

From: Roman Stehling <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:08 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Comments for City Council Virtual Meeting 6/30/2020

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Dear City Council of San Jose,

I am a resident of San Jose, a U.S. Citizen and a E.U. Citizen (from Germany)

I have the following grievances:

- The social distancing orders of the Santa Clara County Health Department are not enforced by the police
- The mask requirements by the governor of California are not enforced by the police
- I am very concerned for the health of my wife and me as well that of other residents, so I called several times the police to inform them that 20 – 30 people are playing soccer without any social distancing and masks.
- The police never showed up
- After several calls I asked that a police officer calls me back.
- The police officer and at a separate call a captain for the police called me back and informed me that the police will not enforce any Covid-19 related measures against private individuals
- The governor of California is democratically elected by the people of California and has issued a legal order about masks.
- The Santa Clara Health Department has issued as well a legal order which is well within their legal authority and in the interest of public health

1. How come that the police can decide on their own which legal orders to enforce?
2. How come that the city government does not instruct and order the police to enforce these legal orders?

The United States has the highest Coronavirus infections and deaths in the world.
The cases are again on the rise. As of this writing

121,870 people, i.e. Onehundredtwentyonethousandeighthundredseventy people have died in the United States and counting.

1. Why would you not be willing to do everything possible to stop the transmission of this very dangerous virus?
2. Why would the police, when called upon, not show up and tell people to refrain from not adhering to keeping social distance and mask requirements?

This is the worse pandemic in a century and this country has the worse record of all the countries in the Western World. Please protect the health not just of my wife and me but of the public in general.
Please instruct the police to enforce legal orders and disperse these type of situations in a non-confrontational manner.

I did call today, as a European Citizen, a German member of the EU parliament in Brussels, Belgium and asked her if in Germany the police could decide on their own to ignore legal orders and she was laughing and said “of course not!”.

I know things are different in America, but you are still required to protect the health of the public and not just do what might be convenient politically or otherwise.

I cannot even believe that this is happening here!

Where are we that an organ of the executive in a democracy, i.e. the police, can decide on their own whether to follow and enforce legal orders!

The Commission of the European Union is now discussing that Americans are barred to entering the E.U., because of the catastrophic failure to respond to the worse pandemic in onehundred years.

The Special Envoy to the U.S. of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. David Nabarro, pleaded today on public television that Americans should take this virus very serious and should adhere to their public health officials' orders and instructions.

I am extremely disappointed in your understanding of democracy and the handling of affairs for the greater well being of the general public.

I am waiting for better times before taking any flights, i.e. a vaccine availability, and then my wife and I will leave the United States back to safety and social justice of the European Union.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Roman Stehling

Citizen

From: Ma Luisa Ramirez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:46 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> RSP
<[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> Ma Luisa Ramirez
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Eviction Moratorium in San José

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Mr. Mayor
Liccardo,

My understanding is that the San José City Council has enacted a temporary eviction moratorium in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The moratorium is in effect through August 31, 2020.

I'm a 78 years old female owning a house with 3 family members that were impacted by the covid-19 and they lost their jobs.

My question to you is: Are you planning to help us the home owners during this hard times with our property taxes this year? At least to the Senior Citizens like myself?

Thank you,
Maria Luisa Ramirez

From: Jason Su <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 11:40 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Steve Holmes <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Ceja, Patricia <[REDACTED]>
Subject: For inclusion as public comment for City Council Item 3.1, June 30, 2020.

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Peralez, Members of the City Council, and Office of the City Manager,

This letter comes on behalf of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and the South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition.

By now, you are aware of Sunday's arson event at the old Park Ranger Station in Confluence Park. If this incident was simply a single unfortunate event we would simply move on but this event is part of a larger problem that the City is facing. In recent months, we have seen several fires in the Park, the murder of a homeless person near Julian that resulted in the assailant being shot and killed by SJPD, and destruction of City buildings in Arena Green & Confluence Park. Over the past year, the Ranger Station has experienced two costly robberies with the loss of thousands of dollars of City and SBCCC possessions along with several attempted breaches. Similar break-in incidents have plagued City buildings in the Arena Green as well. There are a number of programming challenges as well, with the presence of encampments and aggressive behavior deterring park users, volunteers, and youth program participants. Most recently this past Wednesday, some of volunteers were threatened by an individual camping around the Heritage Rose Garden, causing mental distress and damaging Gardens features.

These instances are very demoralizing, as we believe the mission of our organizations ultimately benefits the City, community, and ecology. We also acknowledge that these sentiments may also be shared with you all, particularly with our PRNS partners, who are on the ground in the parks working very hard with us every day. We appreciate the current support through Beautify SJ to target litter removal and homeless outreach, participation by SJPD, D3, Dept of Fish & Wildlife, PRNS, and others in our community-led Security Committee, as well as SJPD's re-assumed role in patrolling our Waterways with their Street Crimes teams, providing support that cannot be addressed by Park Rangers nor our Organizations.

A coalition of parks, open space, waterways, and trails nonprofits submitted a letter on February 14, 2020 for budget consideration to support our collective efforts (attached), and while our broader circumstances have changed, the priorities in this letter remain (as is our commitment to support the City on permanent solutions to homelessness).

We ask that the City commit to a two-year enforcement of existing park rules, SJPD safety patrols, additional homeless outreach and services, and encampment abatement in the Guadalupe River Park between Santa Clara to Taylor Streets, which includes Confluence Point, Arena Green, the Guadalupe Gardens, and the Trail. This would allow our groups the opportunity to re-establish roots and activate these long neglected areas of our City. The current situation limits our programs that bring youth and adults into this local Watershed for outdoor learning, and prevents us from building the necessary momentum and community support needed.

We do not want to sound hyperbolic, but the current conditions surrounding encampments and safety of the park have and continue to cause real personal harm and property damage concerns, and we believe it warrants emergency action.

South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition and Guadalupe River Park Conservancy stand committed to the Park and are currently looking at the creation of a Partnership that will bring several groups together working to improve conditions here in the Park. Our success will be contingent on support from the City.

Regards,

Steve Holmes, South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition
Jason Su, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

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Jason Su
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From: Nathan Park [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:08 AM

To: [REDACTED] Cortese, Dave
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[REDACTED] Esparza, Maya < [REDACTED] > Arenas, Sylvia
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Subject: COVID-19 Response



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Dear Council and Elected Officials,

My name is Nathan Park.

As a resident of the Mayfair Community in District 5, I implore you to care for our Black and Brown communities. When white people discovered that COVID disproportionately affects Black and Brown communities, they stopped caring. I believe we witnessed a nationwide cry to reopen from the white community because their own economic livelihoods were at stake. Why is the white community so present in BLM protests now? Where were they in 2014-2015? I believe if we weren't in a pandemic, white people wouldn't care as much. To the discomfort of many white americans who, perhaps for the first time in their lives, feared for their "safety and security," I say, welcome to every day in America for People of Color. Now, buckle up and let's do something.

Now, with that, the racial and social inequity displayed through San Jose's response to this global pandemic have let people without work and a bureaucratic clog for aid distribution. Our undocumented population receives neither stimulus check, nor unemployment benefits adding forcing them to take jobs in this time with greater risk to exposure. I believe the numbers speak for themselves as the 4 zip codes with the highest death/infection rates are all on the east side.

How do we expect these Mothers, Fathers, families, children, to be able to live well when San Jose provides little to no financial or medical aid for them? If money were actually a shortage, then why keep a \$440 Million dollar police budget? Why not allocate some of this budget towards keeping families in their homes during the pandemic? Why not contribute to Sacred Heart's emergency housing fund? You say we need the police to respond to domestic violence calls, to maintain the safety of our communities, wiping out unhoused encampments, but giving aid to low income communities of color may help address the root of these issues. Funding the police to handle these calls does not address the problems themselves. The police simply aggravate the situation.

Therefore, I call for:

- 1) Defund the Police and allocate funds towards COVID relief/community investment
- 2) Cancel Rent/Mortgage
- 3) Commit at least \$3.2, the amount designated for city reserves, towards Sacred Heart's housing fund

Mayor Licardo, you said yourself when you urged residents to shelter in place at the expense of the economy that money can be made again, but people's lives cannot be brought back. If you truly believe this, then you would advocate for spending big to save lives of people hurting during this time. To all of council, I know these are hard times and you are exhausted. I thank you for your service, but as public servants, I ask that you do better and that you not only listen to the people who have elected you into office, but act in their interest.

In Community Spirit,

Nathan Park

From: Omar Vasquez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:51 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Covid-19 responds.

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Dear Councilmember, Maya Esparza and all elected officials. My name is Omar Vasquez, and I'm writing to you as a resident of San José District 7,

For the past several months we have witnessed a global pandemic larger than most of us have witnessed in our lifetime. The sudden impacts have left families and businesses fighting to survive. We have seen the financial burden that families and individuals have had to deal with, and their inability to provide even the most necessities for themselves and their family. These include food, toiletries, utilities, and rent or mortgage payments. Most of this has resulted from the shutting down of businesses all across the county. Employers cannot pay their employees and the results are clear. In most cases, the owners of the small business are also the same members of our community, they also are going home with no profit from sales revenue.

I urge you to consider the following. First, prevent mass evictions and protect tenants from ending in the streets. Our elected officials are having virtual meetings to prevent the spread of the virus. Therefore, keeping people housed is the best way to combat this virus. Please, extend the moratorium as far as necessary and make it countywide.

Second, our undocumented population are the most affected. Even though they pay taxes, they don't qualify for any stimulus. I know there were efforts to help them, but that was a one time help. Please, work together to create a countywide unemployment program to make sure our undocumented community are not paying taxes without getting any government representation. It's time to fix this problem we lost with Ronald Reagan many years ago.

Third, during this pandemic, I heard a new frase, "essential workers; however, these employees are risking their lives, so all of us can eat and buy our essential stuff. But, they lack of medical insurance and any health benefits. I'm asking to provided health insurance for all, especially our essential workers, as someone said. They are needed workers who risk all for nothing.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
-Omar Vasquez-

From: Dana Seeger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:35 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Please Agendize the Task Force D3 Recommendations



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Hello! As the co-creator of a Non-Profit arts business in San Jose, I am writing to urge the entire City Council to adopt the recommendations put forth by the District 3 Task Force in its entirety. Included is a recommendation for a city wide and City Sponsored campaign to safely re-open businesses with the Safely Social San Jose logo and team buildings. We strongly believe at the School of Visual Philosophy that this unified campaign, if funded and supported by the City will cohesively and productively provide a confident and safe re-opening for all businesses in Downtown and adjacent San Jose. Thank you so much for reading this and giving us the opportunity to speak and share our voice with you,
Kind Regards
Dana Harris Seeger

From: Doug Schenk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:35 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 6/30/20, Agenda Item Number 3.1

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Hello City of San Jose,

Please, please, please, please start cleaning up the trash at or near all homeless encampments. It's disgusting and makes me so mad that we can't keep our city clean. There has been a camp near the Guadalupe Community Garden for the last nine months (or longer) the amount of trash surrounding this camp gets bigger and bigger all the time.

Homeless persons should be allowed to camp in sanctioned, supervised, facilitated camping areas and NOT allowed to accumulate junk there or anywhere else.

Sincerely, Doug Schenk

rom: Amanda Cole < >

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:18 PM

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

Subject: the 105 newsom trailers



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who am i? someone questioning priorities and authorities, and the person who pitch 5 tents in front of happy hollow on friday. it was supposed to be 9, but i got tired. one for every 10 people not in the trailers. my first night, i pitched a lone tent and intended to stay over night, but i got scared when someone tried to get into the tent. good eye opener on how dangerous this is. to be a sitting duck, a vulnerable woman on the street. i'd much rather be in a trailer guarded by 8 security guards.

these trailers are the first good thing for 0 income people in 12 years. please don't send them back. they would be better than the dorm-like modulars being built for evans lane.. they satisfy the second rung of maslow's heirarchy. a need for privacy, reflection and recovery. the torture of living on the street causes intense trauma.

From: Jim Canova [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:48 PM
To: CouncilMeeting < [REDACTED] >
Cc: Cory Sanfilippo < [REDACTED] > Eric Dill < [REDACTED] > Jennifer Dericco
< [REDACTED] > Michele Ryan < [REDACTED] > Stella M. Kemp
< [REDACTED] >
Subject: Zanker Road Issues

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and distinguished members of the City Council,

The students and families of the Santa Clara Unified School District who live in the North San Jose and Greater Alviso Area need your intervention as soon as possible.

- For years, our district has been working in close coordination with the City of San Jose's Department of Public Works in preparation for street improvements related to the construction of three new schools on Zanker Road.
- These schools will serve the students in the North San Jose and the Greater Alviso Area.
- Recently, the City informed us that the only way our district will be able to begin building will be through a \$6 million payment of traffic impact fees that do not apply to a school district.
- If we are forced to pay an inapplicable fee, our school district will not be able to upgrade our school facilities in the way we promised our taxpayers.
- In the era of COVID-19, those facility upgrades are of critical importance, as school districts throughout California are seeking to modify the physical specifications of their facilities to keep their students and staff safe.
- As a public institution, we are seeking the same economic stability you recently provided San Jose's development community, as unexpected fees have dire consequences in our setting.
- It is our hope that you intervene, as we must begin to break ground on these vital traffic improvements that the district committed to perform by July 3, 2020. If we are not allowed to begin breaking ground, our entire project is jeopardized, as we are working both on tight timelines and budgets.

Thank You for your kind consideration! And stay well!!!

Jim Canova

From: Jessica Gutierrez [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:38 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.1

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We are tired of excuses! We must take care of our unhoused neighbors. Have they been asked what kinds of support they need? Taking apart their encampments and taking away their few belongings is not a way to make long-term change and provide support for this community of unhoused people. Do not criminalize the unhoused! Provide ways for city workers and community members to help keep the sites clean. We need accountability for folks that are incompetent in their roles.

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Jessica Gutierrez

From: b. beekman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:34 PM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Blair Beekman. sj council. Item 3.1. June 30, 2020.

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Dear community of San Jose. and city govt.,

To try to speak to 2 items, within the June 30, 2020 sj Consent Calendar, that speak directly to Covid 19 efforts.

With item 2.2, there is the final adoption of ordinances, that will include, a Small Cell permitting program, with public works.

Item's 2.13-2.15, is asking for more fire dept. personnel.

I hope we are at the time to ask for better control of natural disasters, at the local level.

And that I hope we are prepared, for the fire dangers in both the East side hills, and Santa Cruz mountains, for the next few years.

To offer again, for virtual public meeting efficiency, you can have 15 min. periods of council statements & questioning.

With then, additional 5 min. blocks, asked for, & approved, as needed, by a council motion process.

From the Planning Commission interviews yesterday, both Spanish and Vietnamese translation, should be a simple process, to be included, in the virtual meetings.

It has been a lot of years, since the John Kennedy years, of the early 1960's.

Yet we still need to better consider, how both languages, need to be included more, for most all, local govt. sponsored, community meetings.

sincerely,
blair beekman