

Agenda 3.4 City Council Meeting Sep 12

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Tue 9/12/2023 9:06 AM

To:City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I understand that city finances are tight and we have to make some tough decisions in order to accommodate the much-needed raises that our city employees deserve, while maintaining the vital services and enrichment activities that make our city a wonderful place to live.

Viva Calle and the PRNS have done wonders for activating our city, and it would be a massive disservice to make cuts to these items. Viva Calle has become a premier event that draws in folks from all over the Bay Area to come and enjoy what San Jose has to offer. It's a day for San Jose families to get out, get active, and interact with their community. And it's a boon for local small businesses who benefit from having thousands of people enjoying the streets and fair weather we have.

Please support the memorandum by council members Cohen, Foley, and Jimenez to redirect funds to Viva Calle and PRNS.

Don't let petty political squabbling get in the way for San Jose.

Johnny Le
District 3 resident

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FW: Please keep Viva Calle!

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Tue 9/12/2023 9:52 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jonathan Sudano [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:46 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Please keep Viva Calle!

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I was disappointed to hear that the City is considering partially or fully discontinuing the Viva Calle events, especially with the implication that this is due to the recent union contract negotiations. We should be able to pay government workers a living wage AND host the occasional closed-streets event.

Viva Calle is also a fantastic way to encourage citizens to explore parts of the city they might otherwise overlook, and to do so in a healthy and green way. I understand that it's not necessarily a cheap event to run, but please consider its importance to community growth and well-being before axing it.

Thank you,
Jonathan Sudano

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From: Sam Lucas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:52 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Viva Calle

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Members of the Council,

Viva Calle is an amazing event for our community here in San Jose. My family has participated in nearly every one of them since the 2nd Viva Calle in May of 2019 and have had a blast at every one. It's such a special opportunity to get to ride through the streets of a huge city like San Jose and explore areas and neighborhoods that we wouldn't otherwise be able to see in such a way.

Please consider keeping the funding in tact for this wonderful community-building event.

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Thank you,
Sam Lucas



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FW: Viva Calle Support

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Diego Rojas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:56 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Viva Calle Support

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Hi, this is Diego, resident in Japantown. When I hear the municipality plans to cut funding for this event I was pretty disappointed, Viva Calle is one of the little things about San Jose that point to become San Jose in a real city, it's a event for the citizens, it helps to give a break people from cars and give back the streets to the families.

We need even more than just 3 a year.

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Diego Rojas Rúa

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Veronica Christie [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:03 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Viva Calle - Save Viva Calle!

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Dear City of San Jose,

Hope all is well. I'm taking this opportunity to share a passion of mine - Community Happiness. I am writing as a concerned member of our beloved community in San Jose to advocate for the preservation of a cherished event that has been instrumental in fostering unity, happiness, and synchronicity among the residents in the South Bay Community. In light of the profound disconnect and challenges brought about by the pandemic, the importance of this event cannot be underfunded.

The past few years have tested our community's resilience and solidarity in ways we could not have anticipated. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our lives, resulting in social isolation, economic hardships, and mental health challenges for many of our residents. We need opportunities to come together, celebrate our diversity, and reinforce the bonds that have sustained us through these trying times.

Viva Calle, an event that is a wonderful pillar of our community, exemplifies the spirit of unity, happiness, and synchronicity that we all yearn for. This also reinforces the advocacy for the ultimate means of transportation and overall mobility: BIKING! Riding bikes is the most affordable method of transportation. Also what is welcomed is people to walk around and meet and sight see their neighboring organizations and business fostering a closer connection with one another. Viva Calle brings together people from all walks of life, transcending age, race, and socio-economic status. It provides a route for us to not only tour our city but in a paced method share our cultures, stories, and experiences, bridging the gaps created by the pandemic and reaffirming the values that define us as a community. Also what better way to learn about our city than to explore a safe route with those who are looking to exercise and sight see!

This event also allows not only our residents to enjoy their city but also for local businesses, artists, and talent to share cultural expression. Local artists, musicians, and performers have the opportunity to showcase their talents and creations at the event.

For example, MAGWest participated in VivaCalle earlier this year. MAGWest is a 3-day festival highlighting local musical artists such as Super Soul Bros, Character Select, and 7th Street Big Band (to name a few) in appreciation of video game music, careers, and culture. This event also creates a space in professional development and furthering connections between people who are appreciators of development, careers, and media in video games. MAGWest featured hip hop acts, Bayokyo and Skill Check who are the most interested in community collaboration for Viva Calle to further our reach but also to share a special artform that is newly fresh and in development for residents to appreciate and find connections for this genre of celebration.

This exposure not only enriches our cultural scene but also provides these artists with much-needed recognition and support. This support is needed now. Although restrictions from the pandemic have been lifted and that there is a sense of social normalcy being restored, businesses and artists continue to recoup from the impact that was suffered. The best way to help lift these artists up is to engage their community and as a ripple effect in restoration and growth of San Jose.

I respectfully urge you to consider the immeasurable value of Viva Calle to our community, especially in promoting wellness and synchronicity among individuals from different sectors of business. This event not only reflects our resilience but also contributes to our recovery and rejuvenation as a community.

In closing, I implore you to preserve this beacon of unity, happiness, and synchronicity. By doing so, we can demonstrate our unwavering commitment to each other's well-being, the promotion of business collaboration, and the revitalization of our great city. I look forward to your positive action and remain hopeful that our collective efforts will safeguard the enduring spirit of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Veronica Christie

Programming Division Head, MAGWest | San Jose, CA
Board Member at Large, MAGFest | National Harbor, MD



Veronica Christie (she/her/blerd)

♪ ♪ We got newsletters, a cool place for information, and discord!

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FW: Viva Calle

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From: Kristin Pemberton [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:18 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Re: Viva Calle

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Hello,
I am writing this due to the proposal today to cut Viva Calle during the city council meeting. I know that myself and other many people in my local community would be very disappointed. It's a day we have been looking forward to every couple months. We love being able to be apart of the community and enjoy the city's positive outreach programs. We do not have anything that is as positive and free like this event for ALL to enjoy. Please do not cut this event.

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FW: Patricia murillo 95121 - 9/12/23 item 3.4: Strategic Support, proposed Viva Parks & Viva CalleSJ budget cuts

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Respected City Council,

Please consider NOT reducing funding for San Jose Parks & Recreation including the Viva Calle SJ. Our neighborhood park allows families to go outside, breathe fresh air and spend quality time with family. Our family has always participated in Viva Calle SJ! We enjoy the sense of community. Our son with his family drives from Clovis to join our family of 13. We have made great memories during this event.

I'm born and raised in SJ. I've seen so many good and bad decisions made by our local. Please let this be a good decision. Thank you

Patricia murillo
95121

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Our family gets excited to do VivaCalle 3x a year why because we get ti explore our city in with not having to worry about getting hit by a car. You see so many kids out riding, walking, enjoying laughing do these events. I am a mother of 3 and we love being able to go out and enjoy riding! Vivacalle has brought our community together and I have met families during this exciting events and we meet up to do them

Stephanie De La Rosa
95126

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Please please please at the minimum maintain, if not increase, funding for our city parks! The pandemic brought to light all the more just how important our parks are for bringing people together, building community, staying healthy, etc. etc. This is truly an utmost priority for our city residents and being a healthy and beautiful and fun place where people want to live and work.

Shannon Jibaja
95128

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Subject: Rares Vernica 94040 - 9/12/23 item 3.4: Strategic Support, proposed Viva Parks & Viva CalleSJ budget cuts

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Rares Vernica
94040

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We love Viva CalleSJ and look forward to participating. It is a SJ tradition that makes SJ a great place to live. Please do not cut funding.

Ralph Watson
95126

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Subject: Ra Hopkins 95112 - 9/12/23 item 3.4: Strategic Support, proposed Viva Parks & Viva CalleSJ budget cuts

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I urge the council to support the plan proposed by Councilmembers Jimenez, Foley, and Cohen in order to preserve parks funding – including for Viva Calle. Preserving Viva Calle and Viva Parks is important to the community, and this solution is far more equitable.

Ra Hopkins
95112

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Subject: Norma Valencia 95119 - 9/12/23 item 3.4: Strategic Support, proposed Viva Parks & Viva CalleSJ budget cuts

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Reducing funding for the Placemaking program represents regressive thinking. The City program has shown exceptional dedication and has consistently met city council's asks for more events across the City. The recent pay raises for City staff were already factored into the budget, so attributing them as a cause for budget cuts portrays unions negatively. It is crucial not to diminish the impact of events like Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks. These events significantly enhance the appeal and ambiance of some of our most neglected parks, thanks to the contributions of the Placemaking program.

Norma Valencia
95119

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Subject: Nicole Leoparte 95121 - 9/12/23 item 3.4: Strategic Support, proposed Viva Parks & Viva CalleSJ budget cuts

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Nicole Leoparte
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Julie Turchin
95129

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Subject: Jesus A 95127 - 9/12/23 item 3.4: Strategic Support, proposed Viva Parks & Viva CalleSJ budget cuts

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Viva Calle is one of the most enjoyable days I have during the year. So many people so many friends on beautiful days for you to take it away would hurt quite a bit.

Jesus A
95127

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Our parks and parks services are essential to body, mind and spirits of our community! Please support proper and full funding needed to meet these needs.

Harshbarger Anna
95112

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Eric Blanchard
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San Jose would lose a huge part of its distinctive character if proposed cuts to programs like Viva Calle were passed. Viva Calle is definitely one of the most exciting events San Jose has to offer! It turns a city that often feels like a conglomeration of disconnected suburbs into a thriving, lively hub of creativity, community and connection. So many beautiful parts of the city that are usually much less appealing to explore amidst normal car traffic come alive and become so much more accessible. It's also a fantastic way to check out small local businesses that I might not otherwise stop at. Many become favorites that I visit long after the event, enriching my experience while out and about in San Jose. I always have a really awesome time at Viva Calle and feel like I truly get to know the city I live in better!

Events like Viva Calle are also essential for getting San Jose residents invested in the future of their city. With sustainable urban design & green transportation at the forefront of the fight against climate change, having a positive, first-hand experience of what that could look like is incredibly powerful. Viva Calle demonstrates the potential for creativity and innovation in the face of climate change. It is super inspiring to be able to test out for a day what a more walkable, bikeable, human-friendly city could look like! I look forward to a future when lively, safe streets are an everyday reality in San Jose. But until then, Viva Calle is the next best thing. That's why it is so essential that Viva Calle takes place 3 times a year!

Emma Konecna
95126

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Don't cut funding to a program that promotes an active physical and social life.

Don't make San Jose boring!

David Bedolla
95110

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Please do not cut funding for Viva Calle. Viva Calle is one of the few City of San Jose events that I actually look forward to and attend every year. I love being able to be out in San Jose, biking on car free streets with the community. I love seeing other people outside biking, walking, skating and roller blading. It gives me a safe way to explore San Jose and to discover and support local businesses along the way. Viva Calle is such a popular event with locals. Please do not cut funding for it.

Charmaine Caidoy
95110

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Berlin Arguello
95125

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1. Viva Calle has provided a safe opportunity for my family to ride around the streets of San Jose. My kids are 8 and 12. With the amount of homeless encampments on the Guadalupe Trail, the Coyote Creek Trail and the Penetencia Creek Trail, I'm afraid to take my family there. And then parking our cars at these trails even invokes fear as the amount of break-ins seem to increase as well. Viva Calle feels safe and is fun for the family with much less worries. And more importantly, it keeps my kids active.

2. Cuts to Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services goes against everything we vote and fight for: having a safe place to take our family where we can engage the community and do so in a healthy way.

3. Where's our money going to then? Vision Zero? Creating more bike lanes is great, but it's not the lack of bike lanes that's the problem, it's the non-attentive, non-caring drivers. We can have barriers and bigger bike lanes, but with the amount of drivers that speed through bike lanes (yes, it happens), run red lights, stop in the middle of the cross walk, etc. it's not going to have as big as much of an impact compared to closing out streets for full safety.

Take them out of the equation through programming like Viva Calle.

Anthony Ricalde
95133

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Our family of 4 enjoyed Viva Calle to help us lower our sugar levels and see the City! We will visit Opera SJ in California Theater and visit Japantown again!

Amy Pimentel
95125

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Re: September 12 City Council Agenda Item 3.4 -- Joint Letter

Erika Pinto [REDACTED]

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Joint Letter City of San José Parks Funding _ September 2023 V2.pdf;

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Hello,

I am providing the same letter again (attached) with the addition of one new signatory, Loaves & Fishes.

Thank you,
Erika

On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 12:27 PM Erika Pinto [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

Please find attached our joint letter for item 3.4 on tomorrow's Council agenda.

Thank you,
Erika

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Erika Pinto (she • her)
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September 12, 2023

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

Re: Item 3.4 File 23-1185 – City of San José Parks and Placemaking Funding

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers:

Protect Our Parks. We represent a broad base of interested stakeholders and organizations who are writing to express our firm belief that funding for parks and placemaking should be protected in the city's budget. Our parks are not just patches of green amidst urban landscapes; they are the lifeblood of our community, the heart of our neighborhoods, and the catalyst for stronger, more connected lives. Our communities love Viva Calle and Viva Parks, and these programs must be protected.

In these times of San José's evolving urbanization, preserving our parks and placemaking efforts is an investment in the future. The City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) and its workers manage over 206 parks, 50 community centers, as well as over 61 miles of trails. The funding for this department directly delivers critical community and neighborhood services that contribute to the health and well-being of the nearly one million people who call San José home. Additionally, open green spaces are a testament to our commitment to sustainability, providing essential habitats for wildlife and native plants, purifying the air we breathe, and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The City has faced a continuing challenge of funding parks and placemaking efforts, as borne out by studies and real-world examples. The pandemic demonstrated the indispensable offerings that parks and public spaces bring to the community – parks and public spaces are “essential services” not simply “nice to haves.”

San José has faced budget cuts in the past, most notably after the Great Recession. By 2011, the city had cut almost 200 staff positions within PRNS, lost 18 park rangers, and about 37% of its budget.¹ Our parks system and programming has suffered from these decisions and has been on a long road to recovery. Still, deferred maintenance and deterioration of the quality of our public green spaces will require sustaining the levels of staffing and service that the city depends on.

¹ Rosen, Carl. “San Jose struggles to keep its many popular parks safe and clean after staff, budget cuts.” Mercury News. 21 Jul 2011.
<https://www.mercurynews.com/2011/07/21/san-jose-struggles-to-keep-its-many-popular-parks-safe-and-clean-after-staff-budget-cuts/>

We urge you to recognize the profound significance of parks and placemaking in shaping the identity and resilience of our city. By protecting parks and placemaking funding, you champion the well-being of residents, foster a sense of unity, promote physical and mental health, boost the local economy, and secure a sustainable and climate resilient future. Let us work together to ensure that our parks and streets continue to flourish as spaces of joy, connection, and vitality. Parks are an integral and basic part of our city's resources for community and neighborhood well-being. Protecting these resources facilitates the safety and vitality of our city as a whole.

Now is the time to protect our essential parks and public services like Viva Calle and Viva Parks. By ensuring parks are well-maintained and their staffing adequately funded, we create an inclusive environment that fosters a sense of belonging and unity in San José.

Sincerely,

Erika Pinto

SPUR

Sandhya Laddha

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

Jason Su

Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Richard Konda

Asian Law Alliance

David Lewis

Save The Bay

Poncho Guevara

Sacred Heart Community Service

Juan Estrada

Green Foothills

Darcie Green

Latinas Contra Cancer

James Reber

San Jose Parks Foundation

Edward Saum

Shasta Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association

Jordan Grimes

Greenbelt Alliance

Dorsey Moore

San Jose Conservation Corps

Victoria Partida

Tropicana-Lanai Neighborhood Association

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Loaves & Fishes

Pat Waite

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Subject: Victoria Quade 95051 - 9/12/23 item 3.4: Strategic Support, proposed Viva Parks & Viva CalleSJ budget cuts

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Community and culture matters!

Victoria Quade
95051

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We have participated several times. What I love about this community event is the diversity of cultures, ages, and individuals. This event truly represents our great city. It encourages community with each other, with the organizations that serve our community, and understanding /familiarity with the different neighborhoods. We discover restaurants, markets, parks and because of that it makes me care more about everyone, not just my neighborhood. I think this is the same for others.

Rebecca Turner
95125

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A lot of SJ residents would love to have a bike and pedestrian- friendly downtown. I am currently vacationing in Boston, MA. A great urban example of tremendous increase in quality of life, vibrance, community and positive economic impact on local businesses, accomplished by inviting store fronts, narrow streets and efficient infrastructure. The amount of unhoused individuals can be counted on one hand.

I understand that Boston's historic significance is much different from our South Bay's. And their railroad system has been expansive for a long time. But Viva Calle and Viva Park events offer a beautiful glimpse of what San José already is becoming (community-oriented, bike and outdoor movies loving residents) and opportunities to work more towards car independence when it comes to visiting downtown venues and establishments. I noticed many restaurants in Boston are packed on Mondays. The more people realize it's fairly safe to bike downtown, the more we can reach that critical mass and turn things around.

Please do not pull the rope from underneath us, while we are moving forward towards downtown San José as a community hub!

Jenneke de Vries
95112

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Viva CalleSJ builds community. It helped me get to know the city when I first moved here. It helped me meet people and celebrate the neighborhoods and culture here. Taking it away would be a massive loss for residents here, especially folks like me who don't have cars and enjoy the unusual safety it provides pedestrians!

Anna Jensen
95126

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I really enjoy the Viva Calle program and would like it to continue at its current capacity, if not more often. I appreciate the community that gathers during these events and find freedom in being able to safely navigate the streets that I had grown up in without fear of cars.

These events bring me, my friends, and strangers together to enjoy what SanJose has to offer.

Jason Rastrullo
95054

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During the 15 years I have lived in the City of San Jose District 6 and worked in District 5, I have participated in nearly every Viva Calle and many Viva Parks events. There are very few other events so open and accessible, vibrant and inclusive, as these. Each time I go I run into friends, meet new people, and experience the depth and breadth of the people and places that give San Jose its beautifully diverse identity. I enjoy being one of thousands who are exploring our own City in new ways: relaxing, engaging, and supporting local businesses. It is often said that when they work well, civic spaces are a stage for our public lives. We have built an incredible and beloved public stage where we can feel proud of where we live. Viva Viva Parks & Viva Calle SJ!!

Cayce Hill
95126

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FW: Viva Calle

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Cc: CMOAgendaServices <cmoagendaservices@sanjoseca.gov>; Espejo, Gina <Gina.Espejo@sanjoseca.gov>

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Rachelle Blattman
CMO Agenda Services

From: Webmaster Manager <webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:05 PM

To: CMOAgendaServices <cmoagendaservices@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Viva Calle

Good afternoon CMO Agenda Services,

I believe the email below is public comment for Item 3.4 on today's City Council agenda.

Thank you,
-matt

Matt Opsal

Senior Executive Analyst

City Manager's Office of Communications

City of San José

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From: TonyS <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:57 AM

To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Webmaster Manager <webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov>; Shannon, Jim <jim.shannon@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Viva Calle

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Dear Mayor Mahan,


I would urge you to ensure sufficient funding for Viva Calle events in San José – and yes, I understand all the competing budget priorities.

Having participated in these events, I believe that the intangible benefits of Viva Calle are very much underestimated. In order for San José to evolve to being a more livable city, we want our citizenry to get to know other parts of the city, to experience the wonderful diversity of San José, and to develop a sense of place. I ride my bike all over the city and am always amazed to find hidden gems of architecture, parks, trails and businesses. When driving a car instead of walking or riding a bike, the richness of San José is all too easy to miss. Without events like Viva Calle, it's all too easy to remain stuck in your own part of the city and not develop any affinity for people and places in other parts of the city.

A citizenry that is engaged and enthusiastic about living here is a prerequisite to a vibrant and welcoming city, which in turn makes it an attractive place to study and do business!

Cheers,
Tony

Tony Stieber
San José, California, USA



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San Jose's Parks and especially the Viva Calle open streets events are a community treasure. Children gain confidence rolling and walking on protected streets during these events, and learn tolerance and empathy watching residents of all ages and backgrounds come together to celebrate diversity through the freedom and joy of riding safely together. San Jose needs more free events and well-maintained public spaces where residents can recreate safely and strengthen their sense of civic pride. I urge Mayor Mahan and the council to seek other funding options rather than cutting funds for parks and especially programs like Viva Calle. Thank you.

Kristin Ingram
95126

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Subject: Public Comment for Item no 3.4, September 12

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Hi SJ City Council Members and Mayor,

My name is Carmen Brammer-resident of District 8. I strongly support the memo put forth by Councilmembers David Cohen, Pam Foley, and Sergio Jimenez. Their proposal offers a balanced approach that ensures fair compensation for city workers while preserving essential services. I urge all council members to approve the Cohen, Foley and Jimenez memo and choose the path that benefits all residents in our San Jose community.

I was shocked to read the divisive op-ed sent out by our Mayor. Instead of acknowledging the collaboration that averted a strike, the opinion piece served to pit the unions and members of our community against each other. This is not in the best interest of our City. Our Mayor must be better than this and remember that he serves all residents.

Thank you.

Stay safe, healthy and blessed!

Best regards,
Carmen Brammer

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Maddie Soule
95125

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Hello, I am a local artist that has recently performed at Viva Calle SJ with organization Together We Create @twc408.

Viva Calle has offered our communities space to encourage creativity, connection, enjoy life in our vibrant city, be active, and overall a beautiful event. As a live art performer it's entirely exhilarating to express my being and share creative space with all the artists. I had several encounters that fed my soul. Children and all walks of life photographing with the art works, leaving everyone feeling incredibly inspired and full of life. Otherwise would not have been possible without the aid and organizing from parks & rec programs dept.

We need events like Viva Calle in our lives to continue to remind us what this is all about. The fruits of our labor only serve us if we are together in this human existence. Our creative, active, and cherished communities thrive because of events like Viva Calle.

To remove Viva Calle from SJ programming is to deny support for our thriving creative and active communities.

Lucia Maldonado
95111

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Vive Calle is a fantastic community event. Have you ever seen how many of your constituents attend and enjoy it? If not you should!

Adults and children of all ilks and neighborhoods getting together and safely riding is the best!

Please support and keep funding these biking events

Dave Goldberg
95125

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Recently I attended my first Viva Calle event and I'm praying it won't be my last. Events like this are very important for the well being of the community of San Jose. Small local businesses greatly benefit from the event foot traffic. It was a wonderful way to explore my city and I beg you to consider keeping it in a yearly rotation.

Thank you.

Damien Boze
95123

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Viva Calle is on of the most successful efforts I've seen in SJ to bring people of various backgrounds together. The vibe is positive and it would be a shame if it were to disappear.

Bryan McCann
95125

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