

From: [Taber, Toni](#)
To: [Agendadesk](#)
Subject: FW: Charter Change
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:44:49 PM

From: Perez, Raul
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:32 AM
To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Charter Change

Toni with Blanca's permission as seen below can you please enter her first message into the record for item 3.10 on Tuesday.

Raul Perez
Councilmember, District 3
City of San José

Begin forwarded message:

From: Blanca Alvarado <[REDACTED]>
Date: June 26, 2020 at 6:03:57 PM PDT
To: "Perez, Raul" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Charter Change

[External Email]

You can use my comments as you wish including distributing to others including the Mayor. I will call you this weekend.

Blanca

On Fri, Jun 26, 2020 at 3:26 PM Perez, Raul <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

Thank you Blanca! Did you receive my message? Would you be willing to send this in for public comment or maybe even speak with a Merc reporter who is doing a story?

Raul Perez
Councilmember, District 3
City of San José

On Jun 26, 2020, at 2:35 PM, Blanca Alvarado

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

[External Email]

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION:

The rush to change the charter to a strong Mayor form of Government is a rush that is driven not as much by need but by political expedience by special interests,

The voters, if the measure goes to the November ballot, will be asked to lengthen the term of office of the current Mayoral office holder, with the somewhat questionable reason that more voters will go to the polls during a Presidential election cycle. With little, or no credible community process to discuss the merits and the minuses of such a change, we would, like President Trump. be guilty of voter suppression. In 1978, then Mayor Janet Gray Hayes appointed a diverse charter review committee that spent a year studying various forms of municipal government structures. At the end of exhaustive research and discussion, the Committee submitted a recommendation calling for District elections, which the voters approved resulting in elections to the Council by district. The community dialogues on the subject were widely debated, and the majority of the electorate favored the Charter Change.

It seems to me that if Mayor Liccardo is interested in advocating for the best interests of the electorate over his own self interest, he would be wise to assemble a Charter Review Committee that would study the issue more broadly than is the case today. Democracy works best when the "people" determine the changes that are necessary to reflect the times. It is, otherwise, the rule of power over the rule of determination by the people.

Kindly submitted,
Blanca Alvarado

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From: Glenn Perkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:08 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> Glenn Perkins <[REDACTED]>
Subject: ACCOUNTABILITY BALLOT MEASURE TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

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I strongly urge you to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo's good government reforms for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

With much appreciation,

Glenn

From: Andrew Gere <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

[External Email]

Dear Clerk City Clerk,

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As President and Chief Operating Officer of San Jose Water, I support the good government reforms proposed by Mayor Liccardo.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gere

From: Shasta Ericson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:16 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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I have personally had great injustice working with school and city officials and the Assemblymember and senator of the district my sons civil rights and my parental rights were violated in did nothing about it when I brought it their attention (racial slurs, hate messages etc through text messages to my minor son). I believe my parental rights and my sons civil rights were violated causing me severe emotional distress all due to financial incentives by the people and politicians I was dealing with. I think accountability and oversight into whose paying for whose campaigns is extremely important, not just for our homeless and others in our valley but also for our children who go to these wealthy highly political schools. We area "cluster for teenage suicide" and I personally experienced gross negligence with no oversight. I wrote and amendment To add oversight and accountability to the current cyber bullying law for the safety of our youth. If interested in what I'm speaking of contact me.

Sincerely,

Shasta Ericson

From: Dee Ann Harn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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Honestly, it really doesn't make any sense to restrict an elected official's ability to lead the city and hold their team accountable. Please support the good government reforms, the community sees it as common sense when the person they elect gets to do their job.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dee Ann Harn

From: Salvador Bustamante [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:21 PM

To: Serena Alvarez < [REDACTED] > City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Jones,
Chappie < [REDACTED] > Jimenez, Sergio < [REDACTED] > Peralez,
Raul < [REDACTED] > Diep, Lan < [REDACTED] > Carrasco, Magdalena
< [REDACTED] > Davis, Dev < [REDACTED] > Esparza, Maya
< [REDACTED] > Arenas, Sylvia < [REDACTED] > Foley, Pam
< [REDACTED] > Khamis, Johnny < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam
< [REDACTED] >

Subject: RE: VOTE NO on Rules Committee Item G9: Reject Racist Power Grabs

[External Email]

Dear council members,
Latinos United for a New America (LUNA) are hereby expressing our complete support to the letter below sent by Serena Alvarez from *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*. We agree that the proposed charter amendment of item G9s is nothing less than a power grab and urge you to vote **NO** on the proposal.

Sincerely,

Salvador "Chava" Bustamante,

From: Jerome Woehl [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:28 PM

To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie < [REDACTED] > Jimenez, Sergio < [REDACTED] > Peralez, Raul < [REDACTED] > Diep, Lan < [REDACTED] > Carrasco, Magdalena < [REDACTED] > Davis, Dev < [REDACTED] > Esparza, Maya < [REDACTED] > Arenas, Sylvia < [REDACTED] > Foley, Pam < [REDACTED] > Khamis, Johnny < [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] >

Subject: Opposition to Mayor Liccardo's Strong Mayor Charter Amendment Proposal



[External Email]

Dear Councilmembers,

This first paragraph is a prepared response. I added two short paragraphs reflecting my 30 years of experience as a city employee.

A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the rules committee today. I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. Last, and most of all, this proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has only been one person of color to ever hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose. It's these questions that would benefit from a thorough community process. I ask that the Council defer the item, and first convene an process for community review of our current council-manager form of government to provide recommendation for a ballot proposal. Thank you

As a retired San Jose City employee, this proposal greatly interests me. When I started in 1970, I was told that we had a strong city manager - weak mayor structure of government. Over the years, I made comparisons between my employment at the city to that of friends and relatives who worked at other agencies. I saw that San Jose was more steady and didn't get whip-sawed by changes in elected officials, their appointees and their political agendas.

It seems there is a great variance in the ability of elected officials to manage a large city. However, when a group of elected officials chose a city manager, that person tends to have the required management ability. During my time at the city, I saw about 5 city managers and 5 mayors. My observation is that the managers were more effective than the mayors.

From: Jon Ball <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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Sincerely,

Jon Ball

From: Michelle Montoya <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Sincerely,

Michelle Montoya

From: Laura Robichek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Laura Robichek

From: Robert Robledo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Robert Robledo

From: Terrence Reilly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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We should have done this a long time ago.

Sincerely,

Terrence Reilly

From: Scott Mendenhall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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From: Michael Grossman <[REDACTED]>
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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Michael Grossman

From: Peter Friedman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:33 PM
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From: Janikke Klem <[REDACTED]>
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This is so important to the future of our city. Again, we need to be able to govern our large city is the best way possible and this is taking a strong step towards that. Please vote yes on this reform and let's work together to make our city the best possible for all in our community.

Respectfully,
Janikke Klem

From: MICHAEL BLACH <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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MICHAEL BLACH

From: Christian Pellecchia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Christian Pellecchia

From: Mary Doyen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Mary Doyen

From: Kevin Albanese <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:53 PM
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While this should have been done long ago, there is no time like the present to improve accountability and performance of the city we call home.

Sincerely,

Kevin Albanese

From: Joan Leis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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I am a native San Josean and see a city out of control! Stop the politics and just get the right work done for the best interest of all of the community once and for all.

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I strongly support these measures.

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Glenn Perkins