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FW: Item C-2 Sept. 10th Rules Committee: Support for No Secret Police Memo

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Date** Tue 9/9/2025 10:36 AM**To** Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Liz Brown [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:33 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Item C-2 Sept. 10th Rules Committee: Support for No Secret Police Memo

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Thank you for your leadership and commitment to transparency and justice.

Sincerely

{FirstName}

Liz Brown



San Jose, California 95132

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Sincerely
Evangelina

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El Paso, Texas 79904

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To Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kylie Borges [REDACTED]

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Hello,

My name is Kylie and I'm a resident of San Jose, CA (95112). I am writing in strong support of the No Secret Police Memo, submitted by Councilmembers Ortiz, Kamei, Cohen, and Campos.

As a California resident who has witnessed the horrific escalation of violence against brown-skinned people across our state by masked ICE officers, this memo--and any piece of ordinance or legislation that demands accountability by law enforcement agencies--is profoundly important to me for so many reasons:

Masking [erodes public trust and undermines legitimate law enforcement](#), creating fear in our communities. This anonymity has also [fueled a dangerous rise in impersonations of officials, leading to increased attempts to abduct, sexually assault, rob, and harm innocent people](#) and this poses a great threat to our public safety. How is the public supposed to know that they are having an encounter with someone from a legitimate law enforcement agency, if those people won't show their faces or display or share their badge information? Furthermore, masking/identity concealment ultimately puts legitimate law enforcement officials at greater risk.

ICE has been indiscriminately targeting brown-skinned people by ICE (47% of people currently in ICE custody have absolutely no criminal record, according to a [recent report by CBS News](#)). Regardless of what the conservative SCOTUS ruled this week, indiscriminately targeting people based on their skin color or language use without any actual probable cause is, in fact, racial profiling and is generally considered unlawful. It's also deeply racist, cruel, and NOT OKAY, especially when we consider that immigration law is CIVIL law (meaning being undocumented is the same level of "crime" as jaywalking). This country's dehumanization of brown-skinned folks is prolific, unabashed, and emboldened by a racist and xenophobic wannabe dictator. It's also the reason there are alarming [reports of human rights violations](#) at ICE facilities and why [the US is on a human rights watch list](#). Under the current fascist regime and with SCOTUS' recent

green light, ICE is effectively operating as the American Gestapo for non-white people in this country. When we couple ICE's deep, flagrant racism with masking/concealment policies, we have a "law enforcement" agency that is made up of people who outwardly hate brown-skinned folks and get to hide any and all of its actions--like verbally attacking and kidnapping and torturing brown-skinned people--behind a shield of anonymity.

I am Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian), so I will never truly understand or agree with the US' absurd immigration policies--nobody can be "illegal" on stolen and illegally occupied land. But I am also a brown-skinned person who lives in San Jose, and although I may be a US citizen, I know I'm at a real risk of being targeted by ICE, like my friends and colleagues and neighbors who are similarly not white. Our skin color and the language(s) we speak and the type of jobs we work and our immigration statuses ARE NOT CRIMES. We should not be in fear of masked agents hunting us down and kidnapping us like we are criminals. I therefore implore the Rules Committee to approve this No Secret Police Memo and take real steps to establish local ordinance that bars the use of facial coverings/identity concealment (save for the few examples that were outlined in the memo) by law enforcement. I'd like to also add a request that whatever formal ordinance is pursued, that it includes clear and escalating penalties for violation so that the ordinance has some teeth to it.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of my testimony. Please do the right thing and approve this memo so that we can make San Jose a safer community.

Respectfully,
Kylie B.

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Sincerely
Freddie Porter

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San Jose, California 95124

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Angelica Cortez

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San Jose, California 95127

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Sincerely

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From: John Zhao [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 12:43 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Item C-2 Sept. 10th Rules Committee: Support for No Secret Police Memo

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Sincerely

John

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Cupertino, California 95014

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From: Andrea Guillen Kelly [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:16 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Item C-2 Sept. 10th Rules Committee: Support for No Secret Police Memo

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Sincerely

{FirstName}

Andrea Guillen Kelly



San Jose, California 95126

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Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730

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From: Leticia Ayala [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:59 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Item C-2 Sept. 10th Rules Committee: Support for No Secret Police Memo

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