

Support for the Arts - City Council Item 3.5 - March 21, 2023

Sail Tapia <[redacted]>

Tue 3/21/2023 12:59 PM

To: Agendadesk <[redacted]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[redacted]> Mahan, Matt
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Jimenez, Sergio <[redacted]> District3 <[redacted]> Torres, Omar
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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

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Thank you for your service and for your consideration.

Regards,

Sendy Tapia
DTSJ - DISTRICT 3

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FW: council meeting item 3.5

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Diva De Guzman <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:15 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: council meeting item 3.5

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San Jose , CA 95122

Honorable Council members,

I am requesting your support of district 3 council member Torres's budget proposal regarding spay and neuter services for the City of San Jose, and to include the rest of the City of San Jose.

Animal Care Services in San Jose is currently experiencing a crisis in part due to the after-effects of the Covid Pandemic. Pre pandemic, SJACS animal intake was over 17,000 animals per year with a live release rate of well over 90 percent. During the pandemic years the intake numbers dropped to 14,000 animals per year with a live release rate of just under 90 percent. Currently, SJACS animal intake is projected to be under 10,000 animals per year with the live release rate falling further. The demand for animal care services has not decreased, the citizens of San Jose are being turned away at SJACS doors. The specific cause of this decrease in performance is lack of spay and neuter services – SJACS just cannot hire or keep qualified staff despite their best efforts. This means thousands of unvaccinated animals are on the streets of San Jose breeding like mad! The city needs to act before this becomes a major, and very serious. Please take action now.

Thank you,

Diva De Guzman

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Laura Burton <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Catherine Valentine <CatherineValent[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:38 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeet[REDACTED]>

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Thank you.

Sincerely

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Kevin Brumley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:43 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support a San Jose budget for All!

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Kevin Brumley



San Jose, California 95118

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Vincent Delgado



San Jose, California 95119

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Nickolas Amador-Banuelos <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:50 PM

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Nickolas Amador-Banuelos



San Jose, California 95123

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Edward Roth



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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Hector Villagrana <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:55 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Hector Villagrana



San Jose, California 95121

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From: Tristan Keith <[REDACTED]>

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Tristan Keith



San Jose, California 95131

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Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:55 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> CouncilMeeting <[REDACTED]>

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From: Jim Dang <[REDACTED]>

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Jim Dang



San Jose, California 95111-1837

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FW: Support a San Jose budget for All!

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 3:04 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Nhat Dinh <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:03 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support a San Jose budget for All!

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Jemell Hayes <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:06 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Damen Carpenter <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:07 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose, California 95112

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 3:09 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: MariaElena Salinas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:09 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Art Campoy <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:09 PM

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Gilbert Amarillas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:11 PM

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From: Patrick Santos <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Christopher Reed <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:17 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose, California 95124

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Manuel Saenz <[REDACTED]>

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San jose, California 95136

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From: Brian Smith <[REDACTED]>

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Brian Smith



San Jose, California 95148

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Arthur Alcantar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:19 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Arthur Alcantar



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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Pedro Colin <[REDACTED]>

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Pedro Colin



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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: richard snyder <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:23 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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FW: Support all of San Jose Im in need

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Delbert Brown <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:27 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support all of San Jose Im in need

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I have been a sheet metal worker in Local 104 for 6 years now but I got laid off September of 2021 now I haven't been back to work I started my own business just to be stolen from all my tools were stolen and I'm getting evicted out of my apartment I need some help the only thing I can get help with with food stamps which is not anything at all but food help the union won't help the city of San Jose won't help the county of Santa Clara says I need to be chronically homeless as in myself and my children living in a tent. Please support the San José Budget for All asks — as put forth by many community organizations, including Silicon Valley Rising, the South Bay Labor Council, the Latina Coalition, the Asian Law Alliance, and Planned Parenthood (Mar Monte).

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Chris Valverde <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:28 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Kyle Richey <[REDACTED]>

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Kyle Richey



San jose, California 95123

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Tue 3/21/2023 3:36 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Adam Aguilar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:34 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Rodney Taylor <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:40 PM

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Steven Bolanos <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: David Woolley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 4:04 PM

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David [REDACTED]
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FW: Support of Peter Ortiz Budget Memorandum for Spay and Neuter Services

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 1:20 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Rosario Consiglio <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:14 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeet[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support of Peter Ortiz Budget Memorandum for Spay and Neuter Services

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Dear Madam or Sir,

Please see me attached comments for today's council meeting regarding the budget and D5 Peter Ortiz's budget proposal for Spay and Neuter Services.

thank you

Rosario Consiglio
Almaden Valley

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[REDACTED]
Almaden Valley, CA 95120

Honorable Councilmembers,

March 21, 2023

I am a resident of District 10 and have been a volunteer at San Jose Animal Care Center (SJACS) over 12 years, including through the Covid pandemic. I am requesting your support of district 5 councilmember Peter Ortiz budget proposal regarding spay and neuter services for the City of San Jose, and to include the rest of the City of San Jose.

Animal Care Services in San Jose is currently experiencing a crisis in part due to the after-effects of the Covid Pandemic. Pre pandemic, SJACS animal intake was over 17,000 animals per year with a live release rate of well over 90 percent. During the pandemic years the intake numbers dropped to 14,000 animals per year with a live release rate of just under 90 percent. Currently, SJACS animal intake is projected to be under 10,000 animals per year with the live release rate falling further. The demand for animal care services has not decreased, the citizens of San Jose are being turned away at SJACS doors. The specific cause of this decrease in performance is lack of spay and neuter services – SJACS just cannot hire or keep qualified staff despite their best efforts. This means thousands of unvaccinated animals are on the streets of San Jose breeding like mad! The city needs to act before this becomes a major, and quite serious public health crisis.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Rosario Consiglio
Volunteer #144

companion & community animal project / cacap.org

FW: City Council Item 3.5 - March 21, 2023

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 3:03 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Lomio, Michael <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 3:02 PM

To: Brendan Rawson <[REDACTED]>

Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: City Council Item 3.5 - March 21, 2023

Thank you, Brendan!



Michael Lomio (he/him)

Sr. Land Use & Economic Development Policy Advisor

Office of Mayor Matt Mahan

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From: Brendan Rawson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:36 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt
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<[REDACTED]> District4 <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> District5
<[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev
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Subject: City Council Item 3.5 - March 21, 2023

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,
Please find attached my letter regarding today's budget discussion.

Thank you,
Brendan Rawson
San Jose Jazz

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March 20, 2023

Mayor Mahan and City Council
200 E Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Concerns regarding FY2024 City budget and economic recovery.

Mayor Mahan and City Council:

San Jose's Downtown, the economic driver of our region's arts, entertainment, and visitor industries, continues to rank near the bottom of numerous proxy metrics of Downtown vibrancy such as return-to-office rates, sales taxes receipts, office and retail leasing rates, and cell phones usage. **Our City Council needs to stop hiding from this stark reality and apply real leadership, focus, and the necessary resources to support recovery and put Downtown on a viable and believable path to vibrancy.** The damage to the Downtown economy is disproportionately hurting the livelihoods of many working-class San Jose families and mom-and-pop businesses.

An important tool to support Downtown recovery in any city is the "Hotel Tax." In San Jose, this tool has become significantly less impactful. According to the City's just released 5-year budget projection the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), will end FY23 at about \$27.5M. This is compared to \$51.3M in FY19. A drop of more than 46%. **In addition, the TOT is not projected to return to real pre-pandemic levels anytime within the next five years.**

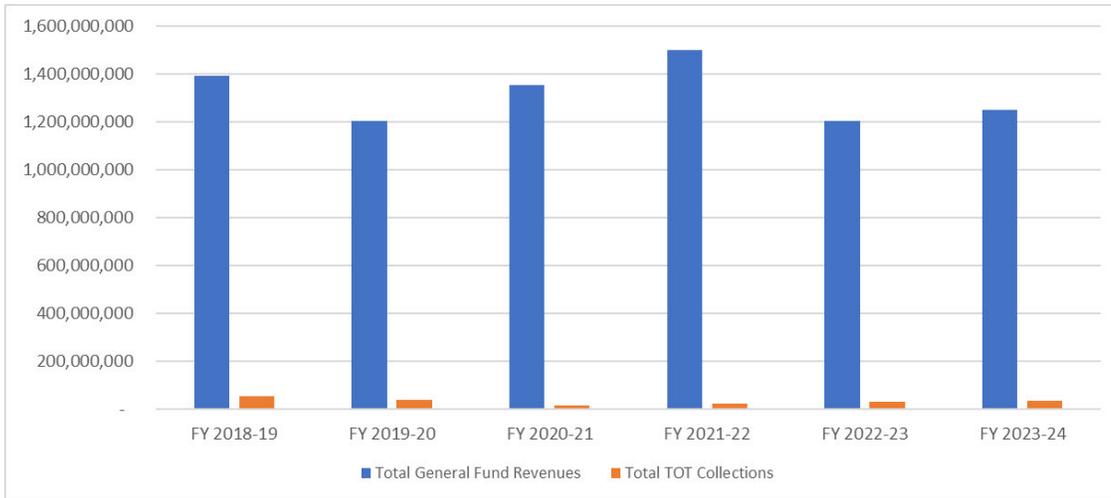
An appropriate strategy to support Downtown recovery is to invest a greater portion of TOT revenues into the specific activities that help drive the Downtown economy. Today 40% of the TOT is channeled into the General Fund. These tax dollars, generated largely by out-of-town visitors, should instead be reinvested into our cultural and visitor industry infrastructure and destination marketing efforts to help drive greater TOT revenue, sales tax and to support jobs and business recovery. The remainder 60% of the TOT is the primary source of financial support for maintenance and operation of the Convention Center and several Downtown cultural facilities, sales and marketing for all travel and tourism to the City, and for the Office of Cultural Affairs and its grants programs. These activities are essential for a healthy Downtown economy, for resident quality of life, for tourism and convention revenues, and to provide a variety of well-paying local jobs. To support these critical industries and their workers the City Council should:

- Direct the City Manager, beginning with Fiscal Year 2023-2024, to reapportion its current General Fund TOT allocation equally across the remainder recipient fund accounts of Fund 461: the Office of Cultural Affairs Arts Grants Program, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Convention and Cultural Facilities Fund 536.
- In addition, Council should direct the City Manager to work with local stakeholders to identify long-term budget policy strategies that can guide long-term investment of TOT that serve the

art, culture and visitor industries and come back during the next fiscal year to the Council with these strategies clearly defined.

Now is absolutely the time to take these steps towards recovery. TOT has historically always contributed a very small portion to overall General Fund revenues. Since the pandemic it has diminished even further. Currently, TOT is forecasted to continue below 1% of General Fund revenues.

TOT Revenues as a Share of Total General Fund:



	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
General Fund Revenues	\$1.39B	\$1.20B	\$1.36B	\$1.66B	\$1.31B	\$1.46B
TOT to General Fund	\$20.5M	\$14.1M	\$5.4M	\$9M	\$11M	\$11M
TOT Share of GF Revenues	1.5%	1.2%	0.4%	0.54%	0.84%	0.75%

The City of San José states that building “vibrancy” is part of its long-term strategy to create a fiscally sustainable and livable city. Yet, it has no clear plan or funding strategy to accomplish that. While the proposed change will not greatly impact the General Fund – it will have a transformative effect on the arts and tourism sectors that help drive that vibrancy objective.

It is important to note that this vibrancy is not achieved in a vacuum. Visit California has reported wide variation in Hotel Tax revenues across the state. As we have come out of pandemic beach and mountain destinations across the state have broken visitation records. While cities like San Jose languish. This directly equates to competitive destinations being able to market more aggressively for visitors and conventions, and to enhance their cultural experiences for residents and visitors.

Helping to restore local budgets for tourism and the arts is the difference between San José successfully and equitably building back from the pandemic and seeing the catastrophic losses of the past few years continue far into the future.

Sincerely,

Brendan Rawson

San Jose Jazz