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## **Support Increased Voter Turnout for City Council**

Dear Mayor and City Council, I support Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memo to align districts with the lowest voter turnout with the Presidential election to give people of color representation and a voice. More people vote in the Presidential election which would increase voter turnout for these elections. East San José and the downtown districts are the poorest and most challenged have less than one-third of the voter turnout than the more affluent areas of San José. Of those who are voting, they are older, wealthier, and white. If we do not move the election to the Presidential election, communities of color, young people, LGBTQ citizens, and low-income residents who are disproportionately burdened by policies impacting housing, homelessness, open spaces, libraries, and transportation, will continue to have their voice tampered in the current system. Please support the alignment of the Council elections with the Presidential election in 2024 contained within the memo authored by Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza. Sincerely Concerned Citizen

From: Vanessa Bucio <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:41 PM

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

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

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A Concerned Citizen

From: Nikole Dunie <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:38 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

Dear Councilmembers,

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

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

Thank you

Nikole Dunie

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:29 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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A Concerned Citizen  
~Joe Kaczorowski

**From:** Manuel Arenas Jr <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 11:28 PM

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

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Dear Councilmembers, The proposed change to the city charter would dramatically shift the way our local government runs and affects every single resident. Our voices should count but we are being shut out of this process as it's being rushed through without real and substantial community engagement. You have the current power to halt this proposal and allow for our voices to be heard. I ask the council to vote NO on the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would: - Convene the City Charter Commission; - Move all Council elections to presidential years while creating a special 2-year term election for the Mayor/Council to implement this change; and - Refer the campaign finance reforms proposed to the San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices. The Council needs to take the time necessary to genuinely engage a diverse coalition of community members across San Jose. We as residents deserve a say in how our city is run and we won't have that opportunity if this proposal moves forward. We need you to VOTE NO WHILE YOUR VOTE STILL COUNTS! Thank you

From: Donna Tran <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:20 PM

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

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My name is Donna Tran and I live in Almaden Valley, South San Jose, California, 95120. I am a lifelong resident, a medical student, President for an Asian American student association, Stanford UCSF researcher, TEDx speaker, and with these roles I juggle, I am doing my part to stand in solidarity and support POC and Minority communities who have been severely mistreated and affected by police brutality.

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Donna Tran,

A Concerned San Jose Citizen

From: Stephanie Woitte <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:19 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**From:** Jessica Kwong <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 11:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** City Council meeting



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I am a resident of San Jose District 1. I am writing to demand actions regarding the following agenda items for tomorrow's meeting.

2.24  
I am AGAINST approving extending the contract with SJPOA. This contract's \$5,000 retention bonus cost the city \$7.5 million. Considering that we are in a financial crisis, it is a slap in the face to the residents of San Jose to use public funds to shield officers involved in misconduct cases instead of investing the money in education and health. Contract negotiations must be made public.

2.27 and 3.3  
These measures need to be backed by real actions and oversight ability that protect Black lives. Otherwise, they are just performative. I am skeptical of the independent police auditor's power because the approved 2020-21 budget did not increase IPA funding.

3.10  
Sam Liccardo should not be given more power. He has disregarded our calls to defund the police and refused to understand why we want this. I am alarmed by his blatant power move.

Jessica Kwong

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:14 PM  
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Subject: Power of communities

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From: Kayne Langston <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:11 PM

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

From: Danielle Imai <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:10 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**From:** cindy n <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 11:05 PM

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

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

Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Cindy Nguyen

From: Karina Barron <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:04 PM

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

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 11:04 PM

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It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPD as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer.

P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Citizen



**From:** Deborah St. Julien <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** item 3.1 on agenda for 6/30/20



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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Regarding Agenda Item 3.1 on 6/30/2020.

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

The Fair Elections Initiative had almost a year of community engagement through its signature collection process. This helped to make clear the language of the ballot initiative to voters and give the community time to discuss it. I support the Fair Elections Initiative as good campaign finance reform.

But adding the strong mayor provisions to the Fair Elections Initiative language is inappropriate and convoluting. These two very different important discussions need to be addressed separately.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years.

Sincerely,

Deborah St. Julien

From: Claire Dunn <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:57 PM

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

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My name is Claire Dunn and I live in West San Jose.

I am really alarmed and concerned for the proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter.

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

I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. This feels almost like a power grab— especially after Mayer Liccardo has compared defunding the police to defunding teachers when our districts teachers and school funding are way less than police budgets. Mayer Liccardo seems to not be listening to the days-on end protest by the working people of San Jose regarding the Black Lives Matter movement and police brutality. Mayer Liccardo— if you defund the police you can actually allocate those funds to teachers, low income housing, and homelessness in the Bay Area.

This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose.

It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal.

It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this?

It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPD as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer.

P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted. Your white privilege shows, and honey—it's not cute.

Sincerely,  
Claire Dunn

From: Frank Pisciueneri <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:35 PM

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

Dear Councilmembers,

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

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

Thank you

Frank

**From:** Monica Kitchiner <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:33 PM

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

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Dear Councilmembers, The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Liccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists. I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. The Council needs to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would: - Convene the City Charter Commission; - Move all Council elections to presidential years while creating a special 2-year term for the Mayor to implement this change; and - Refer the campaign finance reforms proposed to the San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices. Thank you

From: Taraneh Sarrafzadeh <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:30 PM

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

My name is Taraneh Sarrafzadeh and I own a business in Midtown and I live in D4.

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

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

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

This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose.

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P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Citizen  
Taraneh

**From:** Mullissa Willette <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:30 PM  
**To:** Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>  
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My name is Mullissa Willette and I live in District 7.

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Sincerely, D7 Resident

**From:** Alessa Baldonado <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:29 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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My name is Alessa Baldonado and I am a constituent of District 3 of San Jose. I am writing to voice my concerns with the proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter. A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20. I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. There have been no community voices consulted to warrant this change, which would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. These questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal. It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this? It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPD as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer, especially in light of the poor decisions that the mayor has made in the past few weeks in terms of policy and public relations.

Thank you for your time.



**From:** David W <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 3.10 City Council 6/30/2020 Agenda



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Dear City Council,  
I support the City Manager's memorandum on this Agenda item and

- 1) Urge NO ballot measure for increasing the Mayor's administrative powers; and
- 2) Urge NO term extensions for the Mayor or City Councilmembers to November 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

From: Sachin Vallamkonda <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:27 PM

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

My name is Sachin and I live in Santa Clara County District.

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

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

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

This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose.

It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal.

It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this?

It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPd as a Council member and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer.

P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

**From:** Danreb Victorio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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My name is Danreb Victorio and I live in District 5.

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

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

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

This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there have been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose.

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It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City of San Jose faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this? This is not what we agreed to pay for.

It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPD as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer.

P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted. You've already defunded them enough. Teachers already have to buy their own markers and decorate their classrooms out of pocket since their schools don't have the means to expense those costs. And you want to give cops riot gear when the amount of time it took them to go through the police academy. Let's do right by the youth and put that money into causes that really shape the future of our great city.

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Citizen

From: Celeste Afanador <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:19 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

My name is Celeste Afanador and I live in Eastside San Jose.

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

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

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

This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose.

It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal.

It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this?

It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPD as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer.

P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,  
Celeste Afanador  
A Concerned Citizen

**From:** Kyle Wang <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:19 PM

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

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My name is Kyle Wang.

The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is an alarming, naked power grab by a Mayor — Sam Liccardo — who has demonstrated an increased unwillingness to listen to the needs of his constituents..

In theory, a major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement, but any promise of such engagement is notably absent from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20.

More importantly, I am also **terrified** about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. This is a naked power grab that would move power from your hands into his, while simultaneously diminishing the voices of our city's people of color. These citizens would find their council members' power reduced, shifted into the hands of a mayor who has demonstrated, time and again, that he **does not care about the well being of marginalized communities**. To move power **away** from the representatives of these communities and into the hands of the mayor's office is to **reduce the voice and power of an already-disenfranchised group of people**. Sam Liccardo does not care about San Jose's people of color, or doing justice by them.

Thus, I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal. Such changes **need** to be reviewed and decided by the community, if San Jose wants to maintain even the **semblance** of a representative democracy.

Moreover, it is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting — how do we suddenly have the funding for this?

Lastly, it's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPD as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as a reason that he needs more power. This police department behavior isn't new — it's a reflection of years of terrorizing the city's Black and Brown citizens — and more power for Sam Liccardo, who has **always** supported the police department **at the people's expense**, isn't the answer to their cries for help.

Oh, and Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted. Nice try.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen Who, at the moment, is not expecting anything more than an automated email response from all of these councilmembers.

From: Micaela Go <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:17 PM

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

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

My name is Micaela and I live in district 6.

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

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

This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose.

It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal.

It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this?

It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPd as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer.

P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,  
Micaela

From: Catherine V <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:15 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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My name is Catherine Vo and I live in the Alum Rock area of San Jose.

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:15 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:13 PM

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As a retired 30 year San Jose City employee, I had closely observed a "weak mayor - strong City manager" form of government. Having friends and relatives in government, I have had the opportunity to compare this form with the reverse - "strong mayor - weak city manager" form of government. I am strongly in favor of keeping the current city structure in place for these reasons:

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- 2 - A strong mayor tends to push the election agenda. That may not contribute to a smoothly run city and the employees can get confused and ineffective when the vision frequently changes. This especially true when a newly elected mayor replaces the prior mayor - direction can change dramatically and adversely affect employee moral.
- 3 - A strong mayor form, by it's nature is going to be influenced by special interests, less considered are the long term interests of all the residents.
- 4 - For about my last ten years with the city, I was the Special Districts Manager in the Department of Public Works. I worked with a lot of land developers. They had a lot of good plans and ideas. I tended to evaluate their proposals considering the long term, using my accumulated knowledge - when the property is parceled off and sold to multiple new owners, how will these ideas affect the new owners? Most likely, a strong mayor would focus on current benefits.

My response may suggest a bias against change. I suggest that when considering a change, all facets of prior experience should be considered.

Sincerely,

Jerome Woehl

From: Hanh-Nhi Pham <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:11 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Sincerely,  
Hanh-Nhi Pham

From: Alexis Kim <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:11 PM

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:09 PM

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:06 PM  
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A Concerned Citizen

**From:** kathryn hedges <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:03 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]>  
District4 <[REDACTED]> District5 <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> District7  
<[REDACTED]> District8 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> District 10  
<[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda 3.10, Ballot Initiative



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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I am a constituent in District 3 as well as a member of PACT.

I support the memo by Council Members Esparza and Carrasco. Although the ethics issues are straightforward and the election issue has been considered previously, the changes to the role of the Mayor are substantial and need more in-depth analysis than a few last-minute Council meetings before the deadline for the Registrar of Voters.

I agree that a structural change of that magnitude requires a full Charter Review Commission to prevent unintended consequences. Although it must be frustrating to hear constituents complain that "the Mayor isn't doing enough" that alone does not support such a fundamental change to the structure of our city government.

Council meetings are not an adequate process for this type of change. I have been in too many meetings where even the Council Members have lost track of the wording of a resolution after considering various memos and amendments. This is not just an artifact of using Zoom rather than in-person meetings, as apparently nobody has the full text with changes on their computer even at Council Chambers. We don't need to decide this based on who has time and infrastructure to wait their turn for public comment.

I approve the Council proposing a ballot initiative to enact the ethics safeguards and the change of the Mayor's election to the same year as the Presidential election. This is particularly important if we amend the City Charter to make the Mayor the principal executive for San Jose.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Hedges

From: Selina Magana Morelos <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:02 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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From: George Vargas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:55 PM

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Jorge Vargas



From: Christine <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:33 PM

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**From:** Samantha de la Serna <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 9:23 PM

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

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:22 PM

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:21 PM

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A Concerned Citizen

From: Reisha Ladwa <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:16 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul  
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**From:** Patty McNeil <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 3.10



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I support establishing a Charter Revision Commission PRIOR to implementing a new government structure  
Patty McNeil

From: Allison Lee <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:48 PM

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

Subject: DEFUND San Jose Police. PROTECT Communities of Color

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From: John Robles <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:46 PM

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

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Thank you

From: Katya Troy <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:41 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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From: Johnny Ly <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:38 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**From:** Kristina Truong <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT!!! Agenda Item 3.10; NO on Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter

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Hi,

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

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

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

Sincerely,  
Kristina Truong

From: Lindsey Leong <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:35 PM

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

**From:** J Wri <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:30 PM

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

**Subject:** Item 3.10: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal

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**From:** Howard Mukoyama <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Maya Esparza <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Subject:3.10 potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter

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To the Decision Makers,

As Citizens of San Jose, California I Howard Mukoyama and my Spouse Carmen Rosalie Mukoyama support Councilmembers Carrasco and Maya Esparza's proposal regarding the subject matter in support of establishing a Charter Revision Commission Prior to implementing a new Government structure.

Respectfully Yours

Howard and Carmen Rosalie Mukoyama

From: Charles Chaffin <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:26 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: charter revision committee

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Regarding item 3:10: I am in favor of of establishing a Charter Revision Committee prior to implementing a new government.

Charles Chaffin



From: Salvador Bustamante <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:26 PM

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

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Salvador Bustamante,

**From:** Rowan Fairgrove <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:24 PM  
**To:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> City Clerk  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Strong Mayor proposal

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Peralez,

We are in the midst of a global movement against police brutality and systemic racism that is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power. Accountability on behalf of the police and accountability from all our elected leaders.

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Sincerely,

Rev. Rowan Fairgrove  
District 3

From: antoinette cao <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:22 PM

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

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My name is Antoinette. I am a teacher of 10 years at Archbishop Mitty and there is nothing comparable between what teachers do and what cops do. What you tweeted about teachers is disrespectful to what we do. We are trying to teach our young San Jose future that empathy and humility are the two qualities that will make this world a better place. You need to do better.

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**From:** Charles Chaffin <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:20 PM

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

**Subject:** mayor authority



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I am not in favor of the mayor extending his authority over city staff. There should not be just one person, the mayor, deciding the fate of mobil home parks.

Charles Chaffin

From: Claire B. <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:16 PM

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Claire Bleymaier, District 10

**From:** Terrence <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:13 PM

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

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Dear Councilmembers,

The proposed change to the city charter would shift the way our local government runs and affects every single resident.

Our voices should count.

LET US VOTE ON THIS IN NOVEMBER.

I ask the council to vote YES on the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember Jimenez's and Diep's memo. AND, VOTE **NO** ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO.

OUR VOTES SHOULD COUNT!

Thank you

Best Regards,

Terrence

From: M Capetz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:07 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Subject: June 30 Council Meeting: Agenda Item 3.10: Public Comment

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My name is Margaret C and I live in Santa Clara County.

THE REDISTRIBUTION OF POLICE FUNDS IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH THE POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY. If police funds are reallocated to other sectors such as affordable housing and healthcare, police won't be spread thin and can instead focus on their real purpose: protecting the community. Meanwhile, the community will be uplifted as funds are invested into community wellness programs like mental health services and lower rent prices. Please, for the good of the police and the good of the people, divest police funds.

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From: Stephanie Frank <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:06 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Agenda Item 3.10

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Stephanie Frank and I am a City of San Jose employee from the Airport Department.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Frank

From: KIM Quen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:05 PM

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

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From: Elise Pham <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:56 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul  
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**From:** John M. Collins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 7:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 3.10



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I do not support Item 3.10. We need to convene a Charter Review Commission before we mess with the Charter. These changes need to be carefully thought out and grounded on widespread input and agreement.

I was a member of the Charter Review Commission that passed and sponsored Measure J. I understand the process, and I know how helpful a series of community meetings was in developing both a good proposal and support.

**John**

**From:** Anna Phan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 7:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>  
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**From:** Robert Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 7:52 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan

<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Jones,

Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena

<[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Too much \$\$\$



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Hey Councilmember Khamis,

Why are you suddenly ok with spending over \$1.0 million on a ballot initiative? Wouldn't that, in your words, fund a bunch of intersections and crosswalks? It's interesting that when it comes to Equity and an Office your concern is that it "will last forever", but when it comes to this rush job power grab that "will last forever" you're all for spending the \$\$\$.

Fiscal conservative, eh?



From: Monte Moore <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:50 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you

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**From:** Kenneth Rosales <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 7:48 PM

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

**Subject:** Re: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab + Increase Voter Turnout for City Council

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Hello Again,

I also want to express support for Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memo to align districts with the lowest voter turnout with the Presidential election to give people of color representation and a voice. More people vote in the Presidential election which would increase voter turnout for these elections. East San José and the downtown districts are the poorest and most challenged and have less than one-third of the voter turnout than the more affluent areas of San José. Of those who are voting, they are older, wealthier, and white. If we do not move the election to the Presidential election, communities of color, young people, LGBTQ citizens, and low-income residents who are disproportionately burdened by policies impacting housing, homelessness, open spaces, libraries, and transportation, will continue to have their voice tampered in the current system.

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

Best,

Kenneth

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020, 7:43 PM Kenneth Rosales <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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**From:** Jake Tonkel <[REDACTED]>

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**Subject:** Item 3.10: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal



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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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

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

If any changes are made for inclusive government and campaign finance, I support the many good points brought up in the Carrasco, Esparza and Arenas memos about the nuanced improvements we could be adding to the electoral reform process.

Ultimately, with so many challenges to this rushed approach and the most recent memo from the City Manager discussing the need for community input, I urge you to Vote No on the Strong Mayor Ballot Proposal.

Sincerely,

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Jake Tonkel

Candidate for San Jose City Council District 6 2020

From: Jaimi Lee <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:45 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**From:** Creo Noveno <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 7:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>  
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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:33 PM  
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You have made many( including me) disgusted by your actions. Instead of trying a power grab invest that

money to help the communities most at need right now. You show up to protest demand the attention instead of sitting on the sidelines and listening to there voices. You are there for a photo-op then leave to a press conference instead of listening to the tired voices of the community. Treating our movements as jokes instead of backing us up reminds me of our current president. It makes me sick to my stomach how we have a mayor like you in such a diverse city.

We watched, we took note and now we are taking action. Our voices will not be silenced and we will use the power of our votes to amplify them.

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From: Annie Le <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:23 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 7:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 3.1: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal



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Dear City Council and Councilmember Esparza

Thank you for your service and for accepting public comments.

I am reaching out to request you vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal on the basis that additional time is needed to determine if this is the right system for our community. I support Councilmember Peralez's memo about a Charter Review Commission to thoroughly study the need, in addition to Councilmember Esparza's, Carrasco's, and Arenas's memos for an electoral reform process.

As your community grows more engaged and invested in their local government, their understanding of what their elected officials can and cannot do will improve. The calls for the Mayor to take action is not a call for power consolidation -- the mayor in many people's eyes is an easy figurehead of the local government from whom to request aid. The people call for change, not for proposals that undermine the council members that represent them.

There may be a time when the Charter Review Commission suggests a Strong Mayor government for San Jose. I am not confident if that time is now.

Please Vote No on the Strong Mayor Ballot Proposal.

Thank you,  
Robert (Resident of District 7)

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 7:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** City Council meeting Item 3.10



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I am in favor of item 3.10 in support of establishing a Charter Revision Commission PRIOR to implementing a new government structure.

Mindy Spar

From: Jeremy Taylor <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:57 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul  
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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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Thank you

From: Gem Nguyen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:53 PM

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

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Thank you

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**From:** Kily Tracy <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 6:51 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Please Vote NO!



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Thank you

Kily Tracy

Former San Jose resident

Current Los Gatos resident

**From:** Julie Allingham <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 6:47 PM

**To:** Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev

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

Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Foley,

Pam <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam

<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia

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**Cc:** Julie Allingham <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Councilmembers,

As a long time resident of District 8, I'm concerned that the proposed change to the city charter would rush to dramatically shift the way our local government runs, without the appropriate time for substantial community engagement of this complex decision.

Please don't rush this.

While it may be appropriate to make certain changes to our charter, and I agree there's a need for a more nimble and accountable local government, San Jose should not rush this complex proposal to the ballot without more clarity and broad-based community understanding about the implications. From what I've read, I believe that the Charter Revision Commission should be convened, and the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices engaged prior to any effort to put this type of proposal on the ballot.

I ask the council to vote NO on the original Strong Mayor proposal at this time, and allow time for proper consideration of the many relevant opposing arguments made in the memos from Councilmembers Arenas, Peralez, Carrasco and Esparza, and City Manager Sykes. I sincerely thank my Councilmember, Sylvia Arenas, for her recommendations and due diligence to make sure our diverse community is well represented.

Thank you for your consideration of these views,  
Julie Allingham, D8

From: Angel Madero <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:44 PM

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

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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Councilmembers,

The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Protesters do not want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Instead, Mayor Liccardo and the Council should focus their energy on highlighting the positives of a non-hierarchical power structure and teach residents about how to channel their political power. Alongside this, Mayor Liccardo has stated many times that he does not have the overt power to make decisions about firings, but he absolutely has political power, embedded with clout and social pressure, that he could use to leverage these decisions to the appropriate people in power. Do better! Using the social movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San José and only recently acknowledged that it is an issue within the city.

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Thank you



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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:43 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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My name is Elsa Ying and I live in Mountain View.

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

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

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

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It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal.

It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this?

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Sincerely,  
A Concerned Citizen

From: Angel Madero <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:39 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Subject: Item 3.10: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

The proposed "Strong Mayor" proposal represents a massive change to our city government. I personally have not had a chance to review the proposal and do not fully understand if a strong mayor system is right for our community. I think this decision needs more discussion and public outreach so that the community can wholly understand if it is the right decision for San José, especially considering the political climate. I agree with the points laid out in Councilmember Peralez's memo about a Charter Review Commission being needed to thoroughly study the need and report back to council to see if it is the right way to go. This is absolutely not the time to rush this decision without proper community input.

The Fair Elections Initiative had almost a year of community engagement through its signature collection process. This helps to make clear the language of the ballot initiative to voters and give the community time to discuss. Ballot language clarity is a necessity for fair elections since many residents don't always have the privilege to thoroughly vet and research ballot initiatives. I support the Fair Elections Initiative as good campaign finance reform needed to build trust with our community and the elected officials that serve them as well as aligning the Mayoral Election to a presidential year to improve voter turnout. It's been proven that presidential elections rile up the most political participation.

Adding the strong mayor provisions to the Fair Elections Initiative language adds an additional complex piece to a ballot initiative that will mask the desires of the community for these two very different important discussions. They should be separated and not grouped together in whole.

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

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

Sincerely,

Ángel Madero, District 6

From: Lexi <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:23 PM

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

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Honored Council,

My name is Lexi Crilley and I find the recent proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter to be quite alarming.

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

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**From:** Christina Luu <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 6:19 PM

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

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My name is Christina and I live in district 8. The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is alarming. A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20. I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose. It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council reject placing anything on the November 2020 ballot, and first convene a process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal. It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this? It's appalling that Sam Liccardo, who has had over a decade of influence over SJPD as a Councilmember and Mayor, is using these awful incidents by the Police Department as reason that he needs more power. This PD behavior isn't new, and more power for Sam Liccardo isn't the answer. P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

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A Concerned Citizen

**From:** Emily Cannon <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 6:18 PM

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

**Subject:** Item 3.10: Support the Carrasco & Esparza Proposal

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Dear Mayor and City Council, I am writing to share my support for Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memorandum. Now is the time for change in our electoral system to improve representation of our communities and reduce the influence of money in politics. In order to best represent the people of San Jose, we need these campaign finance reforms and changing all councilmember elections to the presidential year to improve voter turnout will only improve the number of voices in our city that are heard and represented. With the passage of the needed electoral reform that will build a more representative City Council, we can then begin the a discussion that address any potential need for changes to the Council-Manager system and the Mayoral powers.

I do not support the mayor's proposal as-is. Adding two years to his limited term, especially considering the lack of meaningful competition in the last mayoral election, is pretending the will of the people doesn't matter. We are owed the choice. Frankly it's insulting to add that on to a proposal that's otherwise generally positive.

Emily N Cannon  
San Jose, District 3

From: Janine Buellesbach <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:11 PM

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

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Thank you,  
Janine

From: Janine Buellesbach <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:09 PM

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

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From: monica alvarado <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:09 PM

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

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- Convene the City Charter Commission;
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Thank you

**From:** Desun Oka <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 6:06 PM

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From: Mita Dey <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:05 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you  
Mita Dey

From: Amanda Flowers <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:02 PM

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

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Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Amanda Flowers and I am emailing to voice my discontent with the proposed change to the city charter. I am asking that you as my representatives to halt this proposal and allow for our voices to be heard.

The proposed changes dramatically shift the way our local government runs and affects every single resident silencing our voices. What makes San Jose a unique form of democracy is the power that the people and the council holds and with the destruction of that system San Jose could easily fall into the corruption that america has seen time and time again. Absolute power corrupts absolutely, and we do not want to leave our children with the possibility of a corrupt system unable to be changed.

We want to show our children that one day their voices will makes a difference, and local government is a wonderful way to show this. Please see that there is more power in the many then in the single individual.

I ask that you vote NO on the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo.

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Thank you  
Amanda Flowers

**From:** Cecilia Lopez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.10; NO on Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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

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

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

Best,  
Cecilia Lopez