

**Fw: Support the Return Together ordinance**

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**From:** Mirna Henríquez [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 12:38 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Support the Return Together ordinance

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Dear Mayor Liccardo,

I am writing to thank the City Council for considering the Return Together ordinance, and urge you to vote YES.

Even as vaccine distribution is beginning to bring us hope of emerging from this public health crisis, tens of thousands of our neighbors remain laid off due to the pandemic and do not know when they will be able to go back to work. The only way we can fully recover is if we all recover together.

The proposed Return Together ordinance is a lifeline for San Jose workers in the most affected industries. Hotel, event and hospitality workers are among the hardest hit by COVID-related layoffs, and face many more months before they may be able to return to work. One year after the initial shelter-in-place-orders, hotel employment in the San Jose metro is down 52%, more than any other industry.

Workers in these industries are overwhelmingly people of color, immigrants, and women, who are already hit hardest by COVID-19. Now, many of these workers, especially immigrant women, fear that when hotels and event centers re-open, longtime workers may be left out – people who have committed decades of their life to those jobs may be excluded from returning to work.

As a City Councilmember, you have the opportunity right now to give workers hope that they will have jobs to go back to when things eventually get better. Return Together will provide assurance to laid-off hotel and event center workers that once their employer begins re-hiring, people who were laid off due to the COVID-19 shutdown will have the opportunity to return to their former jobs, if those jobs become available.

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Sincerely,

Mirna Henríquez

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**From:** Rachel Gutierrez [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 3:08 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Support the Return Together ordinance

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Rachel Gutierrez

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