



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
February 22, 2024 – February 29, 2024

DATE: March 6, 2024

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public

- 1-8. Letters from 8 members of the public, dated February 22–29, 2024, regarding: Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland.
9. Letter from Randol White, dated February 23, 2024, regarding: NEWS: New Rider Code of Conduct policy to be presented at SamTrans Citizens Advisory Committee.
10. Letter from Glenna Howcroft, dated February 24, 2024, regarding: Bring Our Voices Back on Zoom.
- 11-13. Letters from 3 members of the public, dated February 26, 2024 regarding: 2/20/24 Council meeting.
- 14-18. Letters from 5 members of the public, dated February 27–28, 2024 regarding: Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings.
- 19-26. Letters from 8 members of the public, dated February 26–28, 2024, regarding: statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site.
- 27-28. Letters from 2 members of the public, dated February 26, 2024, regarding: Ban City Sponsored Travel to Israel.
29. Letter from Hayley Currier, dated February 26, 2024, regarding: Protect parks in city budget.

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30. Letter from Anh Vo, dated February 28, 2024, regarding: Planting More Trees in San Jose for a Greener Future.



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FW: Mary F Valderrama 95127 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Fri 2/23/2024 9:03 AM

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

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 4:58 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>
Subject: Mary F Valderrama 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Please protect our parks, especially in east San Jose.

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Fw: RONNIE JESUS RACCA DIRECTO 95116 Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/26/2024 12:54 PM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 12:43 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: RONNIE JESUS RACCA DIRECTO 95116 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 12:16 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>**Subject:** RONNIE JESUS RACCA DIRECTO 95116 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 6:08 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>**Subject:** Ricardo R Chavez 95127 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Thank you in advance for providing more parks and open spaces for our communities.

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Tue 2/27/2024 1:09 PM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 12:56 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Arlene Favila 95148 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 11:23 AM**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>**Subject:** Arlene Favila 95148 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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The eastside offers beautiful scenery in all of the parks and greenspaces in the area.

PLEASE PROTECT OUR PARKS!!

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Thu 2/29/2024 8:56 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:11 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: alice nguyen 95136 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:49 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>**Subject:** alice nguyen 95136 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:09 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: kelly lanspa 95120 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:51 AM**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>**Subject:** kelly lanspa 95120 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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From: San Jose United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:52 AM**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>**Subject:** hugh scollan 95120 - Protect Our Parks: Definition of Chartered Parkland

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Media Contact: Randol White, [REDACTED]

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SamTrans staff will present a new draft Rider Code of Conduct policy at the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

The draft policy is part of a first comprehensive effort by SamTrans' Bus Operations, Office of Civil Rights, and Safety and Security departments to improve transit worker safety and prevent bus operator harassment.

The public transit industry is experiencing an increasing number of incidents in which the behavior of passengers threatens the safety of bus operators. To address this development, SamTrans has established a new policy aimed at deterring disruptive and prohibited behavior toward bus operators and other onboard passengers.

The Office of Civil Rights and SamTrans Bus Operations will present the full draft Rider Code of Conduct at the CAC meeting and the representatives from those departments welcome public input. Comments and questions may be sent to [REDACTED].

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About SamTrans:

The San Mateo County Transit District operates 71 routes and two on-demand service areas. Funded in part by a half-cent sales tax, the district also provides administrative support for Caltrain and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. SamTrans has provided bus service to San Mateo County customers since 1976.

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Bring Our Voices Back on Zoom

Glenna Howcroft <[REDACTED]>

Sat 2/24/2024 5:13 AM

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Honorable Mayor and Council,

I am asking you to reinstate public access to participate in Zoom calls. To have this access pulled out from under us has been devastating. Those who were once actively participating now find themselves without a voice. You may say, "Write a letter", but it still eliminates those who do not have computer access.

There are many people who for many reasons cannot physically attend meetings at City Hall. To have our voices eliminated due to the extremely rude and offensive verbiage of a few is not acceptable. The overwhelming majority of zoom participants followed the "Code of Conduct" that was posted for all zoom participants to clearly see. Those who chose to disregard it, **did so by choice**.

Again, I will ask, "Why are you punishing **all** Zoom participants for the obnoxious and hateful choices of a **few**?" It is not right, nor is it fair.

Bring back full Zoom access to the people of San Jose so we can actively participate in our government.

Thank you for your consideration,
Glenna Howcroft
GSMOL Chapter President
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Fw: Camillia Brennan 95135 2/20/24 Council meeting

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/26/2024 12:02 PM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 11:45 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Camillia Brennan 95135 - 2/20/24 Council meeting

From: District 5 United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 11:33 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:** Camillia Brennan 95135 - 2/20/24 Council meeting

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Mon 2/26/2024 2:17 PM

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Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 2/27/2024 8:54 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7:55 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Ricardo R Chavez 95127 - 2/20/24 Council meeting

From: District 5 United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 6:07 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:** Ricardo R Chavez 95127 - 2/20/24 Council meeting

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Wed 2/28/2024 8:31 AM

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

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:09 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Victoria Partida 95122 - Restore Virtual Comments at City Council meetings

From: District 5 United [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:34 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:** Victoria Partida 95122 - 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.

Victoria Partida

95122

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Fw: Gus Meyner 95127 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/26/2024 11:02 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:57 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Gus Meyner 95127 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

From: District 5 United [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:30 AM

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This site is not suitable for development until public transport ion is better developed. The congestion to get from highways 101 and 280 is horrific.

This needs to be a park until light rail or something services the site. I largely disagree with the message generated by this site.

Gus Meyner

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Mon 2/26/2024 12:51 PM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 12:43 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: RONNIE JESUS RACCA DIRECTO 95116 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

From: District 5 United <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 12:13 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:** RONNIE JESUS RACCA DIRECTO 95116 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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Fw: Ricardo R Chavez 95127 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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Tue 2/27/2024 8:54 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7:56 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Ricardo R Chavez 95127 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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Fw: Arlene Favila 95148 statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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Please be especially mindful of the beautiful hillside view by not building high density housing which developers have a tendency to do. The current trend is to build 3 story + structures which become an eyesore in the backdrop of the natural beautiful terrain of the east foothills. We are very proud of our beautiful scenery here and we enjoy our greenspaces during all the seasons.

Arlene Favila

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:11 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: alice nguyen 95136 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:07 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Ashok Jethanandani 95148 - statement of principles for former Pleasant Hills Golf Course site

From: District 5 United <[REDACTED]>

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From: citlali martinez <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 11:17 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Ban City-Sponsored Travel to Israel

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San Jose City Clerk ,

I urge you to take action and ban city-authorized travel to Israel. In 2022, the City Council blocked then-Mayor Sam Liccardo from traveling to Qatar due to concerns about that country's human rights record, yet said nothing when he made a taxpayer funded official trip to Israel in 2019. As Israel's extreme violations of human rights grow day by day, I ask that you act consistently and institute a policy ending official City travel to Israel.

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Fw: Ban City Sponsored Travel to Israel

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/26/2024 11:40 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 11:30 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Ban City-Sponsored Travel to Israel

From: carina cañas [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 11:20 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Ban City-Sponsored Travel to Israel

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Fw: Protect parks in city budget

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 1:43 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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I'm using Adobe Acrobat.

Here's the [City of San José Parks Budget Ask January 2024.pdf](#) for you to review.

From: Hayley Currier [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 1:03 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; 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>

Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Webmaster Manager <webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Protect parks in city budget

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter regarding the upcoming budget message and ongoing San Jose city budget planning. Protect our parks. We represent a broad base of stakeholders and organizations who care deeply about San José. **We are writing to implore you to protect funding for parks in the City's budget.**

Thank you,

Hayley Currier
POLICY MANAGER

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February 26, 2024

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

Re: Protect Park Funding in San José City Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers:

Protect Our Parks. We represent a broad base of stakeholders and organizations who care deeply about San José. We are writing to implore you to **protect funding for parks in the City's budget**. As the City develops its priorities for the coming fiscal year, remember that public open spaces are essential to the fabric of the City. They are the lifeblood of our community, the heart of our neighborhoods, and the catalyst for stronger, more connected lives. Especially in light of the epidemic of loneliness being faced by so many, public places to gather and connect are more important than ever. They make the urban landscape more resilient to the impacts of climate change, absorbing stormwater and reducing heat, and make the communities they serve more resilient, too.

Last fall, you received hundreds of emails, phone calls, and public comments from San José residents calling on you to protect Viva Calle and Viva Parks, beloved public programs that activate our public spaces and bring communities together. As you consider the needs of the City, you must protect the already beleaguered park funding we have, and restore the budget to previous levels. Your constituents are counting on you to keep the City vibrant, safe, and healthy.

Preserving San José's public parks and placemaking efforts is an investment in the future of the City. The City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) and its staff manage over 206 parks, 50 community centers, as well as over 61 miles of trails. Parks funding delivers critical community and neighborhood services that contribute to the health and well-being of the nearly one million people who call San José home. Additionally, open green spaces are a testament to our commitment to sustainability, providing essential habitats for wildlife and native plants, purifying the air we breathe, and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The City has faced a continuing challenge of funding parks and placemaking efforts, as borne out by studies and real-world examples. The pandemic demonstrated the indispensable offerings that parks and public spaces bring to the community – parks and public spaces are “essential services” not simply “nice to haves.”

San José has faced budget cuts in the past, most notably after the Great Recession of 2008. By 2011, the City had cut almost 200 staff positions within PRNS, lost 18 park rangers, and about

37% of its budget.¹ Our parks system and programming has suffered from these decisions and has been on a long road to recovery. Still, deferred maintenance and deterioration of the quality of our public green spaces will require sustaining the levels of staffing and service that the City depends on.

We urge you to recognize the profound significance of parks and placemaking in shaping the identity and resilience of our City. By protecting parks and placemaking funding, you champion the well-being of residents, foster a sense of unity, promote physical and mental health, boost the local economy, and secure a sustainable and climate resilient future. Let us work together to ensure that our parks and streets continue to flourish as spaces of joy, connection, and vitality. Parks are an integral and basic part of our City's resources for community and neighborhood well-being. Protecting these resources facilitates the safety and vitality of our City as a whole.

Now is the time to protect our essential parks and public services like Viva Calle and Viva Parks. By ensuring parks are well-maintained and their staffing adequately funded, we create an inclusive environment that fosters a sense of belonging and unity in San José.

Sincerely,

David Lewis, Executive Director
Save The Bay

James P. Reber, Executive Director
San Jose Parks Foundation

Alie Victorine, Lead
Coyote Meadows Coalition

Dorsey Moore, CEO
San Jose Conservation Corps

Ciana Moreno, Communications Manager
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Alice Kaufman, Policy and Advocacy Director
Green Foothills

Jordan Grimes, South Bay Resilience Manager
Greenbelt Alliance

¹ Rosen, Carl. "San Jose struggles to keep its many popular parks safe and clean after staff, budget cuts." Mercury News. 21 Jul 2011.
<https://www.mercurynews.com/2011/07/21/san-jose-struggles-to-keep-its-many-popular-parks-safe-and-clean-after-staff-budget-cuts/>

Fw: Planting More Trees in San Jose for a Greener Future

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Wed 2/28/2024 1:34 PM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:07 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Planting More Trees in San Jose for a Greener Future

From: Anh Vo <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 12:42 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Sharon Quach <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Planting More Trees in San Jose for a Greener Future

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern and enthusiasm regarding the need to plant more trees in San Jose. As a resident of this beautiful city, I have witnessed firsthand the benefits that trees bring to our community, and I believe that we should prioritize their conservation and expansion for a sustainable and healthier future.

Trees are essential to the well-being of our city in numerous ways. They improve air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, making our environment cleaner and healthier. Additionally, trees act as natural air conditioners by providing shade and reducing the urban heat island effect, which is particularly important during our scorching summer months.

Furthermore, trees contribute to the overall aesthetics of our city, making it more appealing and inviting to both residents and visitors alike. They create a sense of place and community pride, which can boost tourism and local businesses. Moreover, trees enhance property values and can even reduce energy consumption by providing natural insulation.

In recent years, San Jose has experienced rapid urban development, leading to the loss of many trees due to construction and expanding infrastructure. It is high time that we take concrete steps to reverse this trend and ensure a sustainable future for our city. To achieve this, I propose the following:

- **Increase Tree Planting Programs:** The city should invest in more tree planting initiatives, with a focus on native and drought-resistant species that require minimal maintenance.
- **Protect Existing Trees:** Strict regulations should be put in place to protect mature trees during construction and development projects. Preservation should be the priority whenever possible.
- **Educational Campaigns:** Promote awareness among residents about the importance of trees and how they can contribute by planting and caring for trees on their properties.
- **Community Engagement:** Encourage community participation in tree-planting events and maintenance activities to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility.
- **Collaboration with Environmental Organizations:** Partner with local environmental organizations to leverage their expertise and resources in tree planting and maintenance efforts.

By taking these steps, we can ensure that San Jose remains a green and vibrant city, known for its commitment to environmental sustainability. Let us work together to preserve and enhance our urban forest for the benefit of current and future generations.

Best regards,

Anh Vo (she/her) | Emerging Community Leaders (ECL) Internship



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