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

Comments for Item 5.1 File 22-1135 – Move San José – and Item 5.2 File 22-1136 – Transit First Policy.

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones and Councilmembers:

SPUR submits this letter in regard to the following two items on today's Council agenda; Move San José and the Transit First Policy. We commend the city and staff in pursuing strategies, projects, and policies that will move San José closer to meeting its environmental, equity, and economic goals. To that end, SPUR has been a supporter of the city's efforts to align its many transportation policies and strategies to better serve people traveling within the city by prioritizing transit operations and improving access.

Given that the adoption of these proposed policy changes will align with San José's Envision 2040 General Plan, Climate Smart Plan, and Zero Emissions 2030 Pledge, the Council will be taking an important step toward bringing San José and its residents a more connected and sustainable city. And while the COVID-19 pandemic required a reprioritization of work plans and progress on the City Roadmap process, the development of the Move San José and Transit Priority Plan advanced with the convening of council and community workgroups and engagement plans that included and uplifted the input of communities across the city.

We are supportive of the strategies outlined in Move San José and the Transit First Policy that will bring the city's many efforts under one roof. Moreover, Move San José's focus on key goals, metrics, performance indicators, and co-creation with community organizations and the public will ensure that good planning will guide the city's decision-making process. These elements are critical as the city moves forward with the final adoption and implementation of changes such as its update to citywide parking policy and transportation demand management, which will be

subject to the policies, strategies, and vision set forth for a more connected, equitable, and economically vibrant San José.

San José enjoys a growing transit network with ongoing local and regional investments, and employers in Silicon Valley are continuously interested in great places for people to live, work, and play. This requires updating existing plans and policies to support equitable, reliable, safe, and accessible transit connections that will increase ridership. It is important to set a structure to prioritize transit and multi-modal access within San José, and it is our hope that by taking these important steps to craft and adopt Move San José and the city's Transit First Policy, the city and its staff will effectively plan for more livable and equitable communities.

Sincerely,



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