

## Fw: Opposition To Proposal Housing Homeless and Transients In the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

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Dear City Clerk,

Please accept the following narrative as an opposition to Councilmember's Mahan's proposal to house homeless and transients in the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds property.

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San Jose Distribution Service's current operation is located at [REDACTED], very close in proximity to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

Having been domiciled at [REDACTED], since 2000, we have seen this area morph from an area of respectability, to an area of lawlessness, crime, garbage, filth and blight. Already inundated with RV dwellers that live illegally parked on Seventh Street, Seventh Street is laden with abandoned vehicles filled with garbage, garbage piled everywhere, illegal dumping, illegally parked commercial vehicles, RV vehicles that are in disarray, many inoperable, and the crime - blight that accompanies such illegal parking activities.

In addition, our businesses have had to contend with homeless and transients camping on the Union Pacific mainline. We estimate that we have spent at least ten thousand dollars in the past three years repairing our perimeter fencing, replacing stolen articles from our yard, and investing in security infrastructure.

Councilmember Mahan's Santa Clara County Fairgrounds proposal will further exacerbate the perilous homeless condition that has spiraled out of control the past few years. As one of two major industrial areas in San Jose, we need to develop our area for business, **not further the worsening homeless conditions that plague our area.**

Respectfully,

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**Gary**

**Gary Minardi**

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**Fw: Opinion: Item#3 Agenda => Rules Committee Meeting : Sep 22 2pm**

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I'm reaching out to offer my comments regarding a particular Agenda Item for tomorrow's meeting submitted by Councilmember Mahan from District10.

It's a bit preposterous that a Council member of a district that has ZERO public housing and ZERO locations to house, even temporarily, homeless people, to suggest that the 6000 population of unhoused people in the city be housed at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds, a mile from where I'm raising my child.

Of course, the issue of homelessness is rather critical for the city, and we should all work, across all the neighborhoods and districts that comprise the City, to address this crisis. However, it's rather unscrupulous to overwhelm and single out my district in particular, when we already carry the heaviest burden of all 10 districts in the City of San Jose.

If Councilman Mahan is not aware, may we remind him that:

\* Within a mile and a half of the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, there are 250 shelter beds, 297 permanent supportive housing units, and nearly 1,900 affordable housing units. **This mile and a half radius has more shelter beds, permanent supportive housing units, and affordable housing units than 5 Council Districts have in their entire district.**

\* Our Police District, is San Jose's busiest Police District, with far more calls than any other Police District in San Jose. Our Fire Station 26, is also San Jose's busiest Fire Station, which again far more calls than the next busiest Fire Station in San Jose.

\* Households nearby the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds are already in overcrowded living situations.

District 7 seems to be the preferred place where the other council-members try to recommend this kind of projects. Wonder if it has to do with the less than 10% white population on it??

District 10 Councilman seems to suggest to over-saturate an already lower income, overcrowded, minority and underserved community with homeless housing. It may appear that Councilman Mahan is trying to redline District 7. How many supportive housing units, affordable homes, and homeless beds are currently in District 10? How are other districts sharing an equally this burden ?

Councilman Mahan's proposal impacts the health and safety of the residents in this community while leaves the more affluent Almaden people he "serves" with their pristine neighborhoods, and good schools, while he's suggesting to redline and destroy the community where I'm raising my young child.

I'm appalled at this, let's face it, RACIST and egotistical proposal and his lack of concern and interest on the safety and wellbeing of my family.

I implore the City to NOT accept this proposal and instead focus on locations on the districts, like Councilman Mahan's, that DO NOTHING to help with the homeless situation.

Liza Henriquez

Resident at Montecito Vista, a mile from the Fairgrounds and driving every single day in Monterey Rd.

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*-Albus Dumbledore*

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**From:** Jill Rodby <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:50 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** RE: CORRECTION TO FIRST LETTER - Comment on Rules and Open Government Committee meeting on Sept. 22ndYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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I'm sorry, can you please use the attached revised letter. I found an error after I sent you the first letter. Thank you!!

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**From:** Jill Rodby**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:27 PM**To:** city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov**Subject:** Comment on Rules and Open Government Committee meeting on Sept. 22nd

Please find attached a letter from the Monterey Corridor Business Association on item 3 ROGC 21-750 – Utilizing Public Lands to End Street Homelessness in our Community. Thank you.

**Jill Rodby**

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West Region - PR &amp; Government Affairs Manager

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**Monterey Corridor Business Association**

September 21, 2021

Rules and Open Government Committee and  
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Via email [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov)

**RE: Comment on ROGC 21-750 Utilizing Public Lands to End Street  
Homelessness in Our Community**

As chair of the Monterey Corridor Business Association, I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposal to consider homeless housing at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. While we understand the need to build additional supportive housing, District 7 has carried the burden of homeless shelters for many years in the City of San Jose.

The Monterey Corridor is one of the major industrial areas in the City and we feel that adding additional homeless shelters in the area will harm our businesses. We already deal, almost on a daily basis, with the impacts of homeless activities, including fires, break-ins, and drug use. Our members spend thousands of dollars every month to clean up and hire security for their facilities. In fact, it is so bad; some of our members are considering leaving the area for safer locations.

The proposal for the Fairgrounds would further saturate the area with homeless housing, substantially increasing the problems and costs to our businesses. District 7 already has the most police and fire calls in the City. Adding more homeless housing will only increase these activities. Additionally, the City is working diligently to upgrade the area so our businesses can thrive. The proposal is the antithesis to the successful economic development and upgrades to our community. It is time for other districts in the City to step up and take on some of the responsibility for our homeless residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jill Rodby  
Chair  
Monterey Corridor Business Assoc.





**Fw: Sept 22, 2021 - ROGC 21-750**

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Please find the attached letter addressing a memo submitted by Councilmember Mahan under the above referenced item on the September 22, 2021 Agenda.

Regards,

Michael

Michael P. Mulcahy  
Managing Partner  
SDS NexGen Partners LP  
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RE: Councilmember Mahan's Memo dated September 17, 2021 to the Rules Committee

Dear Rules Committee Members:

Our family has been actively engaged in most San Jose council districts for four generations. Our primary business today is property development and management, working to support dozens of businesses of all sizes, and at one time a top employer with Sun Garden Packing Company on Monterey Road at Alma in District 7 (D7). We have worked for decades with every D7 Councilmember to do what we can to keep it active, safe, and employed. Our recently constructed Sun Garden Shopping Center is an example of our commitment to keep investing and doing our part in D7 to raise its pride and possibility. A grocery anchored center, designed to bring beauty to the district and pay homage to the years it was the center of the City's canning industry, now sits prey to a district in distress, facing some of the City's greatest challenges.

We are also founding members of the Monterey Corridor Business Association (MCBA) which was borne out of a need for businesses to stand up and be counted, working to garner City resources and support to improve its prospects. The Monterey Corridor is one of two major industrial areas in San Jose. Council and Planning has worked hard to protect jobs generating land through land-use decisions and designations so we must in turn ask you to now protect those jobs from difficult settings like those found in D7.

I have read Councilmember Mahan's memo of September 17<sup>th</sup>. He suggests many ideas to address homelessness in our community and I appreciate any Councilmember looking for ways to find solutions to support our unhoused neighbors. But I do take issue with Paragraph 3, floating the idea of using the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds as a solution. Using the underutilized Fairgrounds for this purpose would be short-sighted for San Jose and the region. The Fairgrounds at one time was a community builder and

economic engine, bringing thousands into San Jose for events and activities. This property should once again be viewed as a community gathering site, perhaps operated by 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors to bring regional spending to the heart of San Jose and providing much needed jobs, energy and attention to this central district of our City. Maybe the Councilmember's inclusion of the Fairgrounds was simply an attempt to leverage the County to step up in a larger way to provide land for quick build, cost effective housing. Or it was conveniently mentioned because it is a big chunk of land. Either way, it is too valuable and rare a site and it should be re-energized for the broader community and region.

I am hopeful the list of six sites the Councilmember has requested includes some of those districts that are not doing their part today. District 7 is doing much more than its share.

Sincerely,

  
Michael P. Mulcahy  
Managing Partner  
District 6 Resident

**Fw: Objecting to SCCo Fairgrounds being used as shelter/ housing**

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**From:** Melissa Poly <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:49 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** Melissa Poly <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Objecting to SCCo Fairgrounds being used as shelter/ housing

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To whom it may concern:

I prefer to remain anonymous.

We object to the Fairgrounds being used to home the unhoused.

The Fairgrounds should be available to benefit all in the county.

This district has far more than its share of shelter beds, and temp housing as well as a hotel recently used for homeless and many old motels housing sex offenders. All cities in the county should bear the impact, not just this district.

This is already an overcrowded area, lacking safe play areas for children.

Supportive housing such as the nearby Markham Plaza is plagued with constant crime and issues requiring police. Local Residents constantly deal w thefts, trespassing , threats, burglaries.

Often, police are too understaffed to come out to a call.

Please create an area for all to enjoy ,

such as Morgan Hill did with their Amazing MH Aquatic Center, Community Center and ball parks. This provides area to be used by all ages.

Please indicate how many homes for homeless are in each district.

Please value the children and seniors in this district and provide a safe neighborhood w amenities for all.

Sincerely

Melissa Poly

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**From:** chateaulasalle-Jodi <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:12 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Santa Clara County Fairgrounds/ProposalYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Good Morning-

We are entering our 20<sup>th</sup> year as the Community Managers for Chateau La Salle Mobile home community, and we have seen a multitude of changes in these years-most being beneficial. During this time, we have also observed the same individuals at the same intersections, benches and sleeping on the streets, and we have had to monitor our common area bathrooms and property easements for individuals setting up shelters. The immediate need for this area is to assist those who have severe mental health issues and or substance abuse issues. This housing is considered a “quick fix” solution to the ever growing issue-so until these individuals who are in need of services other than housing is remedied, any new ideas such as this should be in as area that suitable for that type of large scale project. District Lincoln and Engine 26 are overwhelmed, and we do not want the area to suffer any more than it already does. We want our Emergency Services to be able to assist as needed and many types of situations regarding homelessness require a Mental Health specialist.

Thank you for your consideration-

**Jodi Cookson & Damon Cookson**

Community Managers

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# Fw: Comment on Recommendation #3 housing for homeless at the Fair Grounds

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**Subject:** Comment on Recommendation #3 housing for homeless at the Fair Grounds

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please register my objection to Councilmember Mahan's Recommendation #3 to create large scale housing for the homeless at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds at tomorrow's Council meeting.

Thank you for the consideration,

Beth Seibert

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Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole

Via email to [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov)

Re: large scale, quick build housing site for unhoused residents at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

As a business owner in District 7, located on Monterey Road, we strongly and passionately object to Mr. Mahan's suggestion to utilize the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds for large scale housing for the homeless. The list of reasons why this is a terrible idea is very lengthy but the most important points are:

1. District 7 is already home to the largest homeless shelter in Santa Clara County which is located just down the street from the SCC Fairgrounds (please note that Mr. Mahan's district has zero shelter beds)
2. The homeless shelter in District 7 attracts a large number of unsheltered individuals along with the related crime and societal problems
3. District 7, and specifically the small 1.5 radius around the Fairgrounds, already hosts more shelter beds, housing and services for the homeless than 5 Council Districts have in their entire district.
4. Crime in the neighborhood of the Fairgrounds and Monterey Road related to the homeless is unbearable. It includes relentless property damage, theft, dumping, graffiti, drug use, fires, trespassing, and car break-ins. Fence repair, garbage clean up and theft are constant battles and expenses.
5. The police are overwhelmed in our district and can only respond to life threatening situations.
6. District 7 is one of the few industrial areas left in San Jose but it is difficult to conduct business here because of the problems caused by the homeless. Now Mr. Mahan wants to concentrate most of the homeless housing in this overburdened area. District 7 will lose the industrial business community if it has to shoulder more homeless housing and services. Businesses will relocate rather than deal with the additional problems and expenses.
7. We have tried to get help from the City's staff dedicated to assisting the homeless but they are short staffed and hopelessly overworked. Consequently, despite many, many meetings with the City's Homeless Services staff, they have been unable to provide any relief or assistance with the constant problems.



8. The City of San Jose's plans to uplift the business community in the Monterey Corridor will be completely negated by large scale housing for the homeless in this community.

Most districts, including Mr. Mahan's, have successfully negotiated a "not in my backyard" policy. District 7 should not be considered for any additional shelter beds or housing until the other districts have matched the commitment that District 7 has already made to assisting the homeless. It is time for the other districts to do their part and only after the participation is even, should District 7 be considered for any kind of additional homeless services or housing.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important objection.

Beth Seibert  
President  
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