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Mayor and Council,

Attached to this email you will find our cotillion's comment letter for agenda item 8.1 (Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund Commission) slated for the December 13th Council meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Huascar Castro

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December 9, 2022

San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street
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Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan,

Re: 12/13 Council Meeting Agenda Item 8.1- Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund Commission

Through a multi year campaign led by a broad coalition of faith, labor, and grassroots community, we are elated to get to this critical juncture. Following arduous negotiations and robust internal discussion and outward facing action we are now at a point where we can begin the process of filling the Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Commission so we can allocate the dollars from this fund on a slew of priorities to combat the various impacts affecting our community. From economic development opportunities, to solutions rooted in anti displacement including funding for preservation and tenant protections, through this fund our community can lead the charge in allocating these negotiated benefits to best serve neighborhoods throughout this city.

In that spirit, **our coalition would like to express our strong support for the staff recommendations before you all today including the proposed slate for this commission.** We would like to thank staff for their attentiveness and their dedication to genuine community engagement throughout this process. As we look at the names on this proposed slate, we can see individuals with decades of experience in grassroots organizing, advocacy, affordable housing finance, and true lived experience. We are excited to both finalize the selection of this commission and begin the work of allowing this body to decide how to best use these funds to support our community. We recognize that this city is planning for growth and increased development, pairing those efforts along with crucial policy solutions to preserve existing sources of housing and protect tenants will make way for an equitable future where residents of all backgrounds and income levels can continue to raise their families in San Jose. We urge council to accept the current recommendations before you today so we may begin to move towards developing the landscape for a just and equitable San Jose for all. Thank you for your attention to this critical topic.

Sincerely,

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