city council members more so focused on their own agendas and avoiding lawsuits than coming together to reach out to constituents or even simply send a survey.

It is clear the public should be allowed to have a special election to vote for a candidate that fits THEIR needs. "

Thank you,
VR



FW: DISTRICT 3 VACANCY

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Vanessa Rivera <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:10 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: DISTRICT 3 VACANCY

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Hello Again,

Please read the updated version below.

Kindly confirm the receipt of the message.

Thank you,
VR

> On Nov 19, 2024, at 6:58 AM, Vanessa Rivera <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>

> Good Morning,

>

> READ COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:

>

> "My name is Vanessa Rivera and I am a resident of District 3 for years now.

> Above all, I'd like to point out that the city has done a poor job at keeping communication with the constituents of D3 as to the handlings of filling the vacancy, especially with only 1 email received not a full day in advance from the meeting.

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> With the city council members more so focused on their own agendas and avoiding lawsuits than coming together to reach out to constituents or even simply send a survey.

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> Thank you,

> VR

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FW: Council agenda item 3.7, D3 council vacancy, 12/19/2024

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Tobin Gilman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:10 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Council agenda item 3.7, D3 council vacancy, 12/19/2024

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I commend the Council for its fiscally responsible decision to fill the D8 and D10 vacancies by exercising the appointment option provided in the City Charter. In this situation, I recommend scheduling a special election. The circumstances surrounding the vacancy in D3 in 2024 is very different than the situation in 2022.

In 2022, voters in D8 and D10 willingly created vacancies. In each district, they voted to promote their CM to higher office. They knew, or should have known, that the City Charter places the replacement options in the hands of the mayor and council.

Unlike D8 and D10 residents, D3 residents have been betrayed. Nobody in D3 would have voted for former CM Torres if they had knowledge the information that has come to light.

I encourage you to select the special election option.

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FW: District 3 resident here for option 3

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Devon Grover <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:12 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 resident here for option 3

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Hello, I'm at [REDACTED] and I would love to have option 3: an appointed position followed by a special election.

Thanks so much

- Devon Grover

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FW: District 3 appointment

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Grover <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:13 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 appointment

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As a District 3 resident I would choose to appoint an interim council person so that we have representation prior to a special election.

Thank you

Barbara Grover
[REDACTED]

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FW: Filling District 3 vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill & Kent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:15 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Filling District 3 vacancy

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Please hold a special election to select a replacement for Oscar Torres. I want to have a choice—not be dictated to by the city council.

Thank you,
Kent Owen
[REDACTED]

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FW: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jeff Maus <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:38 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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I can not attend the council meeting today as I have COVID, but I would like to voice my opinion that the option for a special election would be best for us living in district three.

Please allow us to select our representation. It would not be fair to be represented by an unelected member.

Thank you,
Jeff Maus

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FW: Agenda Item 3.7 D3 Representation

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: iq4rent sc <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:40 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 D3 Representation

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I was a constituent in District 3 for 12 years and frequently work there, I strongly support a well-vetted appointment process with public input.

Because our district covers several very disadvantaged neighborhoods with complex issues, including many of the City's affordable housing complexes, it is imperative that we have strong, continuous representation--not a revolving door with an interim appointment filling in until after a special election.

Special elections tend to favor the opinions of older, higher income demographics that are not a majority in this district. People who are working 2-3 jobs to cover the rent, those who can't find housing to rent, are disabled, are students on the fast-paced quarter system, or for whom English is not their primary language, are less likely to turn out in special elections. And they're the ones who most need a Councilmember who sees them as people they represent, not just the unwashed masses.

Special elections also mean that the candidate with the most money, often the candidate backed by nefarious backers like the CAA, the SVO and others who are not on the side of the people of D3 but the side of business, are the ones who win. D3 should not be for sale.

The Mayor knows his fanbase will turn out instead, and that's who he's hoping to mobilize in a special election. Frankly, I trust the rest of the Council more to choose a new Councilmember fairly than I do the "common sense means scapegoating the unhoused and disabled" and "service workers and emergency responders should commute from several counties away" crowd.

In conclusion, I strongly recommend appointing a replacement Councilmember and strongly object to a special election.

Regards,

Shaunn Cartwright



FW: District 3 council seat vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Nina Tranchina <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:43 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 council seat vacancy

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As a resident of D3, ([REDACTED]) I would like to state my preference for option 1 **Special Election** over the option for an appointment by the current council. My second choice would be option 3 **Interim Appointment + Special Election**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input as I am unable to attend this afternoon and was unable to attend the GWNA gathering last Thursday when Mayor Matt was present to address our group. It is my understanding that there was something we could sign at the time.

Thank you

Antoinette Tranchina

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: James Campbell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:45 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please redact personal information agenda item 3.7

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Public Comment on council vacancy and potential use of CWFA Authority the use of the Financing Authority (CWFA) to fill the role temporarily.

While CWFA authority offers flexibility to ensure continuity, it is vital that this approach remains a short-term solution with a clear commitment to public involvement in selecting a permanent appointee.

This vacancy comes at a pivotal moment, as our city faces complex challenges like housing insecurity, tenant protections, and public safety concerns. Recent gaps in leadership, including policies under Omar Torres, have left many residents—particularly vulnerable populations—without adequate representation. Addressing these issues requires diversity of perspectives and a deep understanding

of our community's unique needs.

The flexibility offered by CWFA can allow for an efficient interim solution, but it is critical to prioritize equity and inclusivity. An appointee must engage underrepresented communities, such as Spanish-speaking residents, and tackle pressing issues like emergency shelter policies, tenant protections, and innovative solutions for homelessness.

By ensuring a transparent, community-focused process, the council can demonstrate its commitment to diversity and build trust in addressing these urgent and multifaceted challenges. this opportunity to move our city toward equity and resilience.

Thank you.

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FW: D3 Vacancy Resident Opinion

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jimi Kogura <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:47 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Velazquez, Daniela <Daniela.Velazquez@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: D3 Vacancy Resident Opinion

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Good Morning!

Please do not hold a special election.

Appoint someone to our D3 seat. Two reasons: money & time. Both of which we don't have at the moment.

Within D3, we will have 3 designated areas/places for low-income or homeless. Our city police needs money. Our budget is tight. Funding should go towards these first.

If you end up choosing the wrong person, D3 shows up to vote and will make the change in the next election cycle. We trust you to appoint a capable person and not waste our city's money.

Thank You!

Jimi Kogura - D3

- Business Owner, Kogura Company (D3 Legacy Award Winner)

- Japanatown Neighborhood Assiciation Executive Committee Nember
- Adopt-a-Park Liaison
- Japantown Farmers Market Volunteer
- Biographical Associate, Stanford University

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FW: Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Joan Cosby <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:50 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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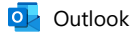
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Dear Mayor and Council:

I support the option of an **Interim Appointment + Special Election** to fill the District 3 Councilmember vacancy. I would also like the interim appointee to assure the Mayor and Council they would NOT run to finish the current term during the special election.

Sincerely,

Joan Rivas-Cosby
District 3 resident

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FW: Petition in Favor of Special Election

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rosalinda Aguilar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:55 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Petition in Favor of Special Election

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Good Morning,

On behalf of the Guadalupe Washington & surrounding area , we wanted to submit these additional names as residents from District 3 who are in favor of a General Election in order to fill the vacancy of the District 3 Council Office.

I respectfully submit this list on behalf of :

Jose Sandoval
Josefa Del Carmen
Will A. Cornejo
Miguel D. Luna
Pablo Curiel
Yetzin Dolores Moreno
Adrian Tepehua Vargas
Cecilio Valtierra

Thank you ,

Rosalinda Aguilar

Guadalupe Washington Neighborhood Association

Acting Secretary / Vice President

[REDACTED]



Guadalupe Washington Neighborhood Association (GWNA)
Petition in FAVOR of having a Special Election in order to fill
the vacancy of the District 3 Council Office
 Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 6:15pm-7:15pm

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NAME/NOMBRE	Address/DIRECCION	SIGNATURE/FIRMA
1 JOSE SANDOVAL	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2 Josefina Del Carmen	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
3 Will A. CORNEJO	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
4 Miguel A. Luna	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
5 Pablo Curriel	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
6 Yocam Torres Morans	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

Adrian Tepelhua Vargas
 Cecilio Valherra



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Date Tue 11/19/2024 7:57 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: James Campbell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:57 AM
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I am speaking today on agenda item #3.7, which addresses the vacancy on the board and the potential use of the Financing Authority (CWFA) to fill this role until the public can weigh in.

While I understand the urgency of filling this vacancy to ensure continuity, I want to raise several points about the implications of using CWFA authority in this context, as well as the broader concerns about representation and equity. **Key Concerns and Considerations**
Transparency and Public Trust: The use of CWFA authority as an interim solution should be approached with caution to avoid undermining public trust. Residents must be assured that this is a temporary measure and that the public will have a decisive role in permanently filling this vacancy. Any interim appointment authority must prioritize addressing the critical needs of the community, especially around housing, tenant protections, and independent living conditions.
Impacts of Recent Leadership Gaps: Previous actions, have left our city struggling with underrepresentation in key areas, particularly affecting vulnerable populations.

Tenant protections and independent living concerns—including infestations, unsafe conditions, and lack of oversight—must be prioritized by anyone assuming this position, whether interim or permanent.
addressing Broader Housing and Safety Challenges: This vacancy comes at a critical time when our community is grappling with housing insecurity, homelessness, and strained public safety systems.

Any interim appointee should commit to reforming emergency shelter policies, ensuring shelters offer trauma-informed care, substance use treatment, and adequate security protocols. They must also focus on advancing solutions for long-term housing affordability, avoiding the pitfalls of exclusionary zoning laws, and fostering equitable access.
Engagement:

Using CWFA authority to appoint someone without ensuring multilingual outreach to marginalized communities—especially Spanish-speaking residents and businesses—would further deepen divides in our city. The public must have a seat at the table through meaningful engagement, not just consultation after decisions have been made.

Opportunities for Innovation:

Survey data indicates that many students and young adults are ready to contribute time and energy to tackling homelessness and housing issues. An interim appointee under CWFA must embrace this energy and work to foster innovative, community-driven solutions.
Recommendations for Moving Forward. While the CWFA authority can serve as a temporary solution, I urge the council to clearly define the scope and limits of this authority to ensure

that the public will have the final say in selecting a permanent representative. The interim appointee should prioritize housing equity, tenant protections, and safety in emergency shelters. Commit to a transparent process for public involvement, with specific efforts to reach underrepresented communities, including those with language barriers.

Conclusion. The use of CWFA authority should not be a substitute for a thoughtful, inclusive process. This vacancy presents an opportunity for the council to rebuild trust, strengthen community collaboration, and ensure that the board represents the needs and values of all residents. I urge you to commit to a process that emphasizes equity, transparency, and public engagement. Thank you

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FW: Comments for Council Meeting 11/18

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 8:01 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rosalinda Aguilar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:01 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Comments for Council Meeting 11/18

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Good Morning City Clerk's Office ,

I will not be in attendance at todays meeting. I would like my comment to be taken into consideration:

My name is Rosalinda Aguilar , resident of D3 & Vice President of the Guadalupe Washington Neighborhood Association.

It is crucial that the city allow for a general election for the vacancy of the District 3,Council Office. Only the residents of District 3 should be allowed to choose their representative!
As you know we have submitted a couple of signed petitions on behalf of residents who feel the same way. We must find a representative who can advocate for the needs of all the communities in the district.

Thank you

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FW: District 3 Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 8:06 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Elizabeth Winslow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:05 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Vacancy

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Dear City Council,
My preference is for an election to replace Omar Torres.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth Winslow

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FW: Special Election Request for District 3

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 8:08 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Beverly King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:08 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Special Election Request for District 3

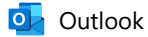
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Please note that I am requesting a SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 3.

Thank you
Beverly King

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FW: SPECIAL ELECTION REQUEST FOR DISTRICT 3 _ Re: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 8:17 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Beverly King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:14 AM
To: [REDACTED] City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: SPECIAL ELECTION REQUEST FOR DISTRICT 3 _ Re: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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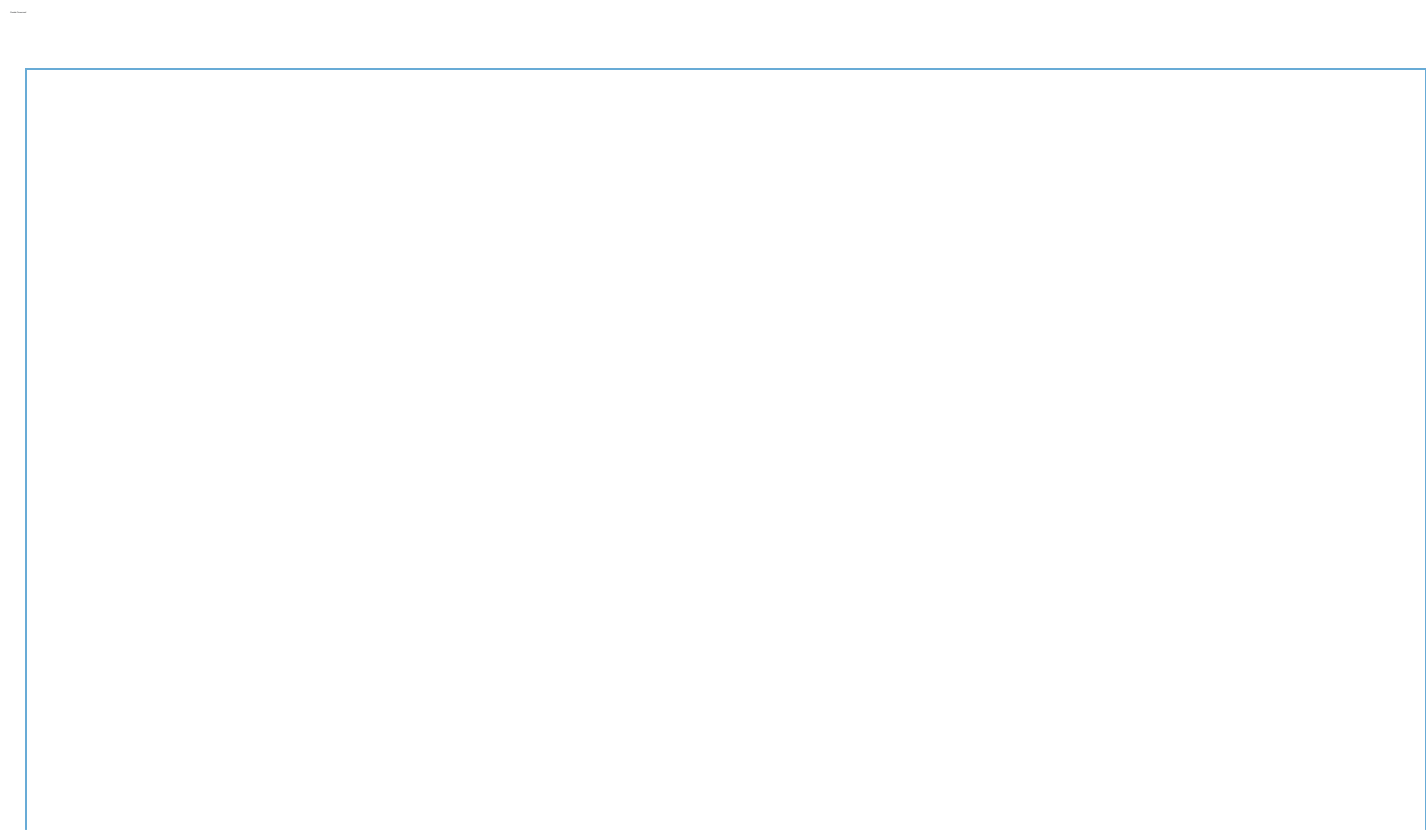
This email was just received yesterday after noon. Very short notice for a requested response by 8:AM on meeting day, next day.

I sent my request for a SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 3 minutes after 8:00 AM to: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov as well as here: My request is for a SPECIAL FOR DISTRICT 3.

Please allow a reasonable amount of time for residence of District 3 to respond by email.

Thank you
Beverly King

On Monday, November 18, 2024 at 01:14:28 PM PST, District 3 <[REDACTED]> wrote:





Filling the District 3 Vacancy

As the Council District 3 staff, we want to ensure you're aware of tomorrow's (Tuesday, November 19th, 2024) City Council meeting. At this meeting, a decision will be made on how to fill the upcoming vacancy in our office. The City Council and Mayor will determine whether District 3 will select its next representative through a special election, an appointment, or a combination of both—with an interim appointment followed by a special election.

- **Special Election:** Residents of District 3 would vote to choose their next representative.
- **Appointment:** The City Council would appoint a new representative to serve the remainder of the term.
- **Interim Appointment + Special Election:** The Council would appoint a temporary representative to serve until a special election is held.

This item, [3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy](#), is on the Council agenda for Tuesday, November 19th, 2024. The meeting begins at 1:30 PM, and we encourage you to come and share your preference on how the vacancy should be filled.

If you cannot attend, you can submit your comments via email to the City Clerk at city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov by 8:00 AM on the meeting day.

Sincerely,

District 3 Staff

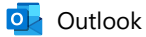
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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 8:24 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Beverly King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:23 AM
To: [REDACTED] City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please Send via USPS as well....Re: SPECIAL ELECTION REQUEST FOR DISTRICT 3 _ Re: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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Hello,

May I request that this notice be sent out via USPS with a request by date as well as there are many residents who DO NOT have access to email? This is a very important issue that all residents of District 3 should be made aware of.

Thank you!
Beverly King

On Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 08:14:16 AM PST, Beverly King <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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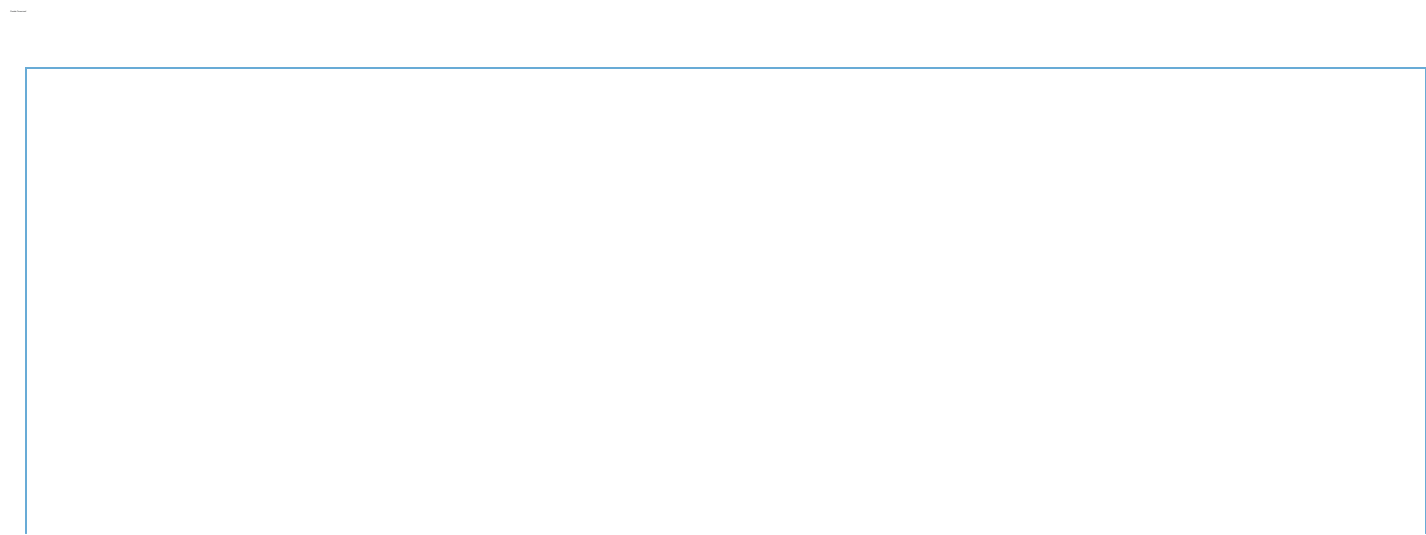
This email was just received yesterday after noon. Very short notice for a requested response by 8:AM on meeting day, next day.

I sent my request for a SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 3 minutes after 8:00 AM to: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov as well as here: My request is for a SPECIAL FOR DISTRICT 3.

Please allow a reasonable amount of time for residence of District 3 to respond by email.

Thank you
Beverly King

On Monday, November 18, 2024 at 01:14:28 PM PST, District 3 <[REDACTED]> wrote:





Filling the District 3 Vacancy

As the Council District 3 staff, we want to ensure you're aware of tomorrow's (Tuesday, November 19th, 2024) City Council meeting. At this meeting, a decision will be made on how to fill the upcoming vacancy in our office. The City Council and Mayor will determine whether District 3 will select its next representative through a special election, an appointment, or a combination of both—with an interim appointment followed by a special election.

- **Special Election:** Residents of District 3 would vote to choose their next representative.
- **Appointment:** The City Council would appoint a new representative to serve the remainder of the term.
- **Interim Appointment + Special Election:** The Council would appoint a temporary representative to serve until a special election is held.

This item, [3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy](#), is on the Council agenda for Tuesday, November 19th, 2024. The meeting begins at 1:30 PM, and we encourage you to come and share your preference on how the vacancy should be filled.

If you cannot attend, you can submit your comments via email to the City Clerk at city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov by 8:00 AM on the meeting day.

Sincerely,

District 3 Staff

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Arts Commission 3 <ArtsCom3@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:27 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

Good morning,

I wish to attend the meeting for the city council meeting but unfortunately, I won't be able to attend. However, I would to Share my comment via email and feel that our next District 3 should be elected by special election. As Art Commissioner for D3 and resident, It is important that the residents voice be heard in selecting D3 by special Election.

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D3 Council

From Virginia Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 8:37 PM
To Boards and Commissions Support <commissions@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello

I want a special election and not a drag out process of interim council etc. D3 Council Member is a critical part of the City of San Jose and I think it best to concentrate of finding a permanent replacement so the selection is focused on that and not a quick fix with an interim candidate than a special election

Virginia Thomas
28 year downtown resident of D3
Former City Wide Parks Commissioner
Keep D3 Council Member seat filled by Special Election

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FW: Filling district 3 vacancy

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Gloria Sciara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 9:02 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Filling district 3 vacancy

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As a resident of district 3 for over 25 years, I want to stress the importance of not having other council members weigh in on what should occur with filling the seat now being vacated by former council member Omar Torres. Particularly anyone associated with the former council member should not have any comments or input in this process. Anyone who endorsed him should also be equally excluded from the process or be prohibited from nominating or suggesting any candidates or working behind the scenes for the same effect.

I strongly suggest understanding the candidates that would fill a temporary position and having outreach forums as well as any casual town halls or debates to understand who is the most appropriate person to step into this critical role. However, I would support the appointment of Carl Salas in this position as a recess appointment or other temporary assignment.

Moving forward, I think it's extremely valuable that we have Town-hall, etc. where candidates can be vetted in the future and that resident can ask questions and have an open discussion about their priorities approach, etc. to determine who is best suited to represent this district.

I am extremely concerned about the entrenched political bodies, organized groups, etc. That have co-opted the political process here in San Jose. We need to return to grassroots community support of future candidates who do not have political agendas and are about supporting the status quo .

Thank you

Gloria Sciara
District 3 resident
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FW: Agenda Item 3.7: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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SJ Chamber D3 Vacancy 1119241 - FINAL.pdf;

From: Kat Angelov <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 9:05 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Leah Toeniskoetter <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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Dear Mayor and Honorable Councilmembers,

Please find attached the San Jose Chamber of Commerce's letter on agenda item 3.7 for today's Council meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion and for the careful consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,
Kat

**Kat Angelov**

Policy Manager
San Jose Chamber of Commerce

Email: [REDACTED]

Office: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]



November 19, 2024

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

RE: Item 3.7 - District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to address the process for filling the District 3 Council seat vacancy. As the district is at the heart of our downtown, District 3 deserves careful and thoughtful consideration to ensure effective representation for its residents and businesses.

We recommend the following path forward:

1. **Replace the District 3 seat by special election:** Given that the seat has over two years remaining in its term, a special election provides a fair, democratic process that empowers residents to elect their representative. While we acknowledge the cost to the city, this approach ensures that the community has a voice in selecting the individual who will represent them for the remainder of the term.
2. **Appoint an interim Councilmember with a clear request for non-candidacy:** To maintain continuity and ensure focus on immediate priorities, such as the budget process and preparations for 2026 events, the Council should appoint an interim representative. While a legal commitment not to run in the special election cannot be required, a public statement of non-candidacy from interested candidates would attract individuals genuinely committed to serving District 3 during this transitional period.
3. **Delay the appointment of an interim until January 2025:** The incoming Council should make this appointment to allow for a transparent and inclusive process, free from the constraints of the holiday season. This timeline respects the need for community awareness and ensures that the new Council can play a key role in the decision.
4. **Ensure robust community participation:** Both the appointment process for the interim and the eventual special election should prioritize community engagement, ensuring that District 3 residents and stakeholders have a meaningful role in shaping their representation.

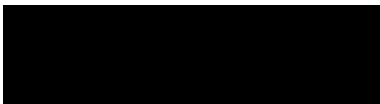
We understand that this discussion is in its early stages and will require staff recommendations and additional deliberation. We urge the Council to adopt a framework that respects the unique needs of District 3 and its role as the heart of San Jose's economic, cultural, and civic life.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this critical matter. As always, the Chamber remains a committed partner in advancing San Jose's success and stands ready to assist throughout this process.

Sincerely,



**San Jose
Chamber of Commerce**



Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO, San Jose Chamber of Commerce



FW: Fill vacant D-3 council seat

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 9:59 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Refugio Moreno <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 9:43 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Fill vacant D-3 council seat

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To the honorable mayor Matt Mahan and members of the San Jose city council,

Good morning, my name is Refugio (Ray) Moreno. I have lived in D-3 since 1960. I am also a founding member of the Guadalupe Washington Neighborhood Association. To fill the vacancy created by the arrest of Omar Torres, I would like to suggest the following:

- 1.) Hold a special election to fill the position permanently.
- 2.) Appoint a temporary replacement strictly on the voluntary basis without a salary.
- 3.) To avoid creating any advantages or disadvantages, whomever the temporary appointee may be, they and any new staff member they bring into the office would be disqualified from seeking the D-3 permanent position in the special election.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.
Refugio (Ray) Moreno
Sent from my iPhone

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FW: District 3 Replacement

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Date Tue 11/19/2024 9:59 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Jean-Marie White <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 9:45 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Replacement

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Hi,

I would like to voice my preference for an interim appointment followed by a special election timed to reduce costs and encourage the largest participation.

The interim appointment should ideally be someone who is not seeking to run for election to avoid giving this person an undue advantage. D3 representation needs to be restored ASAP so the interim appointment should happen soon.

Jean-Marie White
Naglee Park

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FW: Item 3.7 - District 3 Filling District 3 Council Vacancy

From Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 10:04 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dee Barragan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 1:09 AM
To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.7 - District 3 Filling District 3 Council Vacancy

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November 18 2024

To: City of San Jose – Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
Attn: City Clerk
Subject: Item 3.7 - Filling District 3 Council Vacancy

I have been blessed to call District 3 and the Roosevelt Park neighborhood my home turf since 1984.

As an adult, it has been an honor to serve District 3 in the many different forms of leadership over the last decade. Along my D3 leadership journey, I have met some of the most dedicated community leaders in the city. For the many who will read this letter, you know who you are, as many of us have given our blood, sweat, and tears to District 3 and we are protective leaders with this we are the heart and soul of our city. As District 3 community members, we have suffered political trauma and have experienced the repercussions due to this downfall. With this, many of us learned we needed to increase our resources as the D3 ship began to sink.

With this message, I ask the Mayor and Councilmembers **to invest correctly for District 3** as we are the HEART of the CITY. As we move forward our next leader must have a strong core of leadership, who understands District 3 neighborhoods, who properly responds to our community, and truly cares about us. District 3 has over thirty neighborhoods with each one having a unique voice and needs. Our District is second busiest just after the Mayor's Office. As community leaders we represent some of the most historic neighborhoods, celebrates rich cultures / traditions, and connects the city from all directions to the center.

Let's make the right choice.

Yours in community and safety,
Desiree (Dee) Barragan
District 3 Community Leader
Roosevelt Park Neighborhood



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FW: District 3 Vacancy

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Judith Georges <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:13 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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District 3 Staff and City Clerk

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Naglee Park homeowner in District 3 and would like to express my support for a special election in which District 3 residents will choose their representative.

I am passionate about maintaining voting rights at both the federal and local levels, and while I tend to trust local leadership more than national, I believe this is no time for American citizens to give up the right to vote for their representatives at any level of government. I understand the fiscal concerns involved in holding a special election, but I cannot prioritize monetary concerns over the franchise at a time when the latter is under threat in the nation. Kudos to Mayor Mahan for supporting the option for a special election.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our views, as well as for the work of the District 3 staff members, especially at this difficult time of transition. We appreciate you!

Sincerely,
Judy Georges



FW: D3 special election and interim appointment

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 10:43 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Bryan Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:25 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: D3 special election and interim appointment

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Hello,

I am Bryan Rodriguez a district 3 resident.

I request that the city council approve a special election to fill the D3 seat left vacant by Omar Torres.

I also request that the city council appoint someone WHO WILL NOT run to fill the D3 seat in the interim.

I believe that taking these two steps will ensure that D3 has representation in the interim and elects someone who has the support of D3.

If the city council does otherwise, I do not believe that D3 residents will be heard.

Kind regards,

Bryan Rodriguez
[REDACTED]

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FW: District 3 Replacement of Council Seat

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/19/2024 10:55 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Edward Thurston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:53 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3 Replacement of Council Seat

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To the Mayor and City Council- as a voter and homeowner in district 3, I support in the following order, the replacement of the disgraced Councilmember Torres,

- 1) **Interim Appointment + Special Election**
- 2) **Special Election**

and do not support

- 3) **Appointment**

**TY and BR,
Ed Thurston**

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From: gloria vallejo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:55 AM
To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: District 3

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With the resignation of Omar Torres I respectfully request that we have an election for D3 replacement.

I supported Irene Smith in the last election and was sorely disappointed when she was not elected.

Please allow us to vote on who represents our district

if it's decided to designate a replacement and since Irene has already run, we know who she is and would be the only person to be the designate.

Also, please remove Omar from the City website immediately. He has disgraced us and put is in this position.

We need respected leadership and we need to make sure this does not happen again.

Gloria Vallejo

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