



# Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
August 25 – September 1, 2022

**DATE:** September 7, 2022

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## **ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD**

### **Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

#### **Letters from the Public**

1. Letter from Martha O'Connell, dated August 30, 2022, regarding: Banning of gas cars.
2. Letter from Carlin Black (J'Carlin), dated August 30, 2022, regarding: 20 mph speed limit in neighborhoods.
3. Letter from Sandra Wallerstein, dated August 31, 2022, regarding: Council meeting, August 23.

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Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**Fw: Banning of gas cars**

Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 8/30/2022 2:08 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:46 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>; martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Banning of gas cars

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for Rules and Open government

August 26, 2022

Bay Area Air Quality Management  
[REDACTED]

RE: Your letter of July 5, 2022 (attached)

Please advise how soon I can expect my check for \$66,997 to buy a new electric car. Please assure me this check from you to me will be tax free.

Your unsolicited offer of \$1,200 for my 1997 Geo Metro is not acceptable. My car has less than 31,000 miles on it (not a typo), has four new tires, a new battery, and a new left front axle. It is in pristine condition.

Beside the \$66,997 for the new electric vehicle, I will need you to pay for the installation of a charging station at my mobilehome in a low to moderate income Senior Park. I will also need a subsidy for the difference in my monthly electric bill.

Looking forward to my check, the charging station installation, and the electric bill subsidy.

Erin go bragh.

Martha O'Connell

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: 20 mph speed limit in neighborhoods**

Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 8/31/2022 8:25 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 8:09 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: 20 mph speed limit in neighborhoods

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**From:** J'Carlin [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 7:12 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** 20 mph speed limit in neighborhoods

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Greetings Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones and councilmembers,

I am visiting my sister in Minneapolis, and on a trip to the store she mentioned that the speed limit in Minneapolis is 20 mph except where posted differently. That is the whole city, not just parts of it. It might be a way to go in San Jose, instead of my proposal for just residential neighborhoods (copied below for reference). Office parks would benefit as well, and the 20mph habit everywhere but arterials and expressways would make it seem normal for drivers. It seems to be here in Minneapolis. It was a very pleasant drive.

My proposal to council on August 15 is below for reference.

Since Covid, in the neighborhoods in San Jose I frequently visit, I have noticed people and children walking, running, using personal mobility devices, and playing in the streets. They simply have taken control of their neighborhood residential streets. In one neighborhood I visit frequently the residents have posted signs "20 is plenty" referring to the speed limit they want. I always set my cruise control at 20 mph to respect their wishes.

It is time that the city of San Jose recognize this reality and adjust the residential speed limit to 20, to discourage excessive speed frequently over 35 mph on these streets.

Thank you for considering these proposals.

Carlin Black



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Carlin Black

Aka J'Carlin

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**Fw: Council meeting, August 23**

Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 8/31/2022 3:02 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:43 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Council meeting, August 23

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From: Sandra Wallerstein &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 2:27 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@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>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Gomez, David <David.Gomez@sanjoseca.gov>; Sandoval, Vanessa <vanessa.sandoval@sanjoseca.gov>; Ramos, Christina M <christina.m.ramos@sanjoseca.gov>; Brown, Stacey <Stacey.Brown@sanjoseca.gov>; Lupercio, Adan <Adan.Lupercio@sanjoseca.gov>; Groen, Mary Anne <maryanne.groen@sanjoseca.gov>; McGarrity, Patrick <Patrick.McGarrity@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Council meeting, August 23

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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to watch last week's meeting via Zoom. It was disappointing!

As a retired teacher serving East San Jose, I am aware of over 47 different immigrant communities. Last night, for over two hours, only one immigrant group spoke. That was not fair to the residents of San Jose. There was almost a complete absence of other viewpoints.

On June 27, New York Justice Ralph Porzio ruled that non-citizen voting was unconstitutional. There have

now been additional rulings. How is it that the Council didn't know this, and proceeded in a very unkind manner to lead these speakers on?

Also, it became aware to me, that the organizers did not themselves have a basic knowledge of civics. States have the right to choose the method of holding elections in their states, and only the California Legislature can make changes regarding this. The United States Constitution is the ultimate authority on who can vote. Any changes must come from an amendment voted on by both houses of Congress.

Wouldn't the time have been better spent on educating the Council and attendees on the legal process of acquiring citizenship, explaining each step, and sharing helpful resources here in San Jose that can assist? How about sharing a list of immigrant attorneys, charities that teach English as a second language, and groups conducting citizenship classes? I imagine that there are even groups that would assist with some legal fees.

Was this deception, ignorance, or hubris? If the Council voted to allow this, the City would be hit by a number of very costly lawsuits.

I appreciated Councilwoman Davis', Councilman Mahan's, and Mayor Liccardo's thoughtful balanced remarks.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Wallerstein

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