



# Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
May 30 – June 6, 2024

**DATE:** June 12, 2024

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## ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

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- 1-28. Letters from 28 members of the public, dated May 31 – June 4, 2024, regarding: statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site.
- 29-48. Letters from 20 members of the public, dated May 31 – June 4, 2024, regarding: Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings.
- 49-78. Letters from 30 members of the public, dated May 31 – June 4, 2024, regarding: Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland.
- 79. Letter from Carol Valentine, dated June 6, 2024, regarding: Please consider making gun storage safer.

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**FW: Matthew Burrows 94019 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site**

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Fri 5/31/2024 9:07 AM

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

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Matthew Burrows  
94019

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95112

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Michael Gokey  
95137 [REDACTED]

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***While it is within the city's purview to build a massive quantity of homes at this site, to protect the surrounding neighborhoods and their existing quality of life, it is requested that the overall quantity of new homes, at this site, not exceed 300% increase in density over that of the surrounding neighborhoods within a 1 mile radius of the site.***

Michael Gabler  
95148

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***Flint Avenue is a 2 lane road. How will having so many cars from the new homes affect this area? We also need more green space and a community center near us. All the community centers are a drive away and not walkable. We need bike lanes too in this area to encourage biking. This area also needs tons of trees.***

Heidi Boyd  
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**FW: Ilesha Bayona 95125 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 5/31/2024 1:52 PM

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

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**From:** District 5 United <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 10:26 AM  
**To:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ilesha Bayona 95125 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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Ilesha Bayona  
95125

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***Safe spaces for mobile home park***

Rachel Grocha Welch  
95128

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Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/3/2024 1:02 PM

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**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:41 AM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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***We need more green spaces.***

***Make it an addition to Cunningham Park.***

Steve Robles

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***I want free space***

Ernesto Martinez

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**Fw: ANN JEGHERS 95119 1904 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site**

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**From:** District 5 United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Saturday, June 1, 2024 3:54 PM**To:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]**Subject:** ANN JEGHERS 95119- [REDACTED] - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:43 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Kelly Johnson 95121 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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**Fw: Davide Vieira 95116 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site**

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**Sent:** Saturday, June 1, 2024 6:08 PM

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***This is a rare opportunity to build a self-contained, self supporting village.***

Davide Vieira

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***I am a member of Catalyze SV, and although I don't represent them officially, I believe that the goals of this petition are consistent with our values.***

Kathryn Hedges  
95112

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**Fw: Silviu Stoian 95148 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:06 PM

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

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***Leave this area as it is; no more housing development, which creates crowded roads, pollution and strains the water resources***

Silviu Stoian

95148

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***The EastSide has been a step child for so many years. Now is the time and the opportunity to bring a little equality to this section of the city. Multiple needs can be met with this opportunity. Don't short change this area again.***

Robert Pedretti  
95125

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***No to all development. We have very very little open space left. Leave it alone. New York City has more dedicated open space/parks than we can even dream of. No development . No Housing. No anything. Leave it as open space. Our wildlife has no where to live. Leave some land alone, we don't need to develop every in of open space.***

Jean Kaelin

95112

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Kathleen Budros

95148

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Tue 6/4/2024 2:59 PM

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***I am thoroughly disgusted by what is happening in San Jose'/Santa Clara County!***

***Use the land for food!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Use the vacated & empty buildings downtown to house the homeless & help them get on their feet!!! San Jose' is PARK POOR & HAS BEEN IN THE 62 YEARS i'VE LIVED HERE!! Use some of the land for parks. All of the above will make San Jose' a much SAFER/HAPPIER/HEALTHIER PLACE TO LIVE!!!!!!!!!!!! STOP GIVING OUR MONEY TO THE BIG CORPS/PG&E/SAN JOSE WATER/SAN JOSE' GARBAGE!! WE ARE BEING TAXED/DROWN/ELECTRIFIED & GASSED TO DEATH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

Reverend Stephanie Bisceglia  
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**FW: Gustave Meyner 95127 Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 5/31/2024 9:01 AM

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

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**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 3:18 AM  
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City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 5/31/2024 9:07 AM

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

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Fri 5/31/2024 9:31 AM

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

Mon 6/3/2024 12:29 PM

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

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Mon 6/3/2024 12:33 PM

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

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**From:** District 5 United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Saturday, June 1, 2024 3:41 PM**To:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]**Subject:** Michelle Rose 95112-1865 - Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings

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Mon 6/3/2024 12:34 PM

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

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Mon 6/3/2024 12:34 PM

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Mon 6/3/2024 12:47 PM

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

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Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/3/2024 12:47 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:43 AM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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***those over 70 deserve the chance to voice their***

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***items discussed and voted on by the Council throughout***

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***deny us participation in our City's political decisions.***

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***All of the organizations I am a member of denounced the loss of public comment for the reasons listed here. That includes SURJ, RECS, and Catalyze SV.***

Kathryn Hedges

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***Give the people of this east side community a voice to vote on what we want in place at the old golf course***

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***It is vital that you maintain the virtual public comment as many people have limited resources and limited phy abilities to trek to City Hall. Do you want the communities input or not?***

Lupe Friez

95112

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**Fw: richard Stewart 95112 Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 12:54 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:46 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: richard Stewart 95112 - Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings

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***Richard Stewart***

richard Stewart

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***People who are older and with disabilities must be heard. ZOOM is the only way they can participate. Don't shut off this lifeline.***

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***Let us think of our teenagers as we look to plan, our teenagers need fun but wholesome activities.***

***Some Ideas:***

***Large wood working shop where they may create and learn a skill, a maker space to promote entrepreneurship, Ice rink an indoor riding facility etc.***

***Thank you for considering.***

Catherine Boe

95127

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**Fw: Karen Matsueda 95112 Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings**

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

Wed 6/5/2024 8:38 AM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 7:57 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Karen Matsueda 95112 - Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings

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**FW: Mike Beggs 95112 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 5/31/2024 3:55 PM

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

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**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 3:27 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mike Beggs 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 5/31/2024 9:07 AM

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

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City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**Subject:** Alie Victorine 95111 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Many neighborhoods are working to establish parks in their community or they use an area as a park, although it isn't necessarily dedicated or improved. The definition needs to protect and honor these spaces, especially since many underserved communities historically were not built with parks in mind.

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**FW: Michael Gokey 95127 3044 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 5/31/2024 9:07 AM

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**Subject:** Michael Gokey 95127-3044 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**FW: julie cano 95127 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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We need more open space and more parks for our children and our environment.

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**FW: Gary Gilroy 95148 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site**

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Gary Gilroy  
95148

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**FW: Christine azzopardi 95127 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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**Subject:** Christine azzopardi 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**FW: Samuel Carrasco 95127 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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**FW: Ron Miller 95135 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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**Protect Our Parks.**

Sincerely,  
Ron Miller  
95135

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**Fw: DAVID ANTHONY ROSA 95112 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:17 PM

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

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**Fw: Michelle Rose 95112 1865 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:18 PM

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

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Sincerely,

Michelle Rose

95112 1865

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**Fw: ANN JEGHERS 95119 1904 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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Mon 6/3/2024 1:21 PM

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

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ANN JEGHERS

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Mon 6/3/2024 1:21 PM

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

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:21 PM

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

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

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**Fw: Silviu Stoian 95148 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:19 PM

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

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**Fw: Katja Irvin 95116 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:20 PM

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**Fw: Thomas Carlino 95117 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:20 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:45 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Thomas Carlino 95117 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Mon 6/3/2024 1:20 PM

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:20 PM

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

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:20 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:46 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Kathleen Budros 95148 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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The importance of city parks cannot be overstated. Places for people of all ages to enjoy outdoor activities together is essential to the health and well being of individuals, the community as a whole, and to the betterment of all society. People are happier and healthier when they can spend time in a community setting of trees, plants, birds, walking paths, benches, and ponds. A city the size of San Jose needs and deserves a park on the scale of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco or Central Park in NYC. We just need the vision and determination of our City leaders to make it happen.

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**Fw: David Wilde 95130 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:21 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:46 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: David Wilde 95130 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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

Mon 6/3/2024 1:21 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 7:47 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Lupe Friez 95112 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**Fw: alice nguyen 95136 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland**

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

Tue 6/4/2024 12:32 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 12:21 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: alice nguyen 95136 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**From:** San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 12:06 PM**To:** [REDACTED] District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]**Subject:** alice nguyen 95136 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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**Fw: Karen Matsueda 95112 Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings**

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

Wed 6/5/2024 8:38 AM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 7:57 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Karen Matsueda 95112 - Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings

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**From:** District 5 United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 5:46 PM**To:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]**Subject:** Karen Matsueda 95112 - Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings

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Dear Mayor Mahan and San José City Council,

I ask you to rise to the challenge rather than cave to bullies intent on stifling the input of disadvantaged communities. The City needs to immediately restore virtual public comment for all City Council, Committee, and Commission meetings.

It is clear there is an effort to silence members of disadvantaged communities. Many residents rely on being able to provide virtual public comment due to reasons of disability, health, work schedules, parenting and other demands of modern life. The strategy appears to be to engage in racist and hateful speech in order to bully the Council into eliminating virtual public comment. The bullies scored a victory when the Council decided to eliminate this option without first seeking community input and not at the bequest from community members.

By eliminating remote access on the heels of restricting access to the council chambers in December, San José has fallen from a model of good government dedicated to promoting civic participation to a city displaying troubling behavior and giving the impression that hearing from its residents is a bother. We agree that the comments of a few bad actors are vile and have no place in a community meeting. Rather than using racist and hateful speech as an excuse to cut off community participation and hamper people's First Amendment right to petition their government, however, the City should rise to the challenge of finding solutions to preserve access for everyone while continuing to facilitate public comment by providing a virtual option.

Ending the process of remote participation, is to deny a large segment of the community the opportunity to participate in our democratic process. Some examples include:

-- Disabled residents who rely on technology to speak, or who otherwise have to arrange rides with

Paratransit.

Immunocompromised residents who take on unnecessary risks to their health by spending hours in a packed room.

Working people without the ability to arrange their schedules around hours long council meetings.

Parents with small children who can't take time off to attend City meetings.

For example, budget season is the most critical time of year for civic engagement. The ban on remote comments means the people most in need of an equitable city budget will be sidelined throughout the process.

The possibility that the ban on remote comments might only last months is no comfort to those who wish to comment on current City Council, Committee and Commission matters in order to ensure that quality of life in San Jose is maximized. I ask that you immediately restore virtual public comment to ensure that you and the City once again benefit from the voices silenced by your recent decision.

Karen Matsueda

95112

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**Fw: Please consider making gun storage safer**

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

Thu 6/6/2024 9:22 AM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 7:42 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Please consider making gun storage safer

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Unlike many neighboring cities, San Jose's regulation for safe gun storage only requires safe storage when adults are away from home. I know from my own childhood memories that I was curious and explored whether or not my parents were home. I believe that childhood accidents with guns could be better prevented if our City's safe gun storage could be expanded to safe storage at all times. I hope our City Council will look at this regulation and consider improving it.

Carol Valentine [REDACTED]

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