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October 26, 2020

Mayor Sam Liccardo
Members of the San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of a memo by Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas, Magdalena Carrasco, Maya Esparza, Raul Peralez, and Sergio Jimenez, as agendized on October 27 council meeting, in response to Mayor Sam Liccardo's Redistricting Commission proposed changes.

The Mayor's memo would silence the voices of our community, by banning direct community outreach and engagement by redistricting commissioners, while failing to make sure there is extensive formal community participation.

These changes should be vetted by the community and allow residents to weigh in as to whether or not the proposal would benefit San Jose City. It is critical that we focus on getting the 2020 redistricting done correctly and changes to how the Commission operate should be thoroughly assessed and not rushed through.

Please vote for the Councilmembers' memo that prioritizes transparency and community outreach. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kansen Chu".

KANSEN CHU
Assemblymember, 25th District