




---

**FW: Public Comment Letter for Inclusion on Proclamation to Protect All Immigrants (Item 2.9) of 2/4/25 City Council Meeting**

---

**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 2/3/2025 10:37 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

 1 attachment (154 KB)  
Feb4SJCityMtg.pdf;

---

**From:** Raj Jayadev <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 10:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@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>  
**Subject:** Public Comment Letter for Inclusion on Proclamation to Protect All Immigrants (Item 2.9) of 2/4/25 City Council Meeting

[**External Email.** Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources. [Learn more](#)]

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)  
Hello, please see attached, and let us know you received it, thank you! - Raj

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.



February 3, 2025

**To: San Jose City Council**

**From: Silicon Valley De-Bug**

**Re: Including “All” Immigrants in Proclamation (Item 2.9 of February 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting)**

As an organization that advocates for immigrant rights, racial justice, and freedom from the carceral system -- all of which we see as expressions of the same struggle -- we are calling on the City of San Jose to revise this proclamation.

San Jose must create an inclusive resolution to stand with all immigrants, not only some. As currently written, and expressed in media statements by the Mayor - the City of San Jose is acquiescing to Trump’s anti-immigrant agenda by endorsing the detention and deportation of immigrant community members who have had contact with the criminal legal system.

The excluding language of “law-abiding” in the resolution is intended to message to the community that San Jose is willing to sacrifice our fellow community members, our neighbors, our loved ones simply because of their contact with the criminal legal system. It is the ignorant and false dichotomy of the “good” versus “bad” immigrant - who is deserving of rights and who is not. San Jose should be a city that sees through that illusionary and racist frame - and protects all our community members.

This rubber-stamping of who the city is willing to allow ICE to detain is legally incorrect, strategically naive, and ultimately counter to our city’s collective values of inclusion.

For one, the criminal legal system is not a proxy for immigration enforcement. A city messaging that if someone has a criminal record, they are not due the same level of solidarity or protection is unethical - that the city would codify that into a proclamation that is by definition aspirational, is abhorrent. This thinking, that the rights of some immigrants should be protected while others abandoned, only bolsters Trump’s racist and false specter of the “dangerous” immigrants. Plus, in response to the question of who is being targeted in mass deportation campaigns - the administration clearly stated all undocumented immigrants are “criminals.” Who the city avails protections to, and who it does not, is a slippery slope that ultimately leaves all immigrant communities vulnerable.

There is a key word missing from the title of this proclamation. The word is “all” - that the city of San Jose is reaffirming the city’s commitment to protecting the rights and safety of “all” immigrant communities.



---

**FW: I support the city resolution REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

---

**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 2/3/2025 12:34 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

---

**From:** Deborah St. Julien <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 12:16 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** I support the city resolution REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

[**External Email.** Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources. [Learn more](#)]

Dear Council Member Campos,

I strongly support  
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S  
COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF IMMIGRANT  
COMMUNITIES

Thank you,

Deborah St. Julien  
Resident District 2  
Member SURJ@SCC

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.



---

**FW: I am not in favor of your policy**

---

**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 2/3/2025 1:04 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

---

**From:** Joanie Murphy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 12:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** I am not in favor of your policy

[**External Email.** Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources. [Learn more](#)]

Hi- I sent this email to Matt and all the council members last night except I need to get this to George Casey. Please pass my letter onto George Casey.

I tried to email and the email is not functioning.  
Thank you,  
Joanie Murphy  
D10

Dear Matt,

I voted for you because I believed in you.

However, I do not agree with you on your views about the illegals (also known as "undocumented" folks). They came into our country illegally, not through the legal process.

The ABC news shot clearly conveyed that you are welcoming all the "undocumented" folks into San Jose - that is except the "criminal" violent ones.

I disagree with your approach. No wonder San Jose and California in general has such budget problems. We are not endlessly able to pay for these "undocumented" individuals or their children. It is we the taxpayers that are endlessly "footing the bill."

We have educational problems with overcrowding and money is always a problem when it comes to all public services. There are only so many resources to go around.

If these people came into our country legally, and learned about our country and government as all folks who become citizens do, then they are welcome.

These "undocumented" people are taking jobs away from regular vetted immigrants and ordinary San Jose citizens.

They drive without driver's licenses and the police to not "touch" them. These standards should be fair across the board but allowing undocumented folks into San Jose sets a different framework in motion so that the ordinary San Jose citizen wonders why the double standard.

**Enforce ICE** and help make San Jose safe again.

Never say that we who don't agree with you are not with compassion.

As I heard President Trump say, if you have come to this country illegally, return and come back later through the legal process.

**That is the right way.**

Joanie Murphy  
District 10

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.



---

**FW: San Jose City Council meeting Feb 4, 2025: item 2.9: support**

---

**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 2/3/2025 2:09 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

---

**From:** Don Taylor <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 2:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Fred Buzo <[REDACTED]> Robert Yabes <[REDACTED]> District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** San Jose City Council meeting Feb 4, 2025: item 2.9: support

[**External Email.** Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources. [Learn more](#)]

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)  
Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Recent calls for mass deportations and raids on undocumented individuals and migrant families have created fear and uncertainty in our communities. Grounded in the belief in the dignity and humanity of every person, Catholic Charities stands with our migrant neighbors during these challenging times. We are committed to providing guidance, sharing critical resources, and advocating for policies that protect family unity and well-being. Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County will remain a trusted resource for those in need.

We strongly support the recommendations in the memorandum submitted by Councilmembers Ortiz, Campos, Cohen, and Candelas. Elected officials at the federal, state, and county levels have pledged their support for our immigrant community—our city leaders should do the same.

I urge you to act with compassion and care. Together, we can uphold the dignity of all individuals and foster hope, even in uncertain times. Let's craft solutions that reflect these values while promoting safety and unity for everyone in our community, regardless of background or status."

Don Taylor, CEO  
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County  
[REDACTED]

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.



---

**FW: Opposing item 2.9 Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of all its Residents...**

---

**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 2/3/2025 3:08 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

---

**From:** Chris Le <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 2:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposing item 2.9 Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of all its Residents...

[**External Email.** Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources. [Learn more](#)]

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

I am writing to oppose item 2.9 “Resolution Reaffirming the City’s Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of all its Residents, Regardless of National Origin or Legal Status.”

I am opposing this resolution because the City of San Jose is contradicting itself as a “Welcoming City” for it already has another resolution in the book, the so-called “Resolution 3.8” adopted in 2017, which banned the flag of a foreign nation, Vietnam, in the City of San Jose. That resolution specifically discriminated against a particular group of people based on country of origin.

Furthermore, nothing is more unsettling to a lot of people living in San Jose than watching hundreds of protesters flying flags of foreign nations demanding that American citizens use their hard-earned tax dollars (proposed under item 2.9) to pay for support services for those who are here illegally.

If the City is willing to ban a flag of one foreign nation under Resolution 3.8, then why does it willing to support protesters flying the flags of other foreign nations demanding that this City treat them with dignity and respect.

I have previously spoken against Resolution 3.8 which specifically targets a certain immigrant group and makes them “unwelcome” in the City of San Jose. And now the City

wants to adopt another resolution claiming that all immigrants should be treated with dignity and respect, such action does not make any sense at all.

How can you discriminate against one group of immigrants and then favor other groups and then call yourself a “Welcoming City”?

The immigrant group affected by Resolution 3.8 are law abiding legal residents and citizens. They have done no harms, committed no offenses against the City, and yet they are being targeted because of their national origin. They themselves did not get the same treatment of respect and dignity that they deserved and adding “insult to injury” they are being asked to use their tax dollars to fund support services to those who are not even here legally, flying flags of foreign nations.

The City of San Jose cannot adopt this proposed resolution without addressing the injustice committed under the previous Resolution 3.8 (2017) targeting the people from the country of Vietnam and then giving preferential treatments to people from other countries targeted by ICE under Donald Trump.

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.





---

**FW: Item 2.9**

---

**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 2/3/2025 3:32 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

---

**From:** Emily hendon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 3:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 2.9

[**External Email.** Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources. [Learn more](#)]

Some people who received this message don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)  
Good afternoon Mayor, Vice mayor, and City Council.

My name is Emily Hendon and I am a resident in district 6 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County. I am writing to you today in solidarity with PASOS to support item 2.9. It is important that the City ensures that police do not collaborate with ICE. It is also important for the City to expand resources for the Rapid Response Network. These are clear steps to keep our entire community safe.

Thank you,  
Emily Hendon

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.