
FW: Letter opposed to Proposed closure of the MLK Library California Room

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Please see attached letter opposing the California Room closure Thank You, Mark Hoag

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Santa Clara CA 95050

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Dear Concerned Legislators and Citizens,

June 5, 2026

My name is Mark Hoag, I live in Santa Clara. As a historian, writer and concerned citizen I am writing to implore you to maintain the necessary budget and staffing to ensure full public access to the wealth of materials contained within the MLK Library's California Room.

During research for my first book, I found the California Room to be indispensable for a diverse cross-section of historical materials. The Directories, Thompson Maps, Aerial Photographs, Extensive collection of books, Old Maps, Period Photographs and Letters all offered unique glimpses and priceless gems of our areas storied history.

A mention needs to also be made for the incredible support staff and their attention to the visiting public. I was constantly amazed by the helpful and engaged manner in which all employees supported my research in every visit to the California Room.

This collection needs continued professional stewardship. I urge you to support its full inclusion in the 2026-27 budget. Historic preservation is an essential element of an educated and socially enriched population. How can we possibly know where we are going if we can't fully comprehend where we've been.

During a recent centennial celebration for our historic neighborhood, my wife and I were amazed by how much we were able to embellish the experience for greater than 160 residents by showing them the real life history garnered from the California Room. A friend from the Burrell Park neighborhood near the Rose Garden had equally rewarding results uncovering history for their very own centennial celebration held the same year. Even Mayor Mahan attended the gathering. What an outstanding way to bring our community together. I Implore You to Keep the California Room Alive it would be very shortsighted to do otherwise.

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Hello City Clerk Office,

Please let us know you received this public comment letter for the upcoming hearing, thanks!

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Raj Jayadev

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June 7, 2026

To: San Jose Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

From: Families of Silicon Valley De-Bug

Re: Written Public Comment for Hearing: 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

We, Silicon Valley De-Bug, are writing this letter regarding the current budget proposals from the Mayor and the City Manager. Specifically, our letter relates to housing, police, and justice system involved individuals. For over two decades now, De-Bug has been active around issues of police accountability, housing, and the justice system because our communities have been directly impacted. Despite the \$56 million shortfall, the Mayor is still calling for a budget that prioritizes policing as a strategy to criminalize, unhouse, and gentrify our community while lining the pockets of housing and tech developers to create a San Jose that belongs to the wealthy. It is a budget that deems those of us who have built San Jose for generations as expendable. We urge the City Council to reject this budget and create one that reflects that all our children can build their families here — not just those who have the dollars to buy it.

Housing

THE CITY'S HOUSING BUDGET IS NOT ENOUGH TO ADDRESS HOUSING INEQUALITY.

De-Bug has long supported San Jose residents who are experiencing homelessness, housing instability and are often at the intersections of the criminal or immigration systems. We have supported tenants dealing with illegal actions of landlords, supported tenants in eviction court and have helped low-income families look for housing opportunities. We have also supported many who were experiencing homelessness including looking for services, advocating for an end to the displacements by sweeps and have supported them to navigate the criminal legal

system often because they are at high risk of police interactions. This has culminated in us starting participatory defense housing meetings where people from San Jose and the broader county come to get support after they receive an eviction notice or support in looking for housing while navigating the city or non-profit developers application processes. Our entry point of assessing the current and historical budget plans of the City of San Jose will always prioritize stopping displacements in any facet and creating an actually affordable San Jose while seeing all residents as belonging with no one being an exception to displacement.

Do not allocate any City budget to be spent on sweeping houseless people and encampments.

A San Jose Mercury News article from February 6th, 2026 had a Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services spokesperson say there had been “more than 2,000 encampment clearings” from February 2025 to February 2026. This is more than 5 sweeps a day for one calendar year alone. Our conservative prediction of each sweep costing about \$10,000 (police, services, trash, labor, etc)

estimates that the City of San Jose spent \$20,000,000 on sweeps in one year. We see no mention of the costs of sweeps labeled as “encampment management and enforcement teams” in the Mahan’s budget message. So we ask the City of San Jose to immediately stop the practice of encampment sweeps and to make public the total cost of sweeps to the City of San Jose. We, at Silicon Valley De-Bug, have submitted a CPRA request asking for the total number of sweeps within Matt Mahan’s tenure since 2023 and a cost-average per sweep. We can not take any conversation around budget cuts and the need to reduce spending seriously until one of the most inhumane practices of this City on it’s most vulnerable population stops and is accounted for.

Do not focus City resources to coddle real estate developers who are operating for-profit housing and making San Jose unaffordable.

Families we support on our weekly participatory defense housing calls join because they are looking for affordable housing, facing evictions or other challenges with their homes. We constantly see people, who would otherwise be stable, have one thing happen in their life that creates the high risk of displacement, often because of unaffordable rents. Folks at highest risk of displacement are low income folks who are renters, elderly, disabled, people of color and families with children - yet the mayor’s message on housing centers the builders, their profits, and their ease of navigating the city process. We have a history in San Jose of creating incentives for for-profit housing developers to come build more housing. This has shown over and over again to not reduce housing costs or the market rate. In fact, we constantly see new developments sit empty either because of unaffordable market-rate rents or building deficiencies because these companies have cut corners, exemplified by the now repurposed, empty high rise on Market Street or the empty high rise near Julian Street in Downtown. Any efforts to make this process easier for multi-million dollar companies is wasted time and resources.

The Ellis Act in particular serves to prevent displacement for the most vulnerable renters and is already a weakened ordinance. We urge the City Manager to include recommendations that include the city playing a larger role supporting preservation through models that promote resident control and have a commitment to antidisplacement and deep affordability.

Nothing within the housing budget message addresses the root cause of homelessness and affordability: an unregulated for-profit housing system.

For San Jose to be “a city where working families can stay, where young people can build a future, and where seniors can age in place” as the mayor says on page 26 of the budget then the city needs approaches that go beyond the market. If increasing housing supply alone really stabilized home prices and increased economic opportunity, we would have housing for all income levels, but our housing system is not designed to ensure everyone is housed - it is designed to maximize profits. The market is a failure.

We do not see any good-faith effort to protect San Jose renters from unaffordable market rates. Protections we wish we would see include a more expansive rent control, funding an indigent defense for those being railroaded through eviction court, and preserving housing. Even our current supportive services for renters often means non-profit or government agencies just paying the unaffordable rent to the landlord in place of the tenant. But what about the next month? This system is designed to fail. And as we are happy to see that some people transitioned into permanent housing, this hyper focus on temporary shelters does not stop the demand for shelters. San Jose residents will continue to become houseless unless the issue of housing inequality and affordability is meaningfully addressed and prioritized.

Policing

WE OPPOSE ANY INCREASE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL.

De-Bug families whose loved ones have been killed by San Jose police oppose any increase in the San Jose Police Department's budget. For years now, these families have been healing, supporting, and organizing with each other through Silicon Valley De-Bug, and have been pushing for accountability for the harm and death of their loved ones. It is in their names that this demand is made.

Funding from diverting calls from 911 to 988 and TRUST should go to youth serving programs, mental health resources and housing, not law enforcement. Alternatives to 911 are increasingly being accessed by the community – more calls are being diverted from police and going to crisis intervention teams like Santa Clara County's TRUST program. Your own data shows that monthly transfers to 988 from 911 increased from 10 to 150. That means calls are being diverted from law enforcement and thus saving lives. We ask the City to analyze the savings from these diverted calls and direct them away from the police department and towards true life-saving needs in our communities that need to be fully resourced.

Pause any continued funding on RTIC and the use of surveillance technology

Over the years, the San Jose Police Department has been increasing its reliance on AI to police, while simultaneously asking for more money for the police department - for wages. These do not make sense.

San Jose Police using mass surveillance technology puts the entire community at risk - whether it's risk of ICE accessing the database, risk of being profiled and targeted, risk of misuse by local police for their own purposes – all of which have been documented. Trusting AI to take over body cam footage translation- in one of the most critical pieces of information in a case – is irresponsible and lends itself to even more mistakes in the justice system. ACLU has documented that this body cam footage translation has led to

AI generated police reports – can only lead to more bias, less transparency, and more errors. It is not enough to just put 'guardrails' on this technology; we should not spend resources on it. **We urge you to reject this proposed pilot program.**

Audit, and then cut, the City Attorney's resources for defending police in misconduct and excessive use of force cases

In January of this year, the City Council approved an \$8 million settlement in the case of K'aun Green, who was shot by police in 2022 for deescalating a situation at La Vic's. It was proven that Officer Mark McNamara who shot him 4 times, was also part of a racist texting scandal that revealed this officer's state of mind as he encounters Black and people of color. Furthermore, McNamara then texted about Mr. Green and his attorneys, saying:

"N— wanted to carry a gun in the Wild West ... Not on my watch" and "They should all be bowing to me and bringing me gifts since I saved a fellow n— by making him rich as f—. Otherwise, he woulda lived a life of poverty and crime."

He was placed in the decertification process in 2023.

Yet, despite City statements including Matt Mahan "denouncing" these racist statements, the City continued to defend McNamara's actions well until 2025.

This \$8 million settlement is one of the largest settlements in San Jose history – the highest one being in 2024 when the City settled with Lionel Ruvalcaba for being wrongly imprisoned for 17 years

where 3 San Jose Police officers fabricated evidence and got witnesses to falsely identify Mr. Ruvalcaba as the shooter in a drive-by that left a man paralyzed.

We've sat in courtrooms watching the City Attorney defend these police actions, and furthermore criminalize and blame the person killed or harmed by police actions, villainize their families and diminish their pain. We've seen the City Attorney hire experts to justify the shootings – including John Black, the 'use of force' expert defending white nationalist Kyle Rittenhouse who shot and killed 2 protestors in Kenosha, WI during a protest against the shooting of unarmed Jacob Blake. We demand that the City audit the City Attorney's office for the costs of defending officers for misconduct and cut those resources.

The Justice System and Prop 36

Direct funding to mental health resources, not the exploratory trip to San Diego to observe Prop 36.

Over the years we have seen the struggles and limitations for treatment alternatives within the justice process but as of recent due to prop 36 which essentially removed funding for the very same programs running to address this issue. Now with even less funding or should we say no funding for treatment options those same issues and some have increased. We now see people waiting for months up to a year or more to get accepted into a program within mental health court. There are not enough beds or capacity to handle all the individuals who have volunteered let alone the people who have been mandated. We will never see the false promise brought by fear mongering through prop 36. The stalling is filling our jails and keeping its population full unnecessarily. If we are serious about stopping homelessness and lowering recidivism,

we must address and provide funding for our loved ones who need and request treatment. We ask that you refer funding from the police department to ensure those with mental needs do not fall through the cracks of our justice system.

**Respectfully,
Silicon Valley De-Bug Families**

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Attached is the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber's letter in support of 3.1. - Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and 2026-2027 Proposed Fees and Charges Report.

Please reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Lennies

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June 7, 2026

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Agenda Item 3.1: Support for Mayor's June Budget Priorities

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce and the diverse business community we represent, thank you for your leadership and thoughtful work developing a balanced budget during a challenging fiscal year.

Businesses throughout San Jose continue to navigate economic uncertainty, rising operating costs, workforce challenges, and changing market conditions. We recognize that the City faces similar pressures as it works to address a significant budget deficit while maintaining the services residents and businesses rely upon. As you finalize the budget, we encourage continued focus on the priorities that will strengthen San Jose's economic future and improve quality of life for residents and employers alike.

First, we support efforts to maintain fiscal discipline and long-term financial sustainability. As difficult choices are made, we encourage the City to prioritize investments that strengthen the local economy, grow the tax base, and reduce future structural budget challenges.

Second, we support continued investments in public safety and neighborhood quality of life. Safe commercial corridors, clean public spaces, and reliable City services are fundamental to business success and community confidence. These investments are essential to attracting customers, employees, visitors, and future investment.

Third, we support the focus on advancement of housing production through streamlined permitting, regulatory improvements, and policies that support new housing opportunities. Addressing housing affordability remains critical to the long-term competitiveness of our region and the ability of employers to attract and retain talent.

Fourth, we support efforts to strengthen San Jose's economy through strategic investments in economic development, tourism, sports and entertainment, downtown activation, and business growth. Major events over the next several years present a unique opportunity to elevate San Jose's profile, generate visitor spending, and create lasting economic benefits for local businesses. Investments that help attract visitors, support convention activity, activate downtown, and improve the overall customer experience should be viewed as investments in future revenue generation.

Fifth, we encourage the City to pursue operational efficiencies, modernization efforts, and technology solutions that improve service delivery and maximize taxpayer value. Before pursuing new taxes or fees that may affect business competitiveness, we encourage continued focus on economic growth, operational effectiveness, and expanding the City's revenue base through job creation and investment.



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Finally, we appreciate that the proposed Mayor's budget does not advance a business tax modernization study at this time. Voters have approved three tax measures in the last eight months, including one with a direct return to the City General Fund. With additional tax measures anticipated on the fall ballot, advancing a study of additional business taxes risks sending the wrong message to employers considering whether to invest, expand, or locate in San Jose.

We believe the City's limited financial and staff resources are better directed toward initiatives that strengthen San Jose's economy and grow the tax base. If the City chooses to dedicate resources toward revenue generation, we encourage a focus on identifying targeted incentives, infrastructure investments, site-readiness improvements, and regulatory reforms that help attract, retain, and expand employers in San Jose.

Growing jobs, investment, and economic activity offers the most sustainable path to strengthening the City's long-term fiscal health and expanding the resources available to fund essential public services.

Thank you for your continued partnership in building a stronger and more prosperous San Jose.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]
Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO

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FW: POSSO's Senior Access and Health Support program.

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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POSSO letter to City of San Jose Mayor and Council Members 06 07 26.pdf; Petition POSSO Frozen Meals client.PDF;

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council Members,

Please see that attached documents.

We at POSSO thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Sincerely,



Mary Bettencourt

Operations Manager

P.O.S.S.O. Portuguese Organization for Social Services and Opportunities

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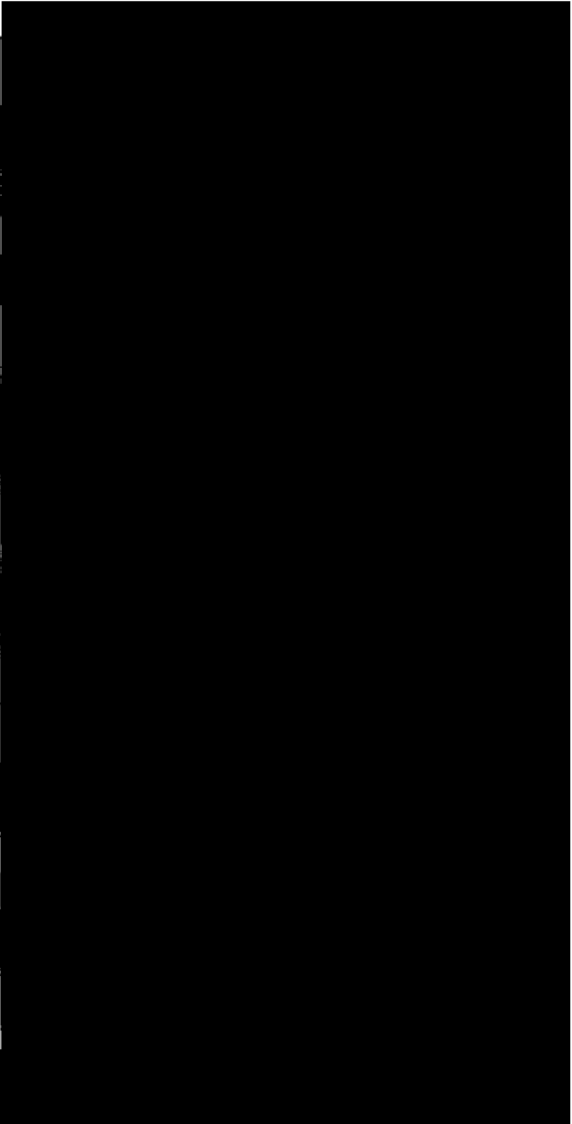
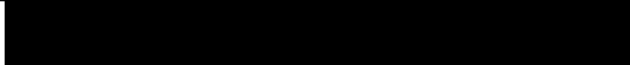
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June 8, 2026

Mayor Matt Mahan

City Council,

City of San Jose

Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

City of San Jose has partnered with POSSO since 1982 to serve the city's most vulnerable residents - low-income seniors. In the Spring of 2024, the City reached out to POSSO and requested that we take over from the Health Trust a frozen meal delivery program for homebound seniors. POSSO ramped up its Senior Access and Health Support program to implement this additional service on July 1, 2024. In fiscal year 2024-25, 35,013 frozen meals were delivered to 309 homebound seniors, and 34,094 have been delivered to 218 seniors through May 30 of this fiscal year, with 90 individuals served during May. We are once again on track to exceed contract goals.

Tragically, we will have to stop delivering these meals on June 30th, as San Jose's funding for POSSO's Senior Access and Health Support program is reduced from last year's \$705,000 to \$364,533 year - a reduction of nearly 50% - for the coming fiscal year. The elimination of this service will increase food insecurity, worsen health outcomes, and heighten the risk of hospitalization, institutionalization, and social isolation among San Jose's most vulnerable residents.

We have informed the frozen meals recipients that we will no longer be able to come to their homes and provide their meals after June 30th due this funding cut. They shared with us the devastating effect this will have on their health and ability to live safely in their own homes. Not only will they lose consistent access to food but also contact with the delivery driver who is too often their only regular social contact - who delivers not only a warm smile and conversation, but also connection to life saving services when needed. They have asked us to tell you and the community how critical this service is to them. Attached is their petition asking for continued funding of this critical service.

We understand the very difficult fiscal decisions you face at this time, and we believe that the needs of our most vulnerable community members need to be prioritized. We request that full funding of POSSO's Senior Access and Health Support program be restored for the coming fiscal year so that together we can continue to care for our homebound seniors. We greatly appreciate our continued partnership. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Emanuel O. de Sousa
Board President

FW: June 08 2026 - City Council Agenda Item 3.1

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 8:04 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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GFS Letter of Support CSJ Agenda Item 3 1.pdf;

From: Mara Martinez-Tavera <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:57 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Veronica Goei <[REDACTED]>

Subject: June 08 2026 - City Council Agenda Item 3.1

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Good morning,

Please find attached a letter of support to fully fund the Children and Youth Services Master Plan demonstration sites through fiscal year 2027 by maintaining the \$1 million funding for the Mayfair/Poco Way and Seven Trees/Santee pilot projects. The letter is submitted on behalf of San Jose Grail Family Services and is signed by our Executive Director, Veronica Goei.

Thank you,
Mara

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Mara Martinez-Tavera (she/her)

Director of Development

Grail Family Services

2003 E. San Antonio St.

San Jose, CA 95116

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June 08, 2026

Office of the City Clerk, City of San José
200 E Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Re: Final Public Hearing, 2026-2027 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and 2026-2027 Proposed Fees and Charges Report

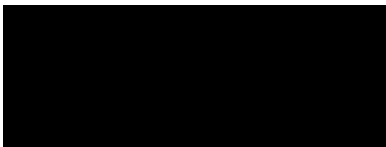
Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of Grail Family Services (GFS), I am writing to share our appreciation for your commitment to the families we serve in East San Jose. Our agency, alongside SOMOS Mayfair, have been leading the Mayfair/Poco Way demonstration pilot site for the Children and Youth Services Master Plan (CYSMP).

Our demonstration site is in active service delivery, supporting residents across multiple tiers of support and connecting them into a single system of care through a true no wrong door model. CYSMP efforts are no longer theoretical; families are walking through our doors and receiving coordinated, cross-system support. Furthermore, we are building the data and evaluation infrastructure needed to track outcomes and strengthen this evidence-based framework, which both the County and City have envisioned for many years. Just as importantly, we are also building trust. In a moment when trust in government institutions can feel fragile, we work alongside families every day to ensure this system feels accessible, culturally responsive, and worthy of their confidence.

We respectfully request the City of San Jose to fully fund the Children and Youth Services Master Plan demonstration sites through fiscal year 2027 by maintaining the \$1 million funding for the Mayfair/Poco Way and Seven Trees/Santee pilot projects. We thank you for your leadership and look forward to continuing to advance pathways of opportunity for our families together.

Sincerely,



Veronica Goei
Executive Director
Grail Family Services

FW: Support the California Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:30 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Martha Wallace <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 5:05 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support the California Room

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This affects the wider Santa Clara County population of historians and genealogists. Please retain the availability of this important resource.

Sincerely,

Martha Wallace, Sunnyvale

Genealogy - So many ancestors...so little time!

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:31 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Ryan H. Smith <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 5:28 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer

<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>

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The California Room is an invaluable resource and one that my students and I have enjoyed visiting and using for research purposes consistently. Cutting the budget for this incredible hub would be to slam the door on the rich history of San Jose, the Bay Area, and California. In many ways for our state, history begins and is written here in San Jose; we have to set the example. Please don't dismiss and neglect that rich and important history - preserve it, fund it, and keep it accessible for the community now and in the future!

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Cheers,

Ryan H. Smith, MFA [he/him]



Screenwriting Competition Program Mgr., [Cinequest Film Festival](#)
Co-founder, [Midnight Chem](#)
Fmr. Managing Editor, [Reed Magazine](#)

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-Hugh Prather

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:32 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Laura Preston-Mobley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 6:59 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1 / California Room - Library Budget

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Sincerely,

Laura Preston-Mobley

District 3

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:32 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Darlene Marshall <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 8:45 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer

<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>

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As a library user and citizen of this great city I'm writing you to urge you to please support the MLK Library's California Room, an incredible civic asset that should be celebrated, not locked away behind closed doors. Budget Addendum #19 proposes a reasonable funding compromise ensuring continued public access and professional stewardship, and I urge you to support its inclusion in the 2026-27 budget. Open access to the California Room is an essential public service that benefits over five thousand students, educators, planners, historians, genealogists, homeowners, developers, and interested citizens a year. Should the California Room be allowed to close, an appointment-based system could limit access to fewer than 300 visits *a year* and leave whole collections of important materials inaccessible. Continued 2026-27 funding, even at a reduced level, can be a bridge to leverage community support for a more sustainable long-term public/private funding model, but only if the California Room remains open and accessible to all.

Sincerely,

James H. Marshall

Willow Glen, District 6

FW: It is essential to keep the California Room of the San Jose Public Library open.

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:32 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: vacarpio <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 9:30 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer

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Please adopt City Librarian Jill Bourne's budget proposal to keep the California Room open at least 2 days a week with 1.5 FTE staff. The public must have access to this priceless collection. Research, the state's history, business resources and student materials are fundamental avenues of information and education for the public.

Thank you,
Virginia Carpio
Assistant City Librarian, Retired

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FW: California Room funding

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:32 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: james rogers <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 9:41 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: California Room funding

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Dear Decision Makers,

Closing the California Room would be a tragedy, denying so many access to valuable research sources. As a member of the Gilroy Historical Society I have visited the California Room and know its importance to all of us. Please support Budget Addendum #19 as a reasonable funding compromise enabling reduced hours.

Connie Rogers, Past President
Gilroy Historical Society

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From: Vivian Kramp <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 1:19 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
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Sincerely,
Vivian Kramp

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FW: PNA Public comments for 6/8/26 Agenda item 3.1 - JBM

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:33 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Mike Kraus <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 6:19 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: District4 <[REDACTED]> Nqo, Stephen <[REDACTED]> Elva Wilson

<[REDACTED]> Erik Sanjj <[REDACTED]> Natalie Lopez

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Reference 1) 6:00pm - Public Hearing, Council Chambers, City Hall, Agenda Item 3.1, Subject: Public Hearing on the 2026 -2027 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2026 - 2027 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José.

Dear County Clerk, City Council, (et al),

Please accept my public comments regarding the above reference (1) city council agenda item. As a community leader in District 4 of the city of San Jose, I have reviewed the Mayor's Memorandum to the City Council, subject: June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and concur with the mayor's city of San Jose budget approach without any modifications. I am pleased to observe that the budget prioritizes safety, security, and the enhancement of the quality of life for San Jose's citizens. Consistent with previous years' budgets, I am pleased to see the emphasis on addressing unsheltered homelessness, improving community cleanliness, and supporting BeautifSJ neighborhood grant programs. Additionally, the budget addresses crime through support for the San Jose Police Department, the construction of new housing units, and the attraction of new businesses to the City of San Jose.

Respectfully,

Michael Kraus

President - Penitencia Neighborhood Association Board of Directors- Berryessa Art Festival Foundation
501(c)3 Nonprofit Corp Member at Large - Berryessa Citizen Advisory Council

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FW: June 8 final hearing, Item 3.1 California Room Library budge

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:33 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: Suzanne Morrone <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 8:15 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maquire, Jennifer

<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill

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I strongly support the memo approving a compromise of reduced public access as stated in MBA #19 but still keeping the California Room open a couple of days a week.

Please vote to approve this memo.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Morrone

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FW: California Room - Library Department Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:33 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Emma Strong Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 11:48 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>
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I write in support of the memorandum submitted by Councilmembers Kamei, Tordillos, and Cohen, proposing a cutback rather than full closure of the California room (item 3.3 6/9 Mtg, File No. 26-682)

The proposed compromise will aid to alleviate my concerns about losing important public access to local history materials while also alleviating concerns about the impact on the city budget.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emma Thomas, lifelong San Jose resident

On May 9, 2026, at 2:36 PM, Emma Strong Thomas <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in the 2026 27 budget. For more than a century, the California Room and its dedicated librarians have preserved the history of San José and Santa Clara Valley through an irreplaceable collection of books, photographs, maps, archives, and historical records

explored by thousands of students, educators, researchers, and community members every year. Closing this invaluable public resource to save just 0.6% of the overall City Library budget would be a devastating and short-sighted decision, especially as San José prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2027. I ask you to protect the California Room, preserve public access to our shared history, and demonstrate that San José values its cultural heritage and civic memory.

Sincerely,

Emma Thomas, D3 Resident N 12th St

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:34 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Andrew Siegler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 2:53 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers,

My name is Andrew Siegler. I'm a resident of District 3, writing for myself and on behalf of my own views alone. This letter is addressed to the Council as a whole, though some of it lands squarely with the Mayor, because this is his budget.

I love this city. That is exactly why this budget is so hard to read. It reads like a document written by people who resent the residents they serve.

I understand you are closing roughly a \$50 million shortfall, and that no version of that is painless. But a budget is a statement of priorities. What you chose to protect, and what you chose to cut, tells the people of San José precisely where they rank. Right now that ranking is an insult. Here is what needs to change.

1. **Fund immigrant support services fully, now, and without strings.** Activate the entire \$1 million for immigrant support services as unrestricted, available funding. Splitting it, half now and half parked in a reserve "in case of emergency," misreads this moment badly. The emergency is not on some distant horizon. It is here. It has been here. Our undocumented neighbors need support today, not on some hypothetical worse day to be named later. Release the full amount.

2. **Stop towing the vehicles people live in.** MBA 20 expands the OLIVE program and points to a rise in tows as evidence of success. Towing someone's home is not a success. So let me ask the questions the memo does not: where did those people go? Did they get outreach, services, a real path to housing? Or did they just sink deeper into debt trying to get their vehicle out of impound? You can count tows. Count what happened to the human beings who were living inside them. If the honest answer is "more instability," then this is not a program working as intended.
3. **Keep the California Room open.** Ending public access to the California Room saves the city roughly \$388,000. That is a rounding error in a \$1.7 billion general fund, and the price is the public's access to the documented history and culture of this valley. Maps, aerial photographs, one of a kind records that students, researchers, city planners, journalists, and ordinary curious residents rely on. When a city government quietly removes public access to its own history to save pocket change, that should embarrass this Council. Find that \$388,000 somewhere that does far less damage. You have much larger line items to examine first.
4. **Restore funding for Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks.** These programs serve our least resourced neighborhoods, the families with the fewest other options for safe, free, public space. Cutting them takes the most from the people who already have the least. Fund them.
5. **Stop pitting us against each other. Do not gut the business-tax study to pay for a watered-down immigrant fund.** Here is where the game shows. That restricted, half-measure immigrant funding is being paid for by cutting the money that would have gone toward studying a business tax. That study could have grown the size of the pie that all of us, every underfunded need in this city, are being forced to fight over. So the move is twofold: hand immigrant families a smaller, hamstrung version of what they actually need, and pay for it by killing the one thing that might have expanded future revenue for everyone. That sets neighbor against neighbor in a fight over scraps, while the wealthiest corporate interests in this city are shielded from even being studied. Residents can see who that serves. A budget that guards billionaire balance sheets while telling immigrant families, library patrons, and park users to scrap over the leftovers does not reflect this city's values.

And the elephant in the room: the police budget.

Policing already commands the single largest share of the general fund, and the department still cannot live within it. Consider the airplane. On September 16, 2025, the Council approved the purchase of a fixed-wing surveillance aircraft for the Police Department, a Daher Kodiak 100 (File 25-977, Item 4.2). The plane alone is \$3.8 million. With equipment, installation, and a contingency, the all-in cost is \$5.1 million. It reached the Council the same week as the revived Mounted Unit. The horses drew public attention and were deferred over the deficit. The aircraft went through.

I will be fair about one thing. The plane is funded through state law-enforcement grants and drug-asset-forfeiture money, not the general fund, so it could not legally have been redirected to the library or to immigrant services. But sit with what that arrangement reveals. This city has dedicated pipelines of money that reliably appear for police surveillance hardware, while \$388,000 to keep the California Room open to the public is treated as unaffordable. And the aircraft's own justification leans on the 2026 World Cup and other major events, which means sustained aerial surveillance over downtown crowds and over the working and immigrant communities this budget is already failing. That is the priority structure I am asking this Council to question.

So here is what I am asking this Council to do:

- Activate the full \$1 million for immigrant support services, unrestricted.
- Halt vehicle tows tied to the OLIVE expansion until you can show what happens to the people displaced.
- Preserve public access to the California Room.
- Restore Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks.
- Keep the business-tax study alive instead of cannibalizing it to fund a gesture.

You can balance this budget without treating the most vulnerable residents of San José as the easiest line items to cut, and without setting us against each other to do it. Show us you know that.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Andrew Siegler (he/they)

Unceded Tamien & Muwekma Ohlone Land | District 3, San Jose, CA

Social Justice Advocate & Organizer



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FW: California Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:34 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Dennis Mattish <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 3:50 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>
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As the author of two San Jose history books (History of San Jose Auto Racing 1903-2007), it saddens me to hear that funding for the California Room in the Martin Luther King Library is in danger. As a local historian I have spent many hours there doing research for my books. Please support the MLK Library's California Room, an incredible civic asset that should be celebrated, not locked away behind closed doors. Budget Addendum #19 proposes a reasonable funding compromise ensuring continued public access and professional stewardship, and I urge you to support its inclusion in the 2026-27 budget. Open access to the California Room is an essential public service that benefits over five thousand students, educators, planners, historians, genealogists, homeowners, developers, and interested citizens a year. Should the California Room be allowed to close, an appointment-based system could limit access to fewer than 300 visits a year and leave whole collections of important materials inaccessible. Continued 2026-27 funding, even at a reduced level, can be a bridge to leverage community support for a more sustainable long-term public/private funding model, but only if the California Room remains open and accessible to all.

Thanks

Dennis Mattish
[REDACTED]

FW: Save the California History Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:34 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Sandy Baily <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 3:54 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Save the California History Room

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Honorable Councilmembers. I strongly encourage you to seriously consider the potential closing of the California History Room. The loss of this amazing resource would be a great detriment not only to the City of San Jose, but to anyone, anywhere who wants to do historical research. I started using this room in the 1970's to research and then write news articles for my high school paper at Leland High School to educate my classmates on the importance and history of Almaden Valley. Later, working as a Town Planner and retiring as the Community Development Director for the Town of Los Gatos, I and our Historic Preservation Committee would use this room to research very specific history that we could not find in our historic records. It is a huge educational tool for the young and old. Please do not let us lose this invaluable resource.

Sandy Baily
Santa Clara County resident

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: John Kostka <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 5:34 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer

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Good afternoon,

As an alumni of the history department at SJSU, and a local history researcher, I am cheered to see that a compromise budget proposal had been advanced by the City Librarian to preserve access to the King Library's California Room, albeit on a limited basis. Even with constraints, maintaining the California room's staffed hours preserves an important resource for students at SJSU and members of the community who're curious about our area's history.

I note that this proposal has not been included in the Mayor's budget message, and I encourage the Council to consider correcting this omission as the budget is finalized. Keeping the California room open to visitors in some form, as a first stop for research, and allows room for the development of more permanent solutions to the problem of preserving access.

Yours,

John C. Kostka
District 3.
SJSU '24

FW: Budget input for funding of immigration services

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:34 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Karen Matsueda <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 4:00 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Budget input for funding of immigration services

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Karen Matsueda and I'm a resident of District 3, and a member of the Rapid Response Network. Thank you for including \$1 million for immigration services in the budget proposal. However, we need to fully allocate these funds to community organizations on the ground doing the work **now**, not direct half of it to a reserve fund. We urge the council to adopt the memo authored by Councilmembers Ortiz, Candelas, Campos, and Casey.

To reduce last year's allocation from \$1M to \$500K available now means that critical services for immigrants will have to be stopped or reduced now. This will negatively impact many vulnerable people, who are relying on these services and programs now. There is enforcement happening now in our city, everyday, which is straining existing resources. With proposed ICE facilities in Gilroy and Dublin, this is **not** the time to cut those services and programs.

San Jose has been greatly impacted by immigration enforcement. There have been times when ICE disappeared ten or more of our residents in a single day. Santa Clara County is experiencing 3 times more detentions than any other county in the Bay Area. San Jose is the most-impacted city in our county, with detentions impacting residents from across 22 zip codes – a stark reminder that no community within the city is insulated. The threat from the federal government has not gone away and our communities still need these services to stay here in this city and united with their families. This funding is not just about legal support, it's about honoring our values and ensuring everyone can thrive.

We're living in uncertain times, and San Jose's most vulnerable immigrant neighbors urgently need these protections. These services are lifelines for families trying to stay safe, stable, and connected to their communities.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue, and I hope you will agree to allocate the full \$1M to immigration organizations **now** so that they have the capacity and time to build up to protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Our immigrant community can't wait

Respectfully,
Karen Matsueda

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"We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond."

-Gwendolyn Brooks

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:34 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Andrew Noonan <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 5:05 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Maguire, Jennifer <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill
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Subject: June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1 / California Room - Library Budget

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Sincerely,
Andrew Noonan

FW: Invest in our future: Save Little Learners Program

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:35 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Chethan N Murthy <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2026 11:35 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Invest in our future: Save Little Learners Program

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Hello Representative,

I have heard the decision on San Jose Little Learners program at Camden community Center is still pending. Please consider my request to retain the program based on my email below.

Really appreciate your time and support.

Best
Chethan

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On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 12:27, Chethan N Murthy [REDACTED] wrote:

Respected Representative of the City of San Jose,

I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining and continuing the Little Learners program in our community.

Early childhood programs like Little Learners play a critical role in shaping not only a child's academic foundation but also their social and emotional development. At a preschool age, children begin to learn how to interact with peers, share, communicate, and navigate group environments. These early social experiences are essential in building confidence, empathy, and cooperation—skills that are just as important as reading and math in long-term success.

Beyond academics, exposure to structured social settings at a young age helps children develop a sense of belonging and community. It teaches them how to respect others, follow shared norms, and resolve conflicts constructively. These are the building blocks of becoming socially and morally responsible individuals later in life.

Investing in early learning programs is not just beneficial for individual families—it is a responsibility of the city to foster a strong, educated, and connected community. Programs like Little Learners help ensure that all children, regardless of background, have access to early developmental opportunities that set them up for future success in school and society. In the long run, this contributes to a more engaged, productive, and responsible population.

Discontinuing such programs risks widening educational and social gaps at a stage when early intervention is most impactful. Keeping Little Learners active demonstrates a commitment to the well-being of families and to the future of our community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and for your continued service to our city. I strongly urge you to support and preserve the Little Learners program. Hoping you will put your best effort in that direction.

Sincerely,
Chethan

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Good morning,

I want to thank Council Member Tordillos and City Librarian Bourne for their work supporting an alternative funding plan for the San Jose Public Library's California Room.

I urge you, Council Member Tordillos, to continue this support at Monday's budget hearing.

I also urge Mayor Mahan to consider Budget Addenda #19, #28, and the 6/5 Kamei Tordillos Cohen memo which propose a reasonable funding compromise ensuring continued public access and professional stewardship, and I urge you to support their inclusion in the 2026 27 budget.

For more than a century, the California Room and its dedicated librarians have preserved the history of San José and Santa Clara Valley through an irreplaceable collection of books, photographs, maps, archives, and historical records explored by thousands of students, educators, researchers, and community members every year.

I have personally seen the many ways in which the California Room benefits San José State's academic mission as well as the broader community, and this depends greatly upon the California Room's ability to offer specialized, dedicated service to the public. To echo what others have certainly said: reducing the room's hours may be an option, but eliminating staff and severely restricting access should not be on the table.

As an officer of the SJSU History Club and active voice in collaborations with the SJSU History Department, I have helped build a relationship with the California Room that enriches students' firsthand experience with history. Our students regularly utilize the rare resources in the California Room for their research and tour the collection to learn about career opportunities connecting the public with history, all made possible via the specialized assistance of the room's librarians. In April, at

my invitation, a California Room librarian (and SJSU alum) even spoke at the Northern California Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference on a panel about history careers.

Looking to the future, the SJSU History Department is excited to bring back its Public History courses starting next Fall, which will provide critical support for students seeking careers that preserve and share history for the next generation. The California Room is one of our go-to connections in making this coursework possible, especially because of its location in our shared library and its experienced staff. The California Room is an invaluable resource to SJSU's History Department, Anthropology Department, and to other members of the SJSU community learning the necessary skills of working with primary sources and archival collections, as well as developing their information literacy and public communication skills. As a bridge between the academic and the public, the California Room is irreplaceable, as are its librarians.

Despite its small physical and financial footprint, the California Room's rich collection and dedicated service also draw thousands of non-student visitors every year, from both the immediate community and beyond San José. In doing my own research there, I have shared the space with a diverse public -- from locals discovering the history of their home to out-of-state researchers digging into some particularity of Santa Clara Valley's past that they can't find anywhere else. The California Room staff always go above and beyond to serve, including with the Retro Tech media digitization program and their public talks and exhibits. Community members who may not otherwise visit the collection have the opportunity to digitize their home media for free, preserving their personal histories and creating connections in a compassionate community space. The talks and exhibits hosted by the California Room also make our community history engaging and accessible, often focusing on underrepresented groups. Again, none of this would be possible without dedicated librarians.

Closing this invaluable public resource to save just 0.6% of the overall City Library budget would be a devastating and short-sighted decision, especially as San José prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2027. I'm sure that the city budget is stretched, and that the money could be used elsewhere, but the California Room is a unique and treasured resource that should not be subject to closure. Having worked with various historical groups in the Bay Area, including other library history centers, I know that funding is hard to come by and, once cut, incredibly difficult to regain. Without the specialized knowledge of a dedicated librarian, much of the history in the collection will effectively be lost.

I ask you to protect the California Room, preserve public access to our shared history, and demonstrate that San José values its cultural heritage and civic memory. It is never the right time to limit community access to history, nor to leave it stewardless. In light of current trends attacking history at the federal level, now is an especially dangerous time to do so. **Please include MBA #19 in the final FY 2026-27 budget so the California Room can remain partially staffed and open to the public.**

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Alona Kostka
District 3, 95112



FW: California Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:36 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Diane Noonan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:16 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: California Room

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Sincerely,
Diane Noonan, Campbell, District 4

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The California Room provides a unique and fabulous historical perspective on our city, that **provides a greater appreciation of San Jose** and the surrounding area. **Please ensure it will continue to be open and available to our community.**

Respectfully,

Josephine Hogan



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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 2:24 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer

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Hello Mayor Mahan, City Leaders and Council Members,

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Sincerely,

Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley

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FW: June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1 / California Room - Library Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:38 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Christopher Manning <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 4:35 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer

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Dear Mayor Mahan, City Manager Maguire, and San Jose City Council Members,

My name is Chris Manning, and I am a student in [REDACTED] Master of Archives and Records Administration program. I also serve as Vice Chairperson for the Santa Clara County Historical Preservation Commission and have been a long time resident of San Jose. I am writing to express my strong personal support for the Martin Luther King Jr. Library's California Room, specifically regarding the need to maintain public access and professional staffing for this vital resource. Budget Addendum #19 offers a practical funding compromise to keep the doors open, and I urge you to support its inclusion in the 2026 2027 budget.

We have already seen the impact of restricted access elsewhere; the Santa Clara County archives are currently available only by appointment. While their staff is excellent, there is no question that these archives are now severely under utilized. The history of our county—one of the most dynamic and influential regions in the country—suffers when its primary sources are locked away. Access by appointment is simply not a substitute for dedicated staffing and open pathways for researchers, educators, and students. Professional staff do more than just monitor a room; they provide expert guidance, institutional knowledge, and essential advocacy that brings history to life for the public. The California Room is more than just a collection of documents, it is a champion for our shared culture and a safeguard for the records of underrepresented groups. By funding the California Room in 2026 2027, even at a reduced level, the City Council provides a necessary bridge for the community to develop a more sustainable long term model. I hope you will strongly consider

supporting Budget Addendum #19 during the final budget hearing on June 8th. In an era where information is often filtered through social media or AI, we cannot afford to limit public access to the authentic, documented history of our community.

Kind Regards,
Chris Manning

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Chris Manning

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FW: Public Comment on Agenda Item 3.1 for June 8 Public Hearing on Proposed Operating Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Georgia Bacil <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 4:45 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the San Jose City Council,

We understand that the City Council will be reviewing the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget as Agenda Item #3.1 at your Public Hearing on June 8, 2026.

We hope to participate in the Public Hearing, but if we are not able to do so we also submit these written comments for Agenda Item #3.1.

Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA) provides free legal services to San Jose residents 60 or older, targeting clients that are low income or at risk of abuse, isolation, or loss of independence.

SALA and seven other agencies are currently funded by San Jose's **Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW)** program. Our OAHW funded agencies serve a broad cross-section of the City's senior population and offer services at Senior Nutrition Program sites that are culturally appropriate, cost-effective, and health and independence promoting.

We want to thank Mayor Mahan for including \$300,000 to sustain Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) funding for 2026-27 in his June 2026 Budget Message. We also want to thank Vice Mayor Foley for her efforts related to this funding restoration in BD #24.

The San Jose Senior Citizens Commission recognized the importance of Older Adult Health and Wellness services in their Budget Priorities Recommendations in MBA #2, where the Commission stated:

“Health and Wellness Grants are part of a vital service offered by PRNS. The Department continues to focus on recreation activities while utilizing partnerships to offer services that are not recreation based. These services, such as legal, health which includes mental health, protection from abuse, and important community resources are vital and support the well-being of older adults in our community.”

We urge the San Jose City Council to support the recommendation to sustain **Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW)** funding in the Mayor’s June 2026 Budget Message.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Bacil
Directing Attorney
Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA)



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FW: Please Fund the California Room library and maintain public access

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:39 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: f [REDACTED] <f [REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 5:12 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please Fund the California Room library and maintain public access

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I am a registered San Jose and Santa Clara County voter for more than 60 years. I implore all city officials to maintain funding for the California Room to remain open to the public at our MLK library.

Even if funding amounts must be reduced in next year's budget, this ever-so-valuable resource needs to be recognized and upheld for use by the citizenry and for the good of the general public welfare.

It is particularly vital at this time when information has become the basic resource of our region's economy - and also central to the existence of democratic government everywhere.

Catherine Aronson

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:40 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Maria Lynch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 7:13 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: June 8 City Council Meeting Agenda Item No. 3.1

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Regards,
Maria Lynch

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From: Maria Lynch <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 7:17 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Regards,

Maria Lynch

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From: Maria Lynch <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 7:21 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Regards

Maria Lynch

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Maria Lynch <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 7:23 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Regards,
Maria Lynch

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:41 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 9:38 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Cc: District9 <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer <[REDACTED]> City Clerk

<[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>

Subject: June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1 / California Room - Library Budget

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Sincerely,

Bill Pfahnl

[REDACTED]
District 9

FW: opinion of a budget cut and misc.

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:41 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: SG Clifford-Aning <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:09 PM
To: District9 <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: opinion of a budget cut and misc.

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Thank you,
Sharon Clifford
District 9 resident

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: SG Clifford-Aning <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 31, 2026 at 9:36:31 PM PDT
To: District <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: opinion of a budget cut and misc.

Hello Councilmember Pam Foley,

I hope you and your staff had a wonderful weekend. I know you had an email that sent out asking if your constituents their opinion for balancing the budget. One disappointing service that our taxes have been paying for quite some time and quite frankly, is a waste of our tax payer dollars, is street sweeping.

Because they use very little water to clean the street, the sweeper just pushes the dirt and debris along the street. For example, just recently the street sweeper pushed smashed oranges in front of our home which we had to clean up. The sweeper also doesn't sweep the gutter where all the dirt is accumulated.

This is one budget cut that I don't believe will be missed.

Thank you,
Sharon Clifford
District 9 resident.

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FW: Council Meeting 6/8/26, Agenda Item 3.1

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:42 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Kathryn Hedges <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 1:00 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2
<[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> District4 <[REDACTED]> District5
<[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> District7 <[REDACTED]> District8
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Subject: Council Meeting 6/8/26, Agenda Item 3.1

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers:

I am a local voter and member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

When I was working on organizing my neighbors in Donner Lofts, I learned that about half our residents were immigrants who primarily spoke Spanish. Some were blue collar workers, some were caregivers, some were service workers, and others were retired or disabled. They just wanted to have a peaceful life like you and I do.

I was very worried when I heard there was an ICE raid at the building and relieved when that turned out to be a false alarm, because ICE doesn't care if someone's a naturalized immigrant, a green card holder, or any other status including citizens. San Jose is home to Mexican families whose ancestors lived here before California became a state but I'm sure all ICE cares about is whether or not they're Brown.

Everyone at City Hall talks a good game about racial equity and how much they care about immigrants. That's why I never expected to hear that San Jose is behind on paying out the promised support to the Rapid Response Network and other immigrant support agencies. **I demand that the City support the Campos, Ortiz, Candelas, and Casey memo and pay the full \$1 million in FY 2026-27 funding up front** because ICE has been quite active and we are now facing the development of a larger regional ICE processing center in Gilroy. They need to be ready to protect our immigrant community against this foreseeable threat, not operating on a skeleton crew without adequate outreach funds.

I have also been following updates about the City continuing to sweep and tow our unhoused neighbors despite their failure to match them with appropriate housing as promised. This is not a drug or crime issue, this is an affordability issue. Rents are too high to afford on disability income, Social Security, or service wages. (Yes, a lot of unhoused people work but still can't afford to move into housing.) People lose their housing when the rent goes up too much or they miss a paycheck or have a sudden emergency expense and they can't find anything else they can afford. **The City needs to track the progress of housing affordability by making affordability a key focus area within its metrics, by supporting the Campos, Ortiz, Doan, Candelas, and Casey memo.**

Additionally, I have long been proud of the resources collected and maintained in the California Room at the downtown MLK Library. **Please support the Kamei, Tordillos, and Cohen memo to restore full funding.** This is a small amount to pay to preserve these valuable historical resources.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hedges



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FW: YES to full allocation of \$1million funding for immigration Services

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:42 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Marjorie Siegel <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:29 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1
<[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> District4
<[REDACTED]> District5 <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> District7
<[REDACTED]> District8 <[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: YES to full allocation of \$1million funding for immigration Services

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Please add my comment to the public record, if possible.

My name is Marjorie Siegel, and I'm a resident of District 8. Thank you to Mayor Mahan for including \$1 million for immigration services in the budget proposal. However, we need to fully allocate these funds to community organizations on the ground doing the work, not directing half of it to a reserve fund. We urge the council to adopt the memo authored by Councilmembers Ortiz, Candelas, Campos, and Casey.

To reduce last year's allocation from \$1M to \$500K available now means that critical services for immigrants will have to be stopped or reduced now. This will negatively impact many vulnerable people, who are relying on these services and programs now. There is enforcement happening now in our city, everyday, which is straining existing resources. With proposed ICE facilities in Gilroy and Dublin, this is not the time to cut those services and programs.

San Jose has been greatly impacted by immigration enforcement. There have been times when ICE disappeared ten or more of our residents in a single day. I have personally witnessed some of these actions as a Rapid Response Network volunteer at their routine ICE check-ins on Blossom Hill Road. Fortunately the RRN was able to notify their loved ones, connect them with legal aide, and provide support to their family. Already stretched too thin, these resources absolutely must continue.

Santa Clara County is experiencing three times more detentions than any other county in the Bay Area. San Jose is the most impacted city in our county, with detentions impacting residents from across 22 zip

codes – a stark reminder that no community within the city is insulated. The threat from the federal government has not gone away and our communities still need these services to stay here in this city and united with their families. This funding is not just about legal support, it's about honoring our values and ensuring everyone can thrive.

We're living in uncertain times, and San Jose's most vulnerable immigrant neighbors urgently need these protections. These services are lifelines for families trying to stay safe, stable, and connected to their communities. History will judge us.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. I urge you to allocate the full \$1M to immigration organizations now so that they have the capacity and time to build up to protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Our immigrant community can't wait

Respectfully,

Marjorie Siegel

San Jose, CA 95135

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FW: Letter of Support: Monday Budget Hearing & Tuesday Action

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:37 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 1:53 PM
To: Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Campos, Pamela <[REDACTED]> Tordillos, Anthony <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter <[REDACTED]> Mulcahy, Michael <[REDACTED]>
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Cc: Maguire, Jennifer <[REDACTED]> Wilcox, Leland <[REDACTED]>
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Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers: Please find the attached letter of support for the June Budget Message. On behalf of SJDA's staff and board, we appreciate passage of the message as presented and thank you for your support of Downtown San Jose. Please be in touch with any questions.

Respectfully,

Brian Kurtz
Chief Executive Officer
San Jose Downtown Association
28 North First Street, Suite 1000
San Jose, CA 95113
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



June 6, 2026

Mayor Mahan & Members of San Jose City Council
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Support of June Budget Message

Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the San Jose City Council:

Downtown San Jose is the economic, cultural, and civic heart of our city, and its continued recovery is essential to San Jose's long-term prosperity. On behalf of the San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA) and our Property and Business Improvement District (PBID) Boards of Directors, I write to express our **strong support for the Mayor's FY 2026-2027 June Budget Message** as presented and to thank you for prioritizing investments that strengthen Downtown and the community it serves.

While Downtown has experienced meaningful momentum in recent years, our recovery remains incomplete. Office occupancy continues to lag pre-pandemic levels, many small businesses continue to operate in a challenging environment, and the success of our urban core depends on sustained public and private investment. The initiatives included in this budget recognize Downtown's role as an economic engine for the entire city and demonstrate a commitment to creating a safer, more welcoming, and more vibrant place for residents, workers, businesses, and visitors.

Stitching Districts - The Stitching Districts initiative is already demonstrating the value of physically and programmatically connecting Downtown's neighborhoods. By improving walkability, activation, and the public realm, the program strengthens safety and the sense of place that supports local businesses and encourages exploration across Downtown. *The City's current \$250,000 investment in Stitching Districts along Sharks Way and adjacent areas was leveraged to invest more than \$1M in private funds towards public space and parks improvement projects.*

Downtown Patron Safety - The proposed pilot of ID scanning technology is a targeted, data-driven approach that will help participating establishments manage disruptive behavior while improving the experience and safety for patrons, employees, and neighboring businesses. SJDA looks forward to partnering with local operators to implement the program and measure its effectiveness.

Downtown Bike Lane Beautification - Beautification and landscaping improvements will ensure these corridors contribute not only to mobility but also to the sense of place, neighborhood pride, and welcoming environment that supports residents, workers, and businesses.

Holiday Ice Skating - This year marks the 30th anniversary of one of San Jose's signature civic traditions. Continued investment in this destination event will bring families, residents, and visitors into the heart of Downtown during the holiday season, supporting local restaurants, retailers, and hotels, and reinforcing Downtown as the region's gathering place.

We also support several additional investments that reinforce Downtown's role as a destination and economic driver:

- Convention Center Free Parking Expansion Pilot - Extending 90-minute free parking to the McEnery Convention Center garage on non-event days is a practical, high-impact strategy that lowers barriers to visiting Downtown and encourages residents and visitors to support local businesses.
- Gateway Enhancements: Strategic wayfinding and placemaking investments help visitors navigate Downtown while reinforcing neighborhood identity and strengthening connections between districts.
- Arena Green Restrooms: Reliable public amenities improve the experience for families, workers, residents, and visitors while supporting one of Downtown's most heavily used public spaces.
- Chopsticks Alley Art: Continued support for local arts organizations enhances the cultural vibrancy that distinguishes Downtown and creates experiences that draw people into the city center.

We further **appreciate and support the Mayor's decision to not advance a business tax modernization study** during this budget cycle and economic climate. Downtown San Jose's business community is composed primarily of small businesses, including restaurants, retailers, service providers, and cultural venues that continue to navigate rising operating costs, inflation, and a post-pandemic recovery that remains uneven. Now is not the time to introduce additional uncertainty for the local small and large businesses that populate our commercial corridors and create the character that makes Downtown unique. It sends the wrong messages and hurts economic development.

Taken together, the investments reflected in the June Budget Message recognize that a strong Downtown benefits every neighborhood in San Jose. By supporting safety, activation, public spaces, arts and culture, and small businesses, this budget advances the shared goal of creating a more vibrant, connected, and economically resilient city center.

SJDA and PBID look forward to continuing our partnership with the City to implement these initiatives and ensure they deliver measurable results for the City and the businesses, property owners, residents, workers, and visitors who make Downtown thrive.

Thank you for your leadership and for prioritizing investments that support the continued success of Downtown San Jose.



Brian Kurtz
Chief Executive Officer

CC: City Manager McGuire
Assistant City Manager Wilcox
City Clerk Taber
Mayor & Council Chiefs of Staff

FW: June 8th City Council Agenda Item 3.1

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 7:45 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Chris Dunlap <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:45 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: June 8th City Council Agenda Item 3.1

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To the Members of the San José City Council:

My name is Christopher Dunlap, and I am a Santa Clara County voter & active member of SURJ Santa Clara County and Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto.

As the county seat of the sixth largest county by GDP in the entire United States, San José must be accountable to all of its residents, housed or unhoused.

And as the county seat of one of America's most vibrant and attractive places to live, San José must offer its residents protection from the egregious overreach of federal immigration enforcement operations. This issue is particularly close to me, as I live and work in communities powered and enlivened by immigrant families who have committed no crime; like any non-Indigenous people in the United States, they or their ancestors came to live the American dream of greater prosperity and peace. May San José's City Council take action to help make sure this dream doesn't become the American nightmare, as it has for so many under an authoritarian president motivated by toxic "White replacement" ideology, directing ICE agents, unaccountable to local or state courts, capable of and willing to murder in service of their profoundly racist and unconscionable "mission."

I urge all members of City Council to **support the Campos, Ortiz, Candelas, Casey Memo** to allocate the full \$1 million to immigration organizations **now** so that they can continue to protect our most vulnerable neighbors from disappearance and family separation. San José must meet this moment with the urgency that it demands; ICE is ramping up operations in Gilroy and Dublin, and three times more Santa Clara County residents have been deported compared with any other county in the Bay Area.

The City of San José has a well-known problem with affordability, and must focus on providing resources to those struggling in tough economic times, **not** punishing people merely struggling

to survive, feed their families, and pay their rent in one of the highest-priced communities in our nation. **The City Council must stop San José's aggressive towing, sweeping, and criminalization of our unhoused neighbors.** This is a racial justice issue in addition to a profound economic justice problem, as the consequences of aggressive overnight parking enforcement, violent sweeps of unhoused encampments, and such actions fall disproportionately on our neighbors of color and those without White privilege. Sadly, San José city leadership and its mayor Matt Mahan have a [terrible track record](#) of going back on their promises to protect our unhoused neighbors; now is a chance to begin to repair the breach.

Tonight, I urge the City Council to allocate the full \$1 million for immigrant support services and to stop aggressive operations against our unhoused neighbors. San José can certainly afford racial and economic justice for its most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

Christopher Dunlap
Mountain View, CA

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FW: June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1 / California Room - Library Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 8:51 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: nancymoff[REDACTED] <nancymoff[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:42 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>
District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]>
District4 <[REDACTED]> District5 <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]>
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District 10 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1 / California Room - Library Budget

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Sincerely,

Nancy Moffett



FW: In Support of California Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 8:51 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Sarah Kishler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:49 AM
To: District5 <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: In Support of California Room

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Dear Mr. Ortiz,

I am a district 5 resident (ZIP Code 95116) and have already written into the city clerk/city council twice to urge everyone to keep the California Room at the MLK Library open and with its current staff in place, as their expertise is part of what makes the California Room a standout resource for the City of San Jose. I understand that tonight is maybe the last chance for public comment on the matter, but as I will be unable to attend, I just wanted to write to you as my District representative to ask for you to support the California Room. I understand each department was asked to propose budget cuts but I sincerely believe this is not the right resource to eliminate. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sarah Kishler, San Jose Resident

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From: **Sarah Kishler** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Jun 1, 2026 at 10:49 PM
Subject: In Support of California Room

To: City of San Jose Mayor's Office <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] >, City Clerk <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
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Hello,

I am an SJPL staff member, but today I am writing to you as a San Jose resident to express my support for keeping the California Room at the MLK Library open to the public with dedicated staff. I was fortunate to listen to California Room librarian Michael Lara speak about the history of Japantown a few days ago, and his passion and knowledge is a treasure. I feel it would be such a shame to remove his expertise from the California Room. California Room staff member Ralph Pearce is another fountain of knowledge who has produced many fascinating writings about the history of San Jose. San Jose residents interested in our city's and state's history are so lucky to have them where they are, and to have the California Room open to visitors who can walk in and explore its amazing collection, with the chance to make serendipitous discoveries that could not be possible by making appointments. Being able to access the help of staff who specifically specialize in these archives is also one of the things that make the San Jose Public Library's main location stand out as truly special.

I agree with the Preservation Action Council of San Jose's statement below. Thank you for taking my thoughts and concerns into your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kishler, San Jose Resident

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FW: California Room - Library Department Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/8/2026 10:02 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Anna Lara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 9:35 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
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Sincerely, Anna Lara District 7

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From: Karen Matsueda <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:43 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: District3 <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Karen Matsueda, from District 3 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

As a proud long-time resident of San Jose, I am deeply invested in our city's vibrancy and in its ability to create a sustainable environment where everyone can thrive — poor and wealthy, people of color and Indigenous people as well as white, young and old, unhoused and housed, immigrant and citizen, vulnerable and powerful. This is not an idealistic motherhood-and-apple-pie wish. It is a rock-solid value I am willing to work and fight for. As we all should be.

Yes, this is about compassion, equity, and belonging — because those are the REQUIRED characteristics of a city that aims not merely to protect its most vulnerable, but to unleash the rich resources that only this diversity of humanity can offer.

To that end, in this budget cycle, I urge you to:

- **Support the Campos, Ortiz, Candelas, Casey Memo** and allocate the full \$1M to immigration organizations now, so they can continue protecting our most vulnerable neighbors. With two large

ICE facilities looming in the South and East Bay, these funds are urgently needed. **Overall**, acknowledging the city's affordability crisis, direct the city's actions toward providing resources — not towing, sweeping, or criminalizing our unhoused neighbors and punishing people struggling to survive.

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- **Support the Campos, Ortiz, Doan, Candelas, Casey Memo** and make affordability a key focus area with clear metrics. In addition, acknowledging the city's affordability crisis, direct the city's actions toward **providing resources — not towing, sweeping, or criminalizing our unhoused neighbors and punishing people** struggling to survive.
- **Support the Kamei, Tordillos, Cohen Memo** and restore funding to the California Room at the MLK Library. Public access to this one-of-a-kind resource is immeasurably valuable — for academic research and for deepening our understanding of our full history and the systems we live in and are working to improve. Funds are tighter than usual this year, but the money saved by shuttering it is a drop in the bucket.

Thank you for continuing to pore through the budget, and for listening intently to the community's priorities.

Regards, Karen Matsueda

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-Gwendolyn Brooks

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From: Teresa Ponikvar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:48 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]>

Cc: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: June 8th City Council Agenda Item 3.1

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Dear Councilmember Kamei,

I am a voter in the unincorporated Burbank neighborhood in midtown San Jose, and a school based therapist at Prospect and Branham High Schools in District 1.

Working in our local public schools with immigrant youth, I see every day the importance of San Jose's programs supporting immigrant families, especially the Rapid Response Network. Families and teens are often both startled and relieved when I let them know that a RRN volunteer can accompany them to court, or that they can call the RRN for free support if a loved one is detained. The existence of the RRN demonstrates our values here in San Jose, and reduces fear and mistrust in our community in these frightening and unpredictable times, making us all safer.

Please support the Campos, Ortiz, Candelas, Casey Memo and allocate the full \$1 million to immigration organizations now, so they can continue to uphold our values and support some of the most vulnerable of our neighbors.

Sincerely,
Teresa Ponikvar, LMFT

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From: Rebekah Jensen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 10:44 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>
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Hello,

My name is Rebekah Jensen and I'm from District 2 in San Jose. I'm very concerned that San Jose isn't living up to its ideals or promises to help all of its residents. Our immigrant residents need protection from ICE and support *when*, not if, their lives are impacted by excessive immigration enforcement. My neighbors live in fear of being taken from their homes and their families put in jeopardy. Please appropriate the full \$1 million for immigration organizations to be available immediately.

We need to focus San Jose's funding on our most vulnerable. That also means prioritizing affordability in our city, not spending money on cleaning up 'blight.' This mainly leads to harassing our unhoused neighbors and pushing them from place to place. This is expensive, fruitless, and inhumane. Just because parking tickets are handed out, that doesn't mean any problems are being solved. San Jose has an affordability crisis and that needs to be addresses with metrics and targeted funding.

Also, restore the funding for the California Room at the MLK Library. Without knowing and understanding San Jose's past, we will not be able to grow into the future that the city promises.

Thank you,
--Rebekah Jensen

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FW: California Room/Addendum #19—June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Lisa A Wangsness <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 1:59 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: California Room/Addendum #19—June 8 Final Hearing Item 3.1

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Dear City Clerk Taber,

As a District 3 constituent and member of San Jose Preservation Action Council, I am writing to urge you to support the MLK Library's **California Room**, a civic asset that should remain accessible to the public, not locked away behind closed doors.

Budget Addendum #19 proposes a reasonable, sustainable funding model for the California Room, a compromise ensuring continued public access and professional stewardship. Continued 2026–27 funding, *even at a reduced level*, can be a bridge to leverage community support for a more sustainable long-term public/private funding model, but only if the California Room remains open.

Please support the inclusion of Addendum #19 in the 2026-27 budget.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wangsness

LWGraphics, *Small Business Proprietor*

District 3

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FW: Support for Preserving Library Services and Funding

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 6/8/2026 2:59 PM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Analyn Esmeralda Bones <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 2:57 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support for Preserving Library Services and Funding

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for preserving funding and services for our public libraries, including the California Room and its invaluable local history collections.

Libraries are far more than places to borrow books. They serve as safe community spaces, educational resources, technology hubs, and support centers for residents of all ages. For many families, students, seniors, and individuals facing economic challenges, libraries provide free access to computers, internet services, educational programs, job resources, cultural activities, and a welcoming place to learn and connect.

The California Room is a particularly important resource, preserving the history, culture, and stories of San Jose and the surrounding region. Researchers, students, artists, genealogists, and community members rely on its archives, photographs, historical documents, and special collections to better understand and celebrate our shared heritage.

At a time when many residents are struggling with the rising cost of living, reducing library services would disproportionately impact those who rely on them the most. Libraries help bridge educational and digital divides while strengthening the fabric of our neighborhoods.

As a community member, I urge the City Council to prioritize and protect library funding during budget discussions. Investing in libraries is an investment in education, opportunity, public safety, cultural preservation, and the long term success of our city.

Please continue to support and preserve these essential community resources for current and future generations.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Analyn Bones
San Jose Resident, Artist, and community advocate

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 1:41 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Public Comment - City Council Meeting June 8. 6pm. Agenda Item Number 3.1

The City of San Jose have allocated millions of dollars to support immigrants and undocumented community members facing ICE enforcement and deportation. We appreciate these investments and the commitment to protecting vulnerable residents.

However, many of the services most needed by Vietnamese and AAPI communities—particularly Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) and Immigration Motions to Reopen (MTR)—have not been adequately included in these funding priorities. Although our communities face the same risks of ICE enforcement and deportation, the existing funding has not adequately served the needs of Vietnamese and AAPI residents.

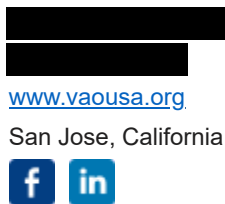
We are submitting the attached advocacy letter, along with signatures from community members and supporters, to offer constructive solutions and respectfully ask that current and future immigration services funding better reflect the needs of all impacted communities and provide equitable access to these critical services.

Sincerely,

Quyen Mai

Founder / Executive Director

Pronouns: (he/him/his)



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To:

Mayor and Members of the San Jose City Council
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Subject: Vietnamese and AAPI Communities Must Not Be Excluded from Immigration Defense Funding

Dear San Jose City Mayor, Councilmembers, and Santa Clara County Supervisors

We write with deep frustration and concern regarding the continued exclusion of Vietnamese and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities from immigration legal defense funding and deportation defense investments in Santa Clara County.

Vietnamese and AAPI immigrants are also directly impacted by harsh federal immigration enforcement policies. Families in our communities continue to face ICE enforcement, detention, deportation, and family separation. Many residents and refugees remain vulnerable to removal proceedings, often without meaningful access to legal representation or culturally competent support services.

We recognize that the City of San Jose has proposed preserving approximately \$1 million for immigration-related services and that the County of Santa Clara has allocated more than \$6 million toward immigration support efforts.

However, despite these significant public investments, little to none of these resources appear to be directed toward the legal services most urgently needed within Vietnamese and AAPI communities — particularly post-conviction relief (PCR) and immigration motions to reopen (MTR).

Our concern is not whether funding exists — it clearly does. Our concern is that available funding has not been allocated in a way that adequately serves all impacted communities, including Vietnamese and AAPI residents facing deportation risks and immigration-related legal barriers.

True equity is not simply about announcing funding amounts. It is about ensuring those investments actually reach underserved communities with the greatest unmet needs.

Vietnamese and AAPI immigrants continue to face additional barriers navigating the legal system due to language access challenges, cultural stigma, insufficient community engagement, and underinvestment in trusted community-based support systems.

Yet despite these realities, Vietnamese and AAPI communities continue to remain largely absent from immigration defense funding priorities.

This is systemic inequity happening in our own backyard.

We urge the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara to immediately allocate available immigration services funding toward the following critical services:

1. Dedicated Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) Attorney Positions.

Fund at least:

- One attorney position within the Public Defender's Office focused on post-conviction relief services for immigrants facing deportation consequences tied to prior convictions; and
- One attorney position within the District Attorney's Office to review immigration-related cases and support equitable post-conviction outcomes.

2. Dedicated Immigration Motion to Reopen / Deportation Defense Attorney

Fund at least:

- One attorney position within the Public Defender's Office or through a qualified nonprofit organization dedicated to immigration motions to reopen.

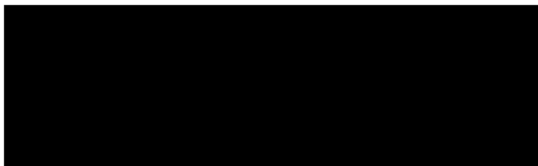
For many immigrants, post-conviction relief is the only realistic pathway to prevent deportation, preserve family unity, and correct past legal injustices. Many impacted individuals were never properly advised of the immigration consequences tied to their cases, lacked effective legal representation, or entered removal proceedings without fully understanding their legal rights or available relief options.

The City and County cannot continue claiming commitment to equity while entire impacted communities remain excluded from immigration defense investments and legal support infrastructure.

Vietnamese and AAPI immigrant communities deserve equal access to legal protection, equal investment in culturally competent services, and equal inclusion in immigration defense efforts.

We respectfully urge immediate action to address these disparities and ensure immigration defense funding adequately serves all impacted communities.

Sincerely,



Quyen Mai, Executive Director

VAO | Vietnamese American Organization

Community member and supporter signatures attached.



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Aa Title

Dung Nhan

Sale associated

Cang Le

Software Engineer

Katie Ngo

Registered nurse

Triet Minh Huynh

Student

Joshua Thinh Huynh

Supporter

Kim Hong Thi Le-Ewig

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Aiden Bui

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A Parent & a nursing student

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	Quoc nguyen	Business owner
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	Tu T Nguyen	Supporter
	Nhan Tri Nguyen	Supporter
	Thi pham	N/A
	NGOC-DIEM NGUYEN	Supporter

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 Full Name:

 Title

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