



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
October 24 – October 31, 2024

DATE: November 6, 2024

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public Comment:

1. Letter from Kathryn Hedges, dated October 27, 2024, regarding: Stop CalTrans from desecrating altar in San Jose.

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

Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk



Fw: Stop CalTrans from desecrating altar in San Jose

From Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Date Mon 10/28/2024 8:40 AM

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

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

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Stop CalTrans from desecrating altar in San Jose

From: Kathryn Hedges [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 10:22 PM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Subject: Stop CalTrans from desecrating altar in San Jose

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, City Councilmembers, and Staff:

I am a constituent in downtown San Jose. I drive by the Dia De Los Muertos Altar by the 7th Street onramp to 280 S south of Downtown on a regular basis, and I just heard that CalTrans plans to abate it Monday morning. They could wait until after Dia De Los Muertos instead of desecrating this memorial on October 28th.

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This altar was created by an unhoused father and son who are in the process of finding stable housing. The young son is Autistic and has epilepsy. It is important for him to have as much stability as possible in his life; even being able to stay in one encampment is better than being swept who-knows-where. Sweeps typically lead to unhoused people falling out of touch with everyone who can get them housing.

Please work with CalTrans to postpone the sweep at this ramp until advocates can relocate the family, or at least until after Dia De Los Muertos.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Hedges



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