



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
November 7 – November 14, 2024

DATE: November 20, 2024

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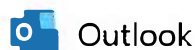
Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public Comment:

1. Letter from Helen Brock, dated November 9, 2024, regarding: Beautify San Jose Neighborhood Blight Reduction.
2. Letter from San Jose Collective Neighborhood, dated November 11, 2024, regarding: Urgent: Preservation and Replanting of Washingtonia Robusta/Mexican Fan Palm Trees in San Jose.
3. Letter from Barbara Gallaty, dated November 13, 2024, regarding: Trailers on Las Colinas Lane San Jose CA AGAIN.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Toni J. Taber".

Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk



Fw: Beautify San Jose Neighborhood Blight Reduction

From Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Date Tue 11/12/2024 8:54 AM

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

4 attachments (19 MB)

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:42 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Beautify San Jose Neighborhood Blight Reduction

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 2:51 PM

To: District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Beautify San Jose Neighborhood Blight Reduction

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Attn: Council members, city clerk and Mayor Mahan,

On October 28, I wrote you regarding the litter that uncovered truck beds cause in our city. After today's cleanup in which my volunteers removed 30 bags of trash, a ladder, 2 pallets, flooring and roofing debris, I thought it would be helpful to illustrate the degree of the problems that we encounter here in Almaden (and likely the entire city). Please see the attachments. They reflect materials collected in 3 hours this morning. Please take seriously the need to address uncovered truck beds on our roadways. These items were NOT found in a pile as illegal dumping. They were individually collected by our neighborhood volunteers.

Again, thank you, in advance, for helping to solve this problem and clean up San Jose.

Sincerely,
Helen Brock

Beautify Almaden

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/28/24 5:14 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov, Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>, district2@sanjoseca.gov, district3@sanjoseca.gov, district4@sanjoseca.gov, district5@sanjoseca.gov, district6@sanjoseca.gov, district7@sanjoseca.gov, district8@sanjoseca.gov, district9@sanjoseca.gov, Councilman Arjun Batra <district10@sanjoseca.gov>, district1@sanjoseca.gov

Subject: City Council Item 7.1 Beautify San Jose Neighborhood Blight Reduction

Respected City leaders:

I'm writing you regarding item 7.1 on tomorrow's city council agenda. As the coordinator of Beautify Almaden which I established in 2018 and whose volunteers have spent more than 1000 hours removing over 840 bags of litter in the Almaden area over the course of that time, I think it's important for you to know what I've learned about the biggest source of litter in our community. It's time to move beyond simply coordinating volunteer trash removal events

to addressing its root causes:

Fully 50% of what we collect in Almaden blows out of uncovered truck beds. We collect everything from contract supplies (booties, gloves, appliance boxes, paint debris, even ladders) to garden supplies (pots, gloves, fertilizer bags, etc). We desperately need your help to ENFORCE or CREATE covered truck ordinances in San Jose.

Thank you, in advance, for your immediate action.

Respectfully,
Helen Brock
Beautify Almaden

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Fw: Urgent: Preservation and Replanting of Washingtonia Robusta/Mexican Fan Palm Trees in San Jose

From Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Date Tue 11/12/2024 8:53 AM

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

From: San Jose Collective Neighborhood [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 10:35 PM

To: San Jose Collective Neighborhood [REDACTED]

Cc: Tam, Wilson <wilson.tam@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Re: Urgent: Preservation and Replanting of Washingtonia Robusta/Mexican Fan Palm Trees in San Jose

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City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Members of the San Jose City Council, City Planning and Development Teams, City Arborists, and Other Relevant Officials,

We are reaching out again regarding our request for a comprehensive plan to preserve and replant Washingtonia Robusta Palm Trees (Mexican Fan Palm Trees) throughout San Jose. We have not yet received a response to our original letter and wanted to reiterate the importance of prioritizing these iconic trees in our urban landscape.

In addition to our previous points, we request that the city's partnerships with tree replanting initiatives include this specific species. Washingtonia Robusta palms not only shape the aesthetic of our neighborhoods but also contribute to the "city feel" that encourages tourism and supports local businesses. Other major California cities, such as Los Angeles and San Diego, have long recognized the benefits of incorporating these palms in their urban landscapes, drawing visitors who appreciate the distinct visual appeal of palm-lined streets. We believe San Jose has similar potential to enhance its economy by preserving and promoting this beautiful city image.

The absence of these trees has become increasingly noticeable across key corridors like King & Story, West San Carlos St., and East Santa Clara St., areas that benefit from the elegance and character that palms bring. By including Washingtonia Robusta palms in replanting partnerships,

San Jose can retain and even elevate its unique identity, attracting both residents and tourists who contribute to our local economy.

If we do not see immediate action on this matter, we will continue to advocate for the inclusion of Washingtonia Robusta palms in upcoming city meetings. We are committed to working with the city to ensure that San Jose's historical character and visual appeal are preserved for future generations.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to a collaborative effort to make San Jose a more vibrant city.

Sincerely,
San Jose Neighborhood Collective Association

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, San Jose Collective Neighborhood

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Members of the San Jose City Council,
City Planning and Development Teams,
City Arborists, and Other Relevant Officials,

On behalf of several neighborhood associations and long-time San Jose residents, we are writing to express our collective concern about the disappearance of Washingtonia Robusta Palm Trees, also known as Mexican Fan Palm Trees, in the City of San Jose. These trees are iconic to our city's landscape, particularly in areas where they have been planted to beautify and rejuvenate our streets.

With new developments rapidly reshaping our urban environment, these iconic palm trees are being removed and, in many cases, not replaced. This absence is profoundly altering the city's visual identity. Locations such as the King & Story and Story Road Corridor, West San Carlos St., Almaden Blvd., East Santa Clara St. near Five Wounds Church, and West Santa Clara near the SAP Center and Hotel De Anza have long benefited from palm lined streets, which contribute to San Jose's image as a thriving, beautiful city, often dubbed the "Los Angeles of Northern California." – "Dutch" Hamann, 1965

We strongly urge the City of San Jose to prioritize the preservation and replanting of Washingtonia Robusta Palm Trees in future city planning and developments. In particular, we request that the city arborist ensures that this species continues to be included in replanting efforts. By not including these palms, we are losing an essential part of San Jose's historical identity and visual appeal. The distinct look of palm lined streets has been integral to our city's character for decades, and it would be a disservice to our community to let that disappear.

Additionally, we are deeply concerned about the recent uptick in arson incidents targeting these palm trees. When these trees are destroyed, they are often not replanted, leaving gaps in our streetscape and further diminishing the historical feel of our neighborhoods. We believe the city should actively invest in replanting these trees and continue using them to beautify San Jose, helping it maintain the look and feel of a major city separate from the rest of the Bay Area.

By preserving and replanting Washingtonia Robusta palms, we can ensure that San Jose remains a city with a unique and beautiful identity. We hope the city will consider these suggestions and make a commitment to preserving the iconic palm lined streets that have helped define San Jose for so many years.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to seeing San Jose thrive while staying true to its historical roots.

Sincerely,
Richard Louis
San Jose Neighborhood
Collective Association

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FW: Trailers on Las Colinas Lane San Jose CA AGAIN

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 11/13/2024 5:02 PM
To Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Barbara Gallaty [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 4:59 PM
To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>; Wilcox, Leland <Leland.Wilcox@sanjoseca.gov>; Solivan, Erik <Erik.Solivan@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; HomelessConcerns <homelessconcerns@sanjoseca.gov>; beautifysj <beautifysj@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>; Hertzberg, Keith <Keith.Hertzberg@sanjoseca.gov>; parking.compliance <parking.compliance@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED] Dang, Tara <Tara.Dang@sanjoseca.gov>
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This is a disgrace. These trailers have all been called in numerous times. Now they cone off their areas, and its just as bad on the other side of the trailers. And at the end of the street also.
Garbage everywhere.

We are and this street is a place of business. We don't need our customers seeing this garbage eveywhere.

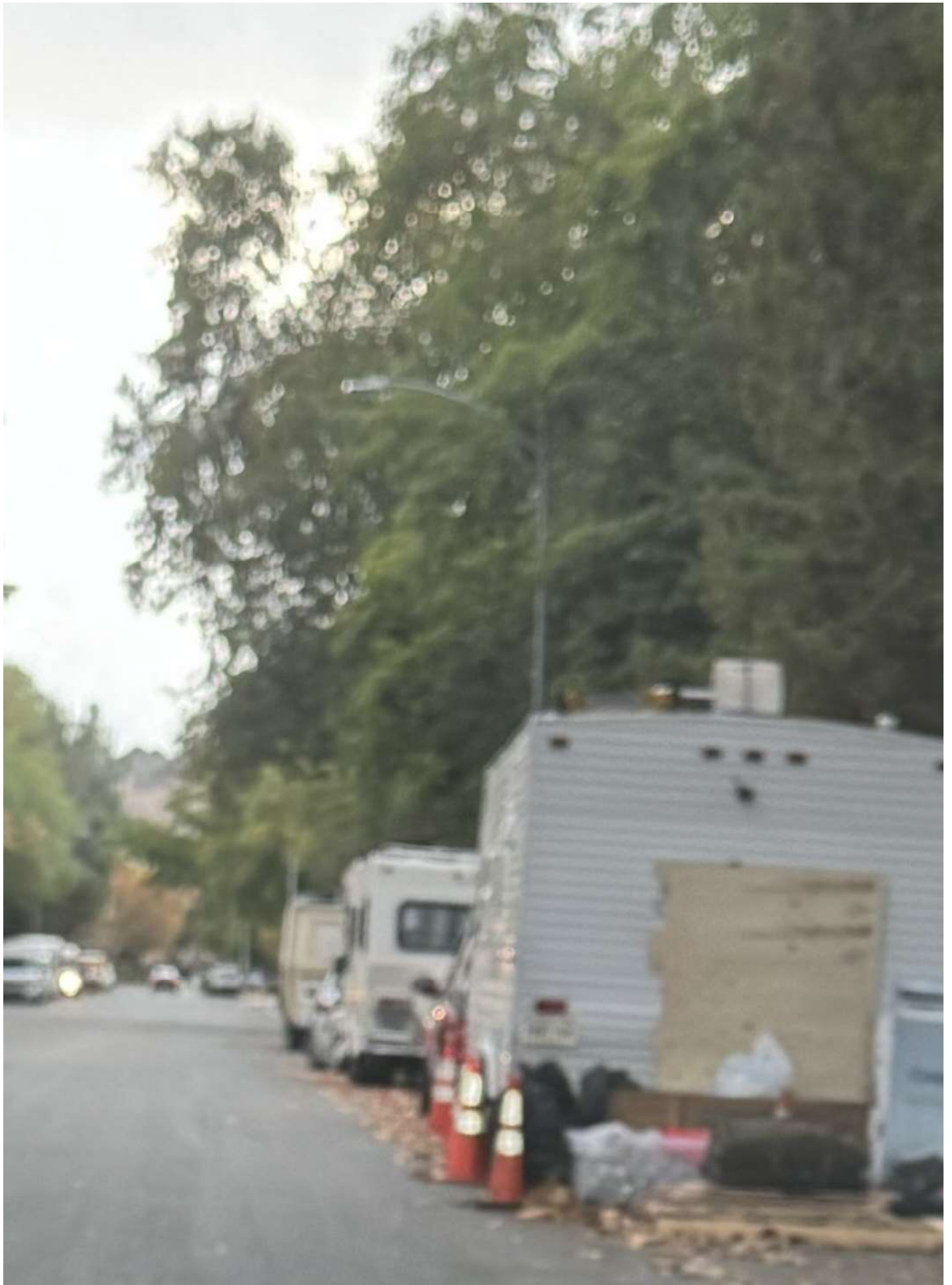
How about doing your jobs and getting it cleared out.
This should not be on going. Fix the problem. Get it off our streets.
You all are failing.

Figure it out, it shouldn't take 4 years to solve this problem.
Ita' not our responsibility to clear these streets.
One trailer was dropped off, not driven. One has broken windows boarded up. No license plates. 311 needs to do a better job of fixing issues, or what are they for????

Total disgrace. We are tired of this crap on our streets. CLEAN IT UP.

We are going to start taking names of you who aren't doing your jobs and spreading it around to be sure you don't get voted back into office. And notifying the local papers. And if they call and want names I'll be sure to provide them.

Barbara Gallaty
Ace Seal LLC
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