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Good morning, Toni -
Forwarding to ensure they were received yesterday.
Thanks so much,
Leah

Leah Toeniskoetter

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San Jose Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Honorable Councilmembers Campos, Candelas, Casey, Cohen, Doan, Kamei, Mulcahy, Ortiz, and Tordillos,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce I'd like to express our support for the following items at Council tomorrow:

- 2.19: Amendment of the San José Municipal Code to Increase the Maximum Administrative Penalties.
- 8.1: 2026 Major Sports Events Update
- 8.2: Support for Long-term Agreements with the Sharks Sports & Entertainment

Comment letters are attached for your consideration. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Kat



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**San Jose
Chamber of Commerce**

August 25, 2025

City of San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113

RE: Item 2.19: Amendment of the San José Municipal Code to Increase the Maximum Administrative Penalties.

Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in strong support of the proposed fee changes to increase penalties on blighted properties, providing incentive for property owners to maintain or redevelop properties swiftly. The Chamber has consistently supported City strategies to address San Jose's pervasive blight problem, particularly from large vacant properties that have become public nuisances and barriers to economic vitality.

We are encouraged by the proposed penalty increases as an important step forward. By raising fees, the City will ensure that property owners are held accountable and motivated to reinvest—unlocking new opportunities for economic development, housing, and community-serving uses.

The Chamber remains committed to partnering with the City to tackle the challenges of blight and vacancy across San Jose. We urge the Council to approve this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO
San Jose Chamber of Commerce