

FW: Written Public Comment for Study Session on FY25/26 Budget (2/11/25)

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

Date Mon 2/10/2025 11:15 AM

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Questions for Budget Study Session.docx;

From: Bob Brownstein [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:51 AM

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Subject: Written Public Comment for Study Session on FY25/26 Budget (2/11/25)

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To: City Clerk's Office

Please include the attached letter as part of written public comment for the Study Session.

Thanks,

Bob Brownstein

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To Mayor and City Council:

In order to fully study the relationship between the homelessness issue and the city budget, at a minimum city staff need to be directed to answer the following questions. These questions should be answered with data for the last two years and with projections for the next 5 years.

- 1) How many homeless individuals are living or will be living on the street?
- 2) How many newly homeless persons are projected to go on to the streets each year?
- 3) How many of those projected to be newly homeless will be able to avoid becoming homeless as a result of new city programs? What are those programs, and what will they cost?
- 4) How many homeless persons have moved to or will move to housing of the following types:
 - *Market rate housing
 - *Permanent Supportive Housing (subsidized).
 - *Temporary shelter – tiny homes
 - *Temporary shelter – RV Zone
 - *Temporary shelter – congregate housing
 - *Temporary shelter – city managed tent encampment
 - *Temporary shelter -other type
- 5) What will be the annual cost to the city for each of the housing types listed in question 4?
- 6) What is the source of funding to pay the costs noted in the response to question 5?
- 7) How many of the homeless in temporary shelters have transitioned or will transition to longer term housing situations each year? Please provide numbers for each type of transition:
 - *To Market Rate Housing
 - *To Permanent Supportive Housing (subsidized). Please indicate the source of funding for these PSH units if Measure E funds are dedicated to temporary shelters.
 - * To another geographic locality (Please provide a “net” number – the number leaving San Jose to another location minus the number who return and the number sent from other locations to San Jose.)
 - *To a Residential Treatment facility

* Other situation

- 8) If homeless persons do not transition from temporary housing out to other longer-term housing, is there a time limit after which they will be required to leave the temporary facility? Once they leave, are these people included in the numerical response to question 2.
- 9) How long is each type of temporary shelter supposed to stay in place and operate in a specific neighborhood? If this time period is less than 5 years, how many temporary facilities will be needed to replace the ones that are closed? What will the development of new temporary facilities cost?
- 10) If the city closes encampments or parking RV's in certain areas and there are no alternative housing options available for the displaced persons, is there any reason why these persons should not be included in the number of homeless people indicated in question 1?
- 11) City officials often state homeless persons will be required to move "inside". Until there are enough shelter alternatives to house all homeless persons, which of the following strategies does the requirement to move "inside" refer to:
 - a) Homeless persons will be required to move "inside" when no "inside" options exist.
 - b) Homeless persons who do not want to move "inside" will be required to take one of the few vacant beds, thereby denying that bed to a homeless person who wants to come "inside" and work to get off of the streets for the long term.
- 12) If the city requires a homeless person to come "inside" to a shelter, is the city liable for injury or loss that this person experiences or causes at that shelter? How much should the city budget to cover potential liability claims?

Thank you for your attention.

Bob Brownstein

FW: Letter from the REAL Coalition re FY 2025 - 2026 Budget Priority Setting

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

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REAL Coalition Letter re FY26 CSJ Budget 2.10.25.pdf;

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Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 2:43 PM

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Subject: Letter from the REAL Coalition re FY 2025 - 2026 Budget Priority Setting

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council,

Please see a letter from the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition urging the City to center equity and justice in its FY26 Budget. We look forward to your discussion during the upcoming study session.

Best,

Ángel Aliano | Policy & Advocacy Fellow

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

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Pronouns: he/him

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February 10, 2025

Mayor & City Council, et. al
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Equity Principles for the FY 2025-2026 City of San José Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council,

This letter is being submitted by Sacred Heart Community Service and Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, in our role as co-convenors, on behalf of the Racial Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition. Please consider our comments regarding the FY26 budget.

As the City of San José faces a potential structural deficit and reacts to a federal administration intent on dismantling immigrant rights, targeting LGBTQ residents, and rolling back supports for communities of color, we urge the City to center equity and justice in its budget decisions.

At a high level, San José must preserve vital services, prioritize the creation of permanent supportive housing, and invest in community-based safety.

As follows are the principles that City leadership and City Council should follow while analyzing the impacts of their budget strategies:

Preserve and prioritize local community-based services for people and communities that are most disadvantaged – The City should not cut essential services, such as those provided through our housing, homelessness, and violence prevention and intervention programs. Decisively protect or even grow services with a demonstrated ability to prevent incarceration, limit police response, and minimize utilization of high cost or inappropriate settings (e.g., congregate shelters, jails, and emergency rooms). In the context of reductions, work to ensure that particular communities (including neighborhoods) and certain providers are not unfairly affected.

Continue to invest in permanent supportive housing and other long-term solutions to homelessness – Pumping millions of dollars into sweeping encampments and towing vehicles will not meaningfully address the root cause of homelessness in San Jose: high housing costs. Shelters do not work without affordable housing—only one quarter of people who moved into shelter in 2023 exited into permanent housing, 75% of whom received support through housing subsidies. We need a balanced approach that makes the largest possible investments in permanent supportive housing while also providing emergency relief and services to unhoused community members. Do not continue to invest in performative sweeps and unsustainable approaches.

Create a strong plan to secure local affordable housing revenue in FY26 – With nearly all Measure E dollars drained, the City is strapped for cash as it attempts to meet its housing goals. In the upcoming fiscal year and beyond, the City should work with the County and community organizations to invest in and plan for near-term housing or general fund revenue measures. Without a plan for more money, we will lose affordable housing projects in the pipeline and exacerbate instability for community members at risk of homelessness.

Apply a robust race equity lens to the current budget process, despite federal threats – The City has already adopted a Racial and Social Equity Ordinance and must align potential cuts with its Equity Values and Standards Policy. San José should not take its foot off the gas in advancing racial equity in its budget and policy decisions; it should sustain investments in economic justice for BIPOC and disadvantaged communities and the organizations that serve them, especially those that build power in those communities and serve them in culturally-specific and relevant ways. Redirect funding to address systemic racism and provide services and community development support for Black and Brown communities targeted by the federal administration. Do not unlearn the lessons we learned in COVID; the communities harmed by the pandemic should be protected as much as possible from the consequences of budget shortfalls, federal overreach, and economic downturns.

Increase investments in prevention and intervention programs – This is the time to shift resources from punitive systems and institutions that disproportionately

affect BIPOC communities, and invest in preventative services and community-based crisis response such as TRUST. The City has recently evaluated 911 response models and should meaningfully dedicate funds to non-police alternatives or other crisis intervention and violence prevention pilots. These efforts should be coordinated by dedicated staff or through a new Office of Community-Based Safety.

Create opportunities for meaningful public engagement on the budget to center community voices – The City must be intentional in its community engagement efforts regarding the budget, particularly as it considers cuts that could impact communities relying on City services. The City should also consider leveraging its network of nonprofit partners for outreach to impacted communities. In particular, the City should ensure that historically disenfranchised populations — such as youth, low-income populations, people of color, people with disabilities, those impacted by our justice systems, or undocumented residents — have opportunities to be meaningfully involved in local policy-making. Direct outreach to front-line workers, other elected officials, neighborhood associations, schools, the small business community, and the media should also be included in the City’s community engagement plans. For language access, all budget documentation and community outreach should be provided in, at minimum, the 5 threshold languages (English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Chinese). Community participation in the budget process will further the City’s stated values to advance equity within its systems.

Be transparent with the community about the relevant details of the budget, historical revenue and expense trends, and the choices to be made – The annual budget is one of the strongest statements of the City’s priorities for the community. Increased public understanding of revenues, expenses, and challenges can lead to greater support for budgetary decisions as well as for measures to increase effective use of local funds. Clear, easy-to-understand budget documents that are in a regularly-updated, centralized repository will make the budget process more accessible to everyone. Consider adding a budget workshop to the current civic engagement Master Class offerings.

Amid a difficult fiscal year, we should work in partnership to protect our City's most vulnerable residents, collaboratively developing a budget and budget process that seeks greater equity and justice for our community.

You can reach REAL by emailing iselar@sacredheartcs.org.

Sincerely,

SIGNATORIES:

Kyra Kazantzis, Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

Poncho Guevara, Sacred Heart Community Service

Darcie Green, Latinas Contra Cancer

Vaughn Villaverde, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)

About the REAL Coalition


The REAL community of nonprofit leaders and allies has been meeting since June 2020 to use our positional power to advocate for a more racially-just and equitable society; to establish a peer network of leaders committed to fighting white supremacy and systemic racism in ourselves and our institutions; and to hold each other accountable to the promises we made in the Nonprofit Racial Equity Pledge. The REAL Coalition is broadly representative of the nonprofit community including human and community services, behavioral health and health, arts and culture, domestic violence, older adults, food distribution, education, environmental, farming, legal, disability rights, LGBTQ rights, ethnic, immigrant rights, housing and homelessness, criminal justice reform, urban planning, and intermediary organizations, and others. We have 50 organizational members and dozens of affiliate organizations.

FW: Comments for 2-11-25 Study Session

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Date Mon 2/10/2025 3:08 PM

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SJ Parks Advocates 2025-02-10 Council Study Session Budget.pdf;

From: jeanann2 [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 3:07 PM

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

Subject: Comments for 2-11-25 Study Session

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Please include the attached letter as part of the written comments for the Council Study Session on 2-11-25

Thank-you,

Jean Dresden

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Yes on Parks!

February 10, 2025

RE: Council Agenda Feb. 10, 2025, Study Session

Honorable Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley,
And Councilmembers Kamei, Campos, Salas,
Cohen, Ortiz, Mulcahy, Doan, Candelas, Casey:

San Jose Parks Advocates is an alliance of park passionate people who live in throughout the city. The mission of our park alliance is to champion the public's interest in outstanding parks, recreation, and open spaces - key to making San Jose a healthy, vibrant and sustainable city for all. Our vision of a great San Jose is one with both great parks and great community and recreation centers. Well-maintained parks connect people to a city and to one another and serve as an economic driver—attracting visitors and increasing property values. Access to a safe, clean, welcoming park is a predictor of health. Spending time in a park lowers blood pressure and increases immunity. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the important role of parks in maintaining mental health was visible to all.

We ask that you prioritize the retention of park maintenance personnel in the upcoming budget cycle.

- Beginning with the “dot com” crash, parks maintenance has suffered major personnel cuts in every downturn. Staffing remains below 2002-03 levels.
- Since FY 2002-03 FTEs have dropped 18% while developed land acres have increased 22%---with new facilities like Arcadia softball complex requiring more intense maintenance as well as increasingly complex wildland/urban interface issues.
- PRNS staff implemented multiple strategies to decrease costs
 - Removed turf, hedges, and flower beds
 - Lowered maintenance performance standards in 2021 to match resources
 - Introduced “Business Intelligence” (BI) to fine tune personnel allocation
 - Re-arranged maintenance districts to optimize resources
 - Introduced high-tech remote sensing irrigation controllers to modify watering to match weather—saving millions of gallons and lowering cost
 - Implemented a volunteer management unit (VMU) which brings thousands of hours of public labor
 - Worked with HR to reduce steps in hiring process, lowering cost to hire
 - Trained staff to inspect play equipment—avoiding costly consultants and lowering risks from out-of-warranty play equipment

- Asked neighborhoods to maintain their own parks for several years
- Entered into agreements with developers to reduce Park Trust Fund obligations in exchange for maintenance commitments
- Won grants to hire Conservation Corps trainees and West Valley interns
- Launched San Jose Parks Foundation

The City is about to host a series of major sporting events in this next year and will be judged on more than downtown as Air BnBs are scattered throughout the neighborhoods. Parks are the soul of the city—what image does this City want to project?

We ask that the park maintenance budget not be reduced in FY 2025-26. The Park Maintenance budget is far below comparable cities. Hold the line.

We look forward to working with a newly re-invigorated park foundation or other non-profit organizations that may emerge in the coming months that will focus on our parks.

Sincerely,

Jean Dresden
San Jose Parks Advocates

cc.

Jennifer Maguire, City Manager
Jim Shannon, Budget Director
Angel Rios, Deputy City Manager
Jon Cicirelli, Director PRNS

FW: RLEI

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Suzanne Morrone <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 12:10 PM
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Subject: RLEI

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We, in the [REDACTED] N. 17th street, had an incredibly difficult situation arise. We had a homeowner who somehow was allowing gang members to populate his house. There were rapes, massive amounts of garbage (in the back yard it was about 3 feet tall and so thick you couldn't walk) rats, etc. RLEI helped coordinate with police, code enforcement, etc and gave us support throughout the years it took us to resolve the situation. So many people on our block were impacted, and without the help of RLEI I don't know how we would have managed to regain some peace in our neighborhood.

They are a great asset to the community.
Suzanne Morrone

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FW: RLEI Support

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Carl Crizer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 5:41 AM
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I have participated in the RLEI program. This is an excellent program which empowers citizens to take charge of fixing problems in their own neighborhoods. This is the best way to fix problems on the local level. I don't know what RLEI cost for the issue on my block but it gave us a road map on how to solve our problem and multiplied it's value via the hundreds or thousands of hours we as neighbors invested. So please refund RLEI so we can clean up our streets.

Carl

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From: ljz1496 [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 7:32 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Vice-Mayor Foley,

I am writing as your D9 constituent and on behalf of Community Living Coalition, dedicated to improving living conditions in shared housing for mental health clients, to express our strong support for reinstatement of the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI). We are eager to collaborate with RLEI to ensure safe and healthy living for vulnerable mental health clients residing in shared housing and foster healthy communities where these residences are located.

As you consider budget priorities, please keep in mind the potential value added to the City of San Jose by reinstating RLEI. As stated in the winter 2023/24 NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) SCC newsletter <https://namisantaclara.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/December-23-January-24-Newsletter.pdf>, RLEI's effectiveness in terms of Return on Investment (ROI) is documented in a report to San José's Neighborhood Services and Education Committee. This report found that calls for service dropped from 99 to nine incidents due to RLEI's involvement to resolve the matters. The return on the city's investment was found to be \$1.28 for every dollar spent on the program.

RLEI has played a critical role in fostering positive relationships between housing providers and residents, promoting community safety and enhancing overall well-being in our neighborhoods.

I respectfully urge you to support the efforts to bring RLEI back under a new host organization and to ensure its inclusion in the City's upcoming budget for 2025-26. The revival of this program would provide vital resources to support conflict resolution, community safety, and improve the quality of life for many in our community.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Zeller
Co-Chair ILH Working Group
Founder/Coordinator
Community Living Coalition



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FW: Statement of Support to Bring Back RLEI

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 2/11/2025 8:37 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jaime, Janette, & Andres <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:34 AM
To: Lori Jenkins <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Statement of Support to Bring Back RLEI

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Thank you for your continued support and advocacy. We appreciate you and your time more than words can say!

Best,
Janette

On Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 8:38 PM Lori Jenkins <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the reinstatement of the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI), a program that has played a critical role in fostering positive relationships between housing providers and residents, promoting community safety, and enhancing overall well-being in our neighborhoods.

On a personal note, Jaime and Janette played a crucial role in assisting the Pinehurst Neighborhood with an unlicensed Sober Living Environment back in 2019. Without their help, I am unsure what would have continued to happen at this particular home. At the time, there were 28 beds in a 1700 sq. ft. home, men wandering the neighborhood at all hours, medication being distributed in the driveway (literally across the street from a Kindergarten classroom), and much more. Jaime and Janette helped us come together for the good of our neighborhood.

RLEI, hosted for many years by Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, unfortunately ceased to offer services early this year. Its absence has created a significant gap in these essential services.

I respectfully urge you to support the efforts to bring RLEI back under a new host organization and to ensure its inclusion in the City's upcoming budget for 2025-26. The revival of this program would provide vital resources to support conflict resolution, community safety, and improve the quality of life for many in our community.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Lori Jenkins
Pinehurst

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FW: Support the RLEI Reinstatement Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Priority Setting

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

We urge you to support the reinstatement of RLEI as a vital program that has benefited our neighborhood and countless others. Please see attached our letter of support to fund this program in the upcoming budget cycle.

Thank you,

Anthony Tordillos and Giovanni Forcina



South University Neighborhood

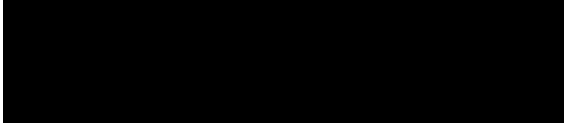
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Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,
Anthony Tordillos and Giovanni Forcina
South University Neighborhood



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Date Tue 2/11/2025 8:03 AM

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From: Janette Rosales [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 7:58 AM

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

Cc: Jaime Angulo [REDACTED]; Jaime, Janette, & Andres [REDACTED]

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Dear Council Member Salas,

Congratulations on becoming our new District Three Councilmember.

Please find my letter of support for reinstating the RLEI program.

As a responsible housing provider in the City of San Jose, I urge you to fund this highly effective program.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

Janette Rosales, on behalf of Jaime Angulo

Janette Rosales
[REDACTED]

2X Past President - Rotary Club of San Jose, Silicon Valley
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Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Jaime Angulo

Housing Provider

