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Fri 6/19/2020 2:30 PM

Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.,

To speak to city budget issues.

While I fully agree, with the need, to bridge the digital divide. And with some ideas, of digital inclusion.

The ideas, of more open and responsible, surveillance & data collection practices, and overall minimal use policies - simply has to become, a more regular dialogue, in the future of tech. in San Jose.

These are the ideas, of more open and transparent, local democratic practices.

And that, are meant to ask, how to leave, 20 years of u.s. continual war, and it's shock doctrine, disaster capitalism practices.

Good tech. accountability practices, at the local level, at this time, can help open up, many important concepts

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including, human rights, civil protections, health & safety concerns, and the initial idealism, of equity and equality.

To practice & teach ideas, of good public policy, and civil protections, is relatively low cost, to a city budget.

Yet, it gives lifelong lessons, in community, and good democratic practices.

These are vibrant, good minded examples, of innovation, sustainability, and peace, that should be able, to walk hand-in-hand, with the future of technology needs, of a community.

Yet, current San Jose digital inclusion, and its technology ideas, continually eschew & exclude, the language & good purpose, of more open, public practices.

sincerely,
blair beekman

6/23 council mtg agenda item 3.3

MacKenzie DeLoren

Mon 6/22/2020 8:14 PM

Dear Councilperson,

I write today as concerned citizen who was gravely saddened to see that the city's budget passed last week without reallocation of any police funds to community support programs.

Our houseless population has increased by 42% in the last two years and is facing another massive increase as the threat of eviction looms for many of us in our city. Protections from eviction are set to expire on July 31, and we have funds from the CARES Act that could go to towards a 'consumer grant fund' but City Manager David Sykes has misguidedly recommended millions of those dollars go to the police. Our police are beyond well-enough funded. Our most vulnerable are not. With COVID-19 still a very real and deadly threat, we need to keep people in their homes. Using this money to protect against evictions will protect our essential workers and our healthcare staff from increased COVID spread, and will prevent increases in COVID cases in our correctional facilities and our homeless encampments.

The people of San Jose demand that this money be used for the public good in the form of eviction protections via a consumer grant fund.

Respectfully,

MacKenzie DeLoren

Agenda Item 3.3: Direct CARES Act funding to a consumer grant program to prevent eviction & homelessness

Linda Hutchins-Knowles

Tue 6/23/2020 8:58 AM

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and City Council Members Jimenez, Peralez, Diep, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Khamis,

I'm reaching out to you as a new volunteer with Showing Up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart Community Service. I'm also the co-founder of Mothers Out Front South Bay and a 20-year resident of San José.

As a parent, I want my children—and all children—to live in a world with equity and justice for all. As a white person, it is my responsibility to throw my full weight into dismantling the system of white supremacy from which I, and every other white American, benefit.

As a City, we will only thrive when ALL of our residents thrive. For our residents of color and low-income residents to thrive, we need to invest resources into the communities who have been underserved for decades. During these challenging times, it's essential to re-invest much of the budget allocated for police into community wellbeing.

Therefore, I join with thousands of residents in demanding that our CARES Act funding go—not to the police department—but to house renters on the brink of eviction and to help other San Joseans who are struggling. We should use the CARES Act to fund a 'consumer grant program' to prevent eviction and homelessness. Given that community organizations and families have already called for rent forgiveness, these funds should directly go to tenants who are at the brink of homelessness when the eviction moratorium expires on July 31.

I will end by saying their names: Rudy Cardenas, Richard Harpo Jacquez, Jacob Dominguez, Antonio Guzman Lopez, Richard Lua, Isai Lopez, Jesus Geney Montes, Anthony Nunez, Daniel Pham, Aaron James Phillips, Steve Salinas, Diana Showman, Cau Bich Tran, Phillip Watkins, Jennifer Vasquez.

For these lives and the lives of others taken by San Jose police, who are not keeping all of us safe, I ask for real community-driven solutions to re-imagine what care, justice and equity can look like in San Jose. Please ensure that our budget reflects our deepest priorities by directing CARES Act funding to those who need it the most, so that our City can truly thrive—and so that our children's destiny will be shaped by the content of their character, not the color of their skin.

Thank you,

Linda

Linda Hutchins-Knowles
California Senior Organizer
Mothers Out Front
Pronouns: She/her/hers
www.mothersoutfront.org

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**In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist.
We must be anti-racist.”
-Angela Davis**

From: Nancy Magee

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:22 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Diep, Lan <lan.diep@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Khamis, Johnny <johnny.khamis@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Support for Councilmember Arenas' Memo - Item 3.3

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Nancy and I live in Los Gatos. I'm writing today to urge you to approve the memo proposed by Councilmember Arenas.

It's time the City makes a real and significant investment in addressing the racial inequities that exist in San Jose today. Poverty, health, and police brutality all disproportionately impact communities of color. If the City really wants to address these issues, there needs to be enough of a funding commitment from the Mayor and City Council to get to the root of the problem.

Thank you,
Nancy Mager

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jennifer Myhre
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:46 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.3--public comment

I teach primarily working class students at one of our local community colleges and I am a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart. According to the Mercury News, even before the COVID-19 crisis began, "About 77 percent of black residents and 43 percent of Latinos had less than \$400 in savings compared to 18 percent of white and 11 percent of Asian residents surveyed." Black and brown folks are facing disproportionate impacts both in terms of health and mortality and in terms of economic vulnerability during the COVID-19 crisis. Whether we look at the disproportionate number of deaths from COVID-19 among communities of color, the disproportionate economic devastation of the stay-at-home orders, or the fact that even a global pandemic can't slow the rate of white cops and white people killing unarmed black people, these facts are united by the reality of whose lives are treated as DISPOSABLE in our nation.

From the list of those who have been killed by SJPD to the recent violence perpetrated by SJPD on people engaging in their constitutional right to freedom of assembly, it's clear that the SJPD isn't keeping people safe. For the lives of those taken by law enforcement in San Jose, we demand real community-driven solutions to re-imagine what care and justice looks like in San Jose. During these challenging times, we need to re-invest the budget allocated for police into community wellbeing.

City Manager David Sykes, recommended that millions of dollars from the CARES ACT go to the police department. The people of San Jose **demand that that funding go to renters on the brink of eviction and help the struggling people of San Jose.** The CARES Act can fund a 'consumer grant program' to prevent eviction and homelessness, and given that community organizations and families have already called for rent forgiveness, these funds should directly go to tenants who are at the brink of homelessness when the eviction moratorium sets to expire on 07/31/20.

Thank you for your time and attention.

From: Amity Bateman
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:03 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda item 3.3 -- CARES Act allocation

Hello:

City Manager David Sykes recommended that millions of dollars from the CARES ACT go to the police department. The people of San Jose demand that this funding go to renters on the brink of eviction and help the struggling people of San Jose. The CARES Act can fund a ‘consumer grant program’ to prevent eviction and homelessness, and given that community organizations and families have already called for rent forgiveness, these funds should directly go to tenants who are at the brink of homelessness when the eviction moratorium sets to expire on 07/31/20.

It’s clear that the SJPD isn’t keeping people safe. During these challenging times, we need to re-invest the budget allocated for police into community wellbeing. We demand real community-driven solutions to re-imagine what care and justice looks like in San Jose.

Thank you,
Amity Bateman
San Jose