



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
February 17 – February 24, 2022

DATE: March 2, 2022

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Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

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Fw: Gun Control Ordinances

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 2/18/2022 9:19 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 9:13 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Fwd: Gun Control Ordinances

From: Matt Sprague [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:30:52 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Gun Control Ordinances

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

I respectfully request that you do not pass the measures in your final upcoming vote. You can not solve gun violence and violent crime through these measures and I'm not sure if you have looked at data regarding whom commits these types of crime. The only way to combat gun violence and violent crime is through aggressive policing and making it your position that you won't stand for it and will go after offenders in an intense way. Additionally, increase the punishment for such crimes.

You are only placing your law abiding citizens in harms way through regulating them and not crime. For that matter, if one cannot afford the insurance and "donation", you are technically infringing on their right to bear arms. Remember, the 2nd amendment provides a right to the people and tells the government, they shall not infringe upon that right.

Last thought, is it a good use of taxpayer money to approve such ordinances with full knowledge it will cost the City substantial legal fees to defend? Your Counsel probably has a lot better things they could be doing for the citizens.

Matthew Sprague

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Fw: gun control measures

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From: Jon Berglund [REDACTED]**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:06:04 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** gun control measures

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It sounds like your city is considering two gun control measures that penalize law abiding gun owners through requiring liability insurance and an absurd gun harm reduction fee. I urge you on behalf of every legal gun owner in the US to reconsider. How much should you have to pay for your other constitutional freedoms? Maybe you should look at taxing people for speech and religion as well.

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Fwd:

From: KATHERINE BITTING [REDACTED] >

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:49:21 PM

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

Subject:

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Dear San Jose Clerk,

I believe that the two new firearm laws are doltish. It is very inequitable that citizens who are following the laws are getting punished by the acts of the less considerate people. Please email me back saying you got this email and have told the city council about this remark.

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Fw: Gun Ordinance & liability insurance & property taxes

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 12:02 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Gun Ordinance & liability insurance & property taxes

-----Original Message-----

From: Kimo Mon [REDACTED] >

Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 11:38 AM

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

Subject: Gun Ordinance & liability insurance & property taxes

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Greetings,

I'm a homeowner and have lived in SJ since 2003. First off, I'm getting a tad older and have not been late on my property tax payments until the past December payment. I accidentally put the reminder date as January (1/1) instead of November (11/1). I guess I did not add an extra 1.

SJ is not resident friendly like some other states where they give you dates to pay two installments or date in between the installments to pay the full tax amount. There's no hefty penalty 10% plus \$20. You know how much 10% on our property taxes?! That is bleaping ridiculous for a resident who did not buy their house pre 2000s.

If I had the option to pay the full amount I would to avoid the inadvertent mental mistakes that is very common for multiple payments even with reminders. Ugh! We live in a progressive city and this is how we are treated.

Secondly, what the heck is up with this ridiculous gun liability ordinance. I pay a lot of money for homeowner insurance which covers liability as well as an umbrella policy for any unfortunate incident beyond my HO policy. Now, you are going to require me to buy liability insurance for any weapons I may have locked securely in my residence. The logic for this is ridiculous and another reason for people to leave San Jose. Start with all the concealed carry individuals or city, state, and federal law enforcement (LE) to pay into this fund and cover the extra liability coverage. Based on past practices, these individuals would unfortunately leave the weapons in their car and stolen along with any other LE contraband.

Hunters, if they are smart, should have purchased extra coverage to cover theft of property and if they injure someone accidentally have an umbrella policy or get sued and lose their family possessions. Our city looks like a bunch of fools and I'm usually proud of CA as a whole because other states don't realize we have sooo many people and taking the steps we do helps in the long run. This ordinance should have started as a campaign for responsibility by offering a joint venture with a company whose expertise is with firearm liability insurance where part of the funds are donated to some fund to cover costs mentioned in the ordinance. The CA Dept. of Insurance would look good collaborating with the city or perhaps a non-profit created to develop a model for success. Now you're going to waste more SJ tax payer money on litigating this in the courts. We'll done. 🤞

Best,

SJ resident

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Fw: Gun Owner Legislation

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Fri 2/18/2022 2:55 PM

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

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: FW: Gun Owner Legislation

From: chad montgomery <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 1:59 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Gun Owner Legislation

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To Whom it May Concern;

“Taxation without representation” is a slogan used to describe being forced by a government to pay a tax without having a say—such as through an elected representative—in the actions of that government.

The gun control measures currently being debated in your chambers are illegal, not to mention not supported by your constituents. Focus on the real problem at hand.

I am a proud resident of the great state of Texas. I just sold my home to a man who has relocated to our state from California. My home is his 5th purchase. One for him and the other four so he can relocated his children’s families out of California. I will not spend one dime of my money in your state, ever.

Our state is growing at a rate never seen, and mostly from California. Why? Because of nonsense government overreach such as what you are perpetrating. What are your plans when your tax base falls below your hand outs? What are your plans once you lose complete credibility with the remaining weary residents? Rather than

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worry about a guy who takes his gun rights of ownership seriously, focus on the real problem. It's not a difficult puzzle to construct. The picture is clear when the pieces are assembled correctly.

Stop this nonsense!

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Fw: Gun Control Law

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Tue 2/22/2022 12:16 PM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Fw: Gun Control Law**Office of the City Clerk | City of San José**200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113
Main: 408-535-1260
Fax: 408-292-6207*How is our service? [Please take our short survey.](#)*

From: EMILY WANG <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 7:20 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Gun Control LawYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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In my opinion, I think the new laws on gun control are unjust and unfair. Both the fee and the insurance will not decrease homicide rates by much because it won't stop criminals from still purchasing a gun and the fee is no more than a benefit for you all.

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Fw: Please forward to the San Jose City Council - thank you

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Tue 2/22/2022 12:18 PM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:04 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Fw: Please forward to the San Jose City Council - thank you**Office of the City Clerk | City of San José**200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14th Floor

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From: Dan Van Dine <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 21, 2022 10:47 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Please forward to the San Jose City Council - thank youYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Hello,

Please forward this email to the San Jose City Council.

Dear Council,

I respectfully ask that you discontinue the proposal concerning additional firearm requirements.

I ask you to consider what you are imposing on the law-abiding citizens you represent; laws and regulations should not hinder the law-abiding, rather they should correct the lawbreaker, those that commit immoral acts.

I suggest you instruct your judges and law enforcement to uphold the law already on the books and ensure that the persons that are willing to commit offenses against others do not do so a second time.

Send a message to all the non-law-abiding citizens.

Our forefathers, intended to protect every freedom possible for each law-abiding citizen.

Please continue our heritage of freedom and good morals.

Thank you for your time

Dan Van Dine

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Fw: New policy inquiry

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From: Ian Hawkins <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:39 PM

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

Subject: New policy inquiry

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How on earth are these new gun policies legal within the U.S. constitution? What a failure you folks are to America and everything we represent. You think the criminals are going to pay those fees? You are only punishing and taxing law abiding citizens. Our forefathers would be ashamed of what you turned this country into.

Shame on San Jose,

Ian Hawkins

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Abuse, intimidation, threats and refusal to follow protocol at City meetings

martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>

Tue 2/22/2022 9:59 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>; martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Abuse, intimidation, threats and refusal to follow protocol at City meetings

For the last year, I have noted an increase in members of the public engaging in abusive language, attempted intimidation of the Chair of various meetings, direct threats to Commissioners and/or Council members, yelling, and refusal to stay on the topic for which they have been recognized to speak.

The situation has escalated to the point where a Code of Conduct is now on the screen at Council, Rules, the Housing and Community Development Commission, and other City meetings. The on screen warning states that breach of this Code may result in removal from the meeting.

It is about time that City meetings were taken out of the hands of a small number of people who attend meeting after meeting after meeting and continually engage in abuse, yelling, personal attacks, and refusal to follow standard meeting protocol. The average citizen who wants to participate in their government does not want to have to put up with this anarchy. These meetings have been hijacked by a handful of unruly people.

At the 2-16-22 Rules meeting a demand was made that speakers provide their full names, emails, and phone numbers to other speakers. That would be pure insanity.

I have been threatened in person for statements I have made at Council meetings. I have received emails attacking what I have said in zoom meetings moments after I spoke. **I do not want members of the "abuse squad" attacking me for the content of my speech by phone or email.**

At Rules, when Vice Mayor Chappie Jones attempts to rein in the off topic speakers, they continue to talk and argue with him. They have no respect for standard meeting protocol. As the Chair he has the right to make a ruling and call a speaker to order without being subjected to an argument. They need to be cut off.

Cut them off.

I have been the Chair of two City Commissions. I do not hold these non-paid volunteer positions to be abused and intimidated as a Commission Chair or as a Commissioner.

I need to see the Chair of Rules enforcing the code of conduct. One regular speaker is allowed to personalize his constant lack of adherence to meeting protocol and when called to order, talks directly to, and argues with, the Vice Mayor. He should be cut off after a reminder that "speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body." I add that I have not to that date

heard that particular speaker raise his voice. On 2-16-22 he joined the "raised voice/yelling contingent of the abuse squad."

The City Clerk has been attacked verbally and in writing. She has been told to "shut her mouth." One female Commissioner was ominously warned by a male speaker "you made an enemy. You have an enemy in (name redacted). Every single meeting I see you at, I will do everything.." Cut off by the City Clerk.

The behavior by these few, fully documented in zoom recordings of these meetings, needs to stop. This is not yet a jungle. I, and other citizens, need to see City meetings conducted in a respectful, orderly and non intimidating manner.

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. – Desmond Tutu

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Fw: No Digital Billboards in San Jose

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Wed 2/23/2022 9:56 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:43 AM
To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Fw: No Digital Billboards in San Jose

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From: Lucy Geever <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: No Digital Billboards in San Jose

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Dear Elected Representatives,

I don't want digital billboards in San Jose.
Just say "No Digital Billboards in San Jose."

Thanks to you, your family and staff for your service.
Lucy Geever-Conroy



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Fw: SVLG Sponsors New Housing Bill (AB 2234) to Strengthen Business Competitiveness

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

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Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 8:02 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Fw: SVLG Sponsors New Housing Bill (AB 2234) to Strengthen Business Competitiveness

From: Silicon Valley Leadership Group <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:13 PM

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

Subject: SVLG Sponsors New Housing Bill (AB 2234) to Strengthen Business Competitiveness

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A Message from SVLG CEO Ahmad Thomas Addressing the Region's Housing Crunch

Dear SVLG Members –

I'm pleased to share that SVLG is taking a leadership role on your behalf in tackling the region's housing crisis by sponsoring a major new housing bill, AB 2234, which will modernize the residential building permitting process and reduce costly delays.

If approved, AB 2234 would require:

- Cities to publish a checklist for all applications to be deemed complete by Jan. 1, 2024. The checklist shall contain a sample “ideal application” for reference.
- Permits will be processed online.
- Once an application is deemed complete, permits will be adjudicated in 30 days for projects 25 units and below and 60 days for projects 26 units and above.
- Additional funding for cities and counties that meet their deadlines.
- If a jurisdiction does not process their permits in the timeframes outlined in the legislation it is a violation of the Housing Accountability Act.

SVLG is co-sponsoring the measure with the Housing Action Coalition, which is being co-authored by Assemblymembers Robert Rivas and Tim Grayson.

The 3.5 million-unit housing crunch continues to rank among the most critical challenges we must overcome to sustain the business competitiveness of our state. Under the leadership of SVLG’s VP of Housing and Community Development Vince Rocha, our team worked with key stakeholders to develop a policy solution to standardize the building process once a city or county has approved entitlements for a housing development.

The bill was formally introduced on February 15. You may read the full bill text [here](#).

To learn more about AB 2234 and SVLG’s Housing policy priorities, please contact Vince Rocha at [REDACTED].

We continue to identify, develop and promote solutions to ensure that Silicon Valley remains the best place for our innovative businesses to grow and thrive.

We are here to serve you.

In partnership,

Ahmad Thomas
CEO | Silicon Valley Leadership Group

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