
FW: Preserve St. James Historic District

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/17/2025 8:00 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Jim Frizzell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 5:15 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am a supporter of San Jose's historic neighborhoods. I urge you to deny the proposed amendments affecting the St. James Historic District. These changes threaten the integrity of our historic buildings and community, and could set a precedent that undermines other historic districts across the city.

Preservation is about more than architecture, it is about maintaining the unique character and identity of our city. I ask that you uphold San Jose's General Plan priorities and protect our historic heritage.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving our city's history.

Sincerely,

Jim Frizzell
[REDACTED]

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Bernadette McCann - [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 6:16 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Thank you,

Bernadette McCann
North Willow Glen

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Date Mon 11/17/2025 8:00 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Andrew Nunez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2025 8:02 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Dear San Jose City Council Members,

As a native South Bay resident born in Gilroy and a former student of Saint Joseph's Catholic School, I am a supporter of San Jose's historic neighborhoods. I urge you to reject the proposed amendments that affect **the St. James Historic District**. These changes threaten the integrity of our historic buildings and community, and could set a precedent that undermines other landmark districts across the city. Preservation is about more than architecture; it's about maintaining the unique character and identity of our city. I ask that you **uphold San Jose's General Plan priorities** and protect our historic heritage. Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving our city's history.

Sincerely,

Andrew Nunez [REDACTED] "Do more than belong: participate.
Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget.
Do more than dream: work."

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Beth Berger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2025 9:43 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Sincerely,

Beth Berger

[REDACTED]
Best,
Beth Berger
sent from my iPhone

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/17/2025 8:01 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Stephen and Janet Burchinal [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2025 5:26 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Janet Burchinal
[REDACTED]

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/20/2025 10:18 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Linda Fairfield <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:15 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Linda Fairfield
[REDACTED]

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Catherine Wolfe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:16 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Catherine Wolfe
San Jose 95123

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Matthew Flores <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:15 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Matthew Flores district 2 resident for 48years

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jeanne Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:18 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Jeanne Lewis

Cambrian Park

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/20/2025 10:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Margie Chiechi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:19 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,
Margie Chiechi (born and raised in San Jose)

[Your Name]
[Your Address / Neighborhood]

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/20/2025 10:51 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Otilia Morales [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:49 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Go Well,

Otilia

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Date Thu 11/20/2025 11:05 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Wanda <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:02 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,
Wanda Waldera
[REDACTED]

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/20/2025 12:53 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jennifer Griffin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:10 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Jim Frizzell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:44 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Jim & Nancy Frizzell
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Date Thu 11/20/2025 1:28 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Judith Ann Hodkiewicz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 1:18 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Judy Hodkiewicz
[REDACTED]

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

Date Fri 11/21/2025 10:29 AM

To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Debbie Krumwiede [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:24 AM

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

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address / Neighborhood]

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

Date Fri 11/21/2025 1:08 PM

To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 1:07 PM

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

Subject: Fw: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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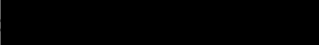
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St. James Park belongs to the people of San José. Adopting this ordinance will finally clear the way for Levitt Pavilion San José, a project 13 years in the making, bringing 50 free, family-friendly concerts and programs that make our park safer, more vibrant, and welcoming to all. This is a long-overdue opportunity to transform St. James Park into the thriving historic treasure our community deserves.

Please act now to adopt the ordinance as recommended and bring this long-awaited vision to life. San José has waited over a decade—let’s make it happen.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

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

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 1:24 PM

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

Subject: Fw: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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From: Andrew Boyle [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 1:15 PM

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Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 2:28 PM

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

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From: Linda Fairfield [REDACTED]

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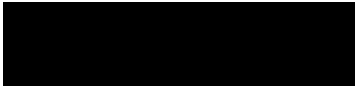
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Sincerely,

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Date Fri 11/21/2025 2:41 PM

To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 2:37 PM

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

Subject: Fw: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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From: Richard Priola [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 2:23 PM

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

Subject: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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From: anniegao [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 2:43 PM

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

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Best,
Annie Gao

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From: Helen Chapman [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 2:46 PM

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

Subject: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 1:51 PM

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

Subject: Fw: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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From: Esther Young [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 1:35 PM

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

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Writer, Musician

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Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 4:15 PM

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FW: Historic Ordinance Amendment Concerns

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Olivia Heir [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 9:13 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@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>
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I urge you to deny the proposed Historic Ordinance "amendments." These changes are much more than a mere amendment and I believe they will make way for actions that will weaken or destroy this City's important historic landmarks and districts - actions that are permanent and which will involve decisions by elected officials in the future who may have different goals than the ones currently in office (just look at the East Wing of the White House). The people of San Jose deserve checks and balances in their local government and safeguards to protect our historic resources.

I am also concerned as we are about 10 days out from the City Council meeting on December 2nd and I have not seen an agenda or other meeting materials available online. I understand 10 days is the City's sunshine policy deadline and not the Brown Act requirement but I do hope the Council is given ample time to review materials and consider the full implications of this ordinance change. The Planning Commission seemed to have limited knowledge of the ordinance changes at their meeting on November 19th and were blatantly biased in their opinions (at the beginning of the public meeting they did disclose that members of the Commission met with an interest group prior to the public meeting).

It is clear that the goal of this ordinance change is to accomplish a specific project but it is going to have permanent, long-term and far-reaching effects.

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Sincerely,
Olivia Heir

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Ellie Youngman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2025 10:00 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Thomas Snyder [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 1:12 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jon Ball <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 8:17 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@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>
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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/24/2025 8:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: ayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 12:36 PM
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Andrew Boyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 8:16 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Andrew Boyle

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Ryan Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 10:55 AM
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Sincerely,

Ryan Smith
[REDACTED] San Jose Native

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/24/2025 10:18 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Otilia Morales <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:14 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:15 AM
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Michelle Waters
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From: Gary Masters [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:40 PM
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Gary W. Masters

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FW: Preserve St. James Historic District

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/24/2025 1:52 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kathryn Magee-Guy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:50 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am a supporter of San Jose's historic neighborhoods, and I urge you to deny the proposed amendments affecting the St. James Historic District. These changes pose a threat to the integrity of our historic buildings and community and could set a precedent that undermines other historic districts throughout the city.

Preservation is about more than just architecture; it is about maintaining the unique character and identity of our city. I ask that you uphold San Jose's General Plan priorities and protect our historic heritage.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving our city's history.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Magee-Guy
[REDACTED]

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: VAC <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:20 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Dear San Jose City Council Members, I am a supporter of San Jose's historic neighborhoods. I urge you to **deny the proposed amendments affecting the St. James Historic District**. These changes threaten the integrity of our historic buildings and community, and could set a precedent that undermines other historic districts across the city. Preservation is about more than architecture, it's about maintaining the unique character and identity of our city. I ask that you **uphold San Jose's General Plan priorities** and protect our historic heritage. Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving our city's history. Sincerely,

Victor Clifford

[REDACTED] Evergreen

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/25/2025 7:04 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Richard Hillebrecht [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:25 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving our city's history.

Sincerely,
Rich from Willow Glen

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FW: Protect San Jose's Historic Districts

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/25/2025 7:04 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Nancy Biagini [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:56 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Protect San Jose's Historic Districts

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Dear San Jose City Mayor & Council Members,

I am a supporter of historic neighborhoods, whether in my neighboring Bay Area cities or my hometown of Santa Clara. I agree with Ben Leech ("*This City amendment would profoundly weaken San Jose's Historic Preservation Ordinance and the 200+ City Landmarks and Landmark Districts it was designed to protect.*").

I urge you to deny the proposed amendments affecting the St. James Historic District, as they are too broad. These changes threaten the integrity of historic buildings and community. Furthermore, I am concerned about setting a precedent that undermines other historic districts across the city. That's a dangerous precedent and a road too far.

There HAS to be a better way - one that works for both the Levitt Foundation and the St Claire Preservation Foundation. I understand we are at this point due to a lawsuit filed by the St Claire Foundation and the over-reaching court order that resulted.

How unfortunate and what a shame! When the adrenaline is flowing, passionate people can sometimes get lost in their own hype. The result (in this case, the court order) makes it worse for both sides - a road travelled too far.

Preservation is about maintaining the unique character and identity of San Jose. I ask that you uphold San Jose's General Plan priorities and protect historic heritage until such time as a mutually agreed upon mediator can fashion a better course of action here with adults from both sides. I'm happy to help. THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY, despite all the years spent so far.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving San Jose's historical properties.

Sincerely,
Nancy Biagini
[REDACTED]

Former Commissioner, City of Santa Clara Historical & Landmarks Commission*
Volunteer, City of Santa Clara Historic Home Tour

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FW: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Offline_Anthony [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:31 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Members of the San José City Council,

I urge you to adopt the proposed update to San José's historic preservation ordinance, unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission on November 19, 2025. This change, required by the Court of Appeal following the 2020 lawsuit by the Sainte Claire Historic Preservation Foundation, ensures that a private, men-only club cannot control decisions about a public park.

St. James Park belongs to the people of San José. Adopting this ordinance will finally clear the way for Levitt Pavilion San José, a project 13 years in the making, bringing 50 free, family-friendly concerts and programs that make our park safer, more vibrant, and welcoming to all. This is a long-overdue opportunity to transform St. James Park into the thriving historic treasure our community deserves.

Please act now to adopt the ordinance as recommended and bring this long-awaited vision to life. San José has waited over a decade—let's make it happen.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Thank you,

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/25/2025 11:56 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Steve Giachetti [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:42 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Giachetti, Amy [REDACTED] District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving our city's history.

Regards,

Steve & Amy Giachetti
Linden Oaks – Willow Glen
[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95125

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Samuel Chuck [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:52 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,

Samuel A. Chuck

[REDACTED]
San Jose Ca 95125

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jeff Diller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:19 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Jeff Diller Yahoo Email <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Preserve St. James Historic District

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Sincerely,

Jeff Diller
[REDACTED]

Atherton, CA 04027

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From: Finn Jenssen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:36 PM
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Sincerely,

[Finn JenssenYour Name]

[REDACTED] San JoseYour Address / Neighborhood]

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/25/2025 3:15 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kim Walesh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 3:13 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Members of the San José City Council,

I strongly encourage you to adopt the proposed update to San Jose's historic preservation ordinance, which was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission on Nov. 19.

This action will clear the way for Levitt Pavilion San Jose, a project that many of us have championed consistently and passionately for more than a decade.

Your action will continue your notable efforts to restore trust that San Jose city government can deliver on significant projects that matter to people.

It will also make a strong statement that St. James Park belongs to the general public—that park use will not be dictated by a men's club that wants the park kept quiet and underutilized.

It's time for everyone to join together to activate and actively manage St. James Park for the benefit of the common good.

My best regards,

Kim Walesh

Downtown resident
Former Deputy City Manager