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**Fw: Filling District 3 Vacancy**

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**From** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Date** Tue 11/12/2024 4:27 PM

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

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**From:** Dee Barragan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:18 PM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Filling District 3 Vacancy

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To Rules and Open Government Committee

Topic;: Filling District 3 Vacancy

Leading District 3 should not be an opportunity for a paycheck for a termed out council member who does not understand how to lead District 3.

As a district 3 Community leader

I strongly disagree with his offer to the city as he has proven in the past he does not understand the dynamics or the uniqueness of our Council District .

Respectfully,

Dee Barragan  
District 3 Community Leader  
Roosevelt Park Neighborhood

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**Subject:** Filling Council District 3 Vacancy

A termed out D2 councilmember who has no clue as to the diverse and pressing needs of D3 would be the wrong choice to fill the D3 seat.

As a D3 community advocate and D3 resident of 53 years, I hope you just say no to filling the seat with Sergio Jimenez.

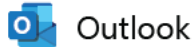
Respectfully,

Davide Vieira  
District 3 Community Advocate  
Roosevelt Park/Little Portugal Neighborhood

*All you leave behind are memories make them good ones*

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**FW: Discussion on appropriate appointments for vacancy on district 3.**

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**Date** Wed 11/13/2024 8:07 AM

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

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:47 AM

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Joint rules committee today

Sent from my iPhone. It is my wish as a district 3 member to appoint an interim colleague to fill the Vacant district 3 council seat. Allow the district residents to determine by election who best represents d3 at a future time. Thanks LK

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**Fw: For Rules and Open Gov't Cmte (again)**

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**From** Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

**Date** Thu 11/14/2024 10:23 AM

**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Hello,  
Item 3.7 on the 11/19 Council agenda. Thank you!

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:20 AM

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**Subject:** FW: For Rules and Open Gov't Cmte (again)

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**From:** daividevieira [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:20 AM

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

**Cc:** 'Dee Barragan' [REDACTED] 'Jeff Levine' [REDACTED] 'David-John Burrowes'

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**Subject:** Filling Council District 3 Vacancy IN THE NEW YEAR

If an appointment is the decision, DO NOT fill the vacancy until the new year after the new councilmembers are seated. They're the ones who will be working with an appointed D3 councilmember, so it only makes sense that they should be the ones making the appointment.

Respectfully,

Davide Vieira  
District 3 Community Advocate

Roosevelt Park/Little Portugal Neighborhood

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## D3 vacancy (11/19 Agenda, Item 3.7)

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From Amanda Hook <[REDACTED]>  
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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As a constituent of Council District 3, I would like to urge the Council to opt for an appointment to fill the D3 vacancy. District 3 has already been without representation for over a month, and a special election will be costly in not only in money but time, and have lasting impacts beyond a standalone election. As much as we might wish to follow the normal voting process to fill this vacancy, the reality is that this is an abnormal situation. Special circumstances call for a special appointment.

A special election is conservatively estimated to cost at least \$2 million, and that's only if a candidate wins outright in the primary. Should a runoff occur, that's an additional \$2 million dollars, and, more importantly, additional time without a seated Councilmember. Keeping in mind that Council goes to a month-long recess in July, it's entirely possible that a special election could mean D3 constituents would lack representation for 10 months, nearly a year.

Let's also remember that the City only recently reached a contentious settlement with its workers' unions and has been cutting programs and positions in a constant struggle to balance the budget. Shouldering the additional cost of a special election will almost certainly guarantee additional cuts to remaining programs and staff, which will have lasting impacts on all residents of the City of San José.

The residents of D3 deserve to have our voices heard sooner than the results of a special election would allow. An appointment process is the most expeditious and cost-effective way to ensure this, as we saw in both Districts 8 and 10 last year, who were able to fairly and democratically elect their representation this election.

Lastly, I would like to point out that Norm Mineta was first appointed to his position as a Councilmember. An appointment would allow D3 residents who may not otherwise have the time or resources to run for a rushed special election to demonstrate their potential. I trust the good judgement of the Council to interview and agree upon an appointed Councilmember for less than half of D3's remaining term, until we can hold a standard election for which the candidates can fairly prepare.

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**FW: D3 Council Vacancy - Appoint or Elect ??**

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**From** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Fri 11/15/2024 10:36 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Rich Crowley - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:28 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@sanjoseca.gov; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; district10@sanjoseca.gov  
**Cc:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
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*Mayor Mahan & City Councilmembers -*

*I am intimately familiar with the Councilmember replacement process as a resident of District 10.*

*Quite frankly, your 2022-23 Appointment was a debacle fraught with secrecy and political gamesmanship that smelled as sour as a strong clove of garlic.*

*Using this same process in District 3 would haunt your political legacies forever.*

*I favored a special election then as I do today.*

*Do the right thing - call a special election - It's the right thing, the moral thing, and the democratic thing.*

***Let them, Vote!!!***

***RICH***

*Rich Crowley*  
[REDACTED]

**FW: special election for District 3**

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**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Fri 11/15/2024 10:09 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Angela Elsey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:12 PM  
**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** special election for District 3

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To our council members:

I am writing to urge you to let San Jose voters choose their representative for district 3. These positions should be filled by vote not by appointment. Thank you

Angela Elsey  
[REDACTED]

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It's about learning to dance in the rain.

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**FW: Agenda 3.7 on 11/19**

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**Date** Fri 11/15/2024 5:22 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Please post with letters from the public.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: brendamcleandohmer [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 3:36 PM  
> To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
> Subject: Agenda 3.7 on 11/19

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> Special Election vs. Appointment of City Council Members Agenda item 3.7 on 11/19/2024

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> Hi Toni,

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> As you may recall David Heindel and I met with you multiple times advocating for a 'special election' when the D10 and D8 council seats were vacated in the last election cycle.

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> Council voted for an 'appointment process' because it was determined to be too expensive for the city given current budget constraints even after thousands of people showed up in person and on Zoom to 'let us vote'. The appointed Council member for D10, Arjun Batra, just ran for election in this election cycle and lost by a wide margin. The appointment process clearly did not represent the will of the people in D10.

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> You cannot put a price on democracy. California governor and representatives are now claiming they will do whatever it takes to protect our democracy. Given the San Jose City Council vote for appointment, they really have no intention of protecting our democracy if they won't let us vote for our own local representatives. Governor Newsom has appointed just about every single major California seat in the last 4 years not to mention all the commissions and board seats. This is not a democracy by a long stretch.

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> You cannot deny people the right to vote because of the city's own fiscal irresponsibility and poor risk and contingency planning. You never know when something will happen. San Jose should always plan for contingencies, especially fiscal contingencies, ethics contingencies, and democratic contingencies.

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> You might want to add a background check to the process either way.

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> Have a good weekend Toni!

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> Warm regards,

> Brenda Dohmen

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**FW: District 3 vacancy**

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**Date** Fri 11/15/2024 5:22 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Helen Blain [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2024 5:15 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Peter.OrHz@sanjoseca.gov; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** rajan.dhanya [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** District 3 vacancy

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Mayor Mahan, Cuty Council members, and City Clerk:

The City Council cheated District 10 of the ability to elect a council member when Matt Mahan was elected mayor. Although the individual who was appointed did an excellent job of representing District 10, it was wrong for the city to take away our right to choose who was to represent us. Please don't do this again. Appointing a replacement reeks of corruption by special interest groups. There is enough distrust of government now without creating a reason for more distrust.

Thank you,  
Helen Blain

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FW: District 3 should have the opportunity to vote- NOT have an appointment

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Date Mon 11/18/2024 7:58 AM  
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: jonie murphy [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2024 7:26 PM  
To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>  
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Subject: District 3 should have the opportunity to vote- NOT have an appointment

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Dear Matt,

Just 2 years ago, I remember you (and Sam Liccardo) outside City Hall with a huge crowd of concerned citizens. At that time, you encouraged the citizens to have the opportunity to hold a special election and vote for who we wanted to run our district. There were a great many people there who cared about their neighborhood and cared about our city of San Jose.

I am so sad to learn the council is considering Sergio's push for appointment?

He used to be our district person before the redistricting took place and quite frankly, I would not recommend him because he was not responsive to his constituents. Why waste money on someone who is not familiar with D3 ?

Just considering a council appointment versus a special election is why people don't trust their local government anymore.

Why not encourage the council to hold a special election and let the people in District 3 decide?

The decision of the council two years ago to appoint versus hold a special election caused many citizens to distrust the city council. Do you really want to repeat that? Is this the best way to exercise democracy? Although it is more expensive than appointment, it is the right thing to do.

Please consider encouraging the council to let the people decide.

Thank you for listening to a concerned citizen,  
Joanie Murphy  
D10

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**FW: Allow residents of District 3 to VOTE to replace Torres**

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**Date** Mon 11/18/2024 7:58 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Pat Blevins - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2024 2:34 PM  
**To:** District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Allow residents of District 3 to VOTE to replace Torres

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Enough is enough! No more appointments that suit the political views of the council majority, shifting back and forth between business and labor. ALL residents of SJ deserve to make the decisions on how their Councilmember votes on issues directly affecting the residents or the City's budget. NO MORE appointments, unless its to fill the seat until an election to replace the vacated seat can be arranged in the swiftest possible way. For once work on behalf of the best interests of the residents/taxpayers/voters of San Jose and not special interests.  
Patricia Blevins

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**FW: City Council Agenda item 3.7 (11/19/24) - District 3 Council Vacancy**

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**Date** Mon 11/18/2024 7:58 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Tod [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2024 3:05 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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

With your discussion, please also address the City Charter on this subject to clearly define and set the procedure in these situations to remove any future ambiguity. I find it hard to believe that these guidelines were put in place so a political side can determine which option is best for them to control the power makeup of the City Council. The democratic process should dictate that a vote of the constituency be the default option whenever possible.

It does not seem correct that Councilmembers from other districts would be choosing my representation for me (and especially outgoing Councilmembers). I understand that it may make sense to do an appointment if there is a forthcoming election but an appointment for a two year period seems unreasonable (I actually thought that the previous appointments were political and one year was even too long). I additionally ask you to only consider candidates for any short-term appointment before the special election that commit to not running as their appointment would provide them with an incumbent advantage.

Politics can sidetrack and confuse but I'm sure you all originally got into it to do the best for San Jose and now is one of those opportunities. This would also provide a much needed moment of healing for our district. Please support democracy and put the vote to "the people" of District 3.

Thank you,

Tod Williams  
Downtown (D3) San Jose Resident

**FW: Nov 19 2024 City Council Agenda item 3.7**

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**Date** Mon 11/18/2024 7:58 AM  
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**From:** Ann Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2024 9:10 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Nov 19 2024 City Council Agenda item 3.7

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To the Mayor and City Council members,

I am in favor of holding a special election to fill the City Council District 3 vacant seat. It is important that our community contributes to selecting a replacement. I live in the Japantown neighborhood, District 3.

Thank you.

Ann Murphy

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**FW: 11.19 Mtg - 3.7 - District 3 Upcoming Vacancy.**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Cynthia Batchelder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2024 8:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**From:** Cynthia Batchelder [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 9:06 PM  
**Subject:** 11.19 Mtg - 3.7 - District 3 Upcoming Vacancy.  
**To:** <[matt.mahan@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:matt.mahan@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district1@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district2@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district2@sanjoseca.gov)>, District3 <[district3@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district3@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district5@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district6@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district6@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district7@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district9@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district9@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov)>, Quevedo, Matthew <[Matthew.Quevedo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Matthew.Quevedo@sanjoseca.gov)>, Velazquez, Daniela <[Daniela.Velazquez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Daniela.Velazquez@sanjoseca.gov)>

Dear Council Members and Mayor,

With the vacancy of the D3 City Council seat, I am asking that the D3 community members be part of the selection of the new D3 City Council seat. The best way to do that is a special election.

We are San Jose, we are California, we are the United States and have the right to vote. D3 is the most unique district in San Jose - we deserve more than a placeholder.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cynthia  
Japantown

**FW: Special Election for District 3 Council Member**

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**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 11/18/2024 8:14 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Cindy Fulk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2024 8:56 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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Special Election for District 3 Council Member

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City Clerk and San Jose Council Members,

Let the citizens of D3 choose their own representative.

Do not take away the citizens right to vote as was done two years ago to the citizens of D8 and D10.

Please value your citizens right to vote for their representative.

Cindy Fulk

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**FW: Special election for D3 Seat**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Ruth Callahan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2024 1:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Special election for D3 Seat

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Attn City Clerk:

Please allow D3 residents to vote. It is the only way to restore the shattered public trust of the constituents. The city has funds set aside for the purpose of special elections . Please authorize those funds now.

Sincerely,

Ruth A Callahan

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**FW: Filling D3 Council Vacancy Special Election Support**

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**Date** Mon 11/18/2024 8:14 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Lydia McClure <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2024 1:56 PM  
**To:** District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Council member Batra,

I am writing to express my support for November 19, 2024 agenda item to request City Clerk to prepare two memos detailing options for current D3 unoccupied seat.

I strongly support a special election and not appointment by City Council members not residing in District 3. A special election enables voters and candidates in the District to communicate and align priorities and values during the election cycle which is critical in building mutual trust and priorities.

If a decision is made for appointment then that appointment should be considered after the new council is seated.

Thank you for your service to D10.

Regards,  
Lydia McClure

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**FW: Council vacancy special election**

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**Date** Mon 11/18/2024 9:32 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** paljjones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 9:21 AM  
**To:** District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Council vacancy special election

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Dear Councilman Batra,

Thank you for your service to D10.

I'm writing to express strong support for a special election to fill the D3 open council position. This is something that should be decided by the residents of the district and not by an assignment by the members of the council.

Should an assignment be decided, it should take place after the new council is seated.

Thank you,

Janet Jones  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: Item 3.7 - District 3 Vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Fred Buzo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 9:40 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.7 - District 3 Vacancy

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Mayor & City Councilmembers:

No neighborhood in District 3 has been more deeply impacted by recent events than Guadalupe-Washington. Beyond the political implications, the past two months have been profoundly personal and traumatic for many residents in that community.

For this reason, we stand with the Guadalupe Washington Neighborhood Association in supporting the call for a special election. A special election is the right path forward. It ensures that residents of District 3 have the opportunity to choose their representative, allowing the voice of the people to guide this important decision.

At the same time, we recognize the need for immediate leadership and stability. To avoid gaps in representation—particularly with budget season approaching—we also support an interim appointment. Combining an interim appointment with a commitment to a special election honors the democratic process while addressing the urgent need for continuity and effective governance.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Fred Buzo, Director of ACE  
[REDACTED]

**FW: Council Agenda 11-19-24: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy**

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**From:** Jose Posadas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 12:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Council Agenda 11-19-24: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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Trust is fundamental to providing services to our neighborhoods especially those severely impacted by crime, blight or drugs. When residents select their representative, it is with the expectation that the elected official will represent them, advocate for them and perform all the necessary functions of a duly elected public servant.

At this moment, none of that is happening. Votes that should be taken by the District Three Councilmember are not being cast. As a result, the voices and interests of neighbors like me are not being heard on issues that affect our daily lives.

District Three's disgraced former Councilmember has violated our trusts. I say this as someone who at the age of ten was also a victim of sexual molestation by a neighbor I once trusted. In this situation, as in my own personal life, it is important to move forward and restore a sense of trust - not just with a suitable, new representative but also with the entire City Council who is now tasked with making a decision that will impact 100,000 residents of District Three.

Trust is critical to whatever process moves forward with the District Three vacancy. It is important that there is always full transparency, that any communication to residents is in Spanish and Vietnamese and not just English and that there are always ways in which residents can participate whether in person or virtually because many families cannot get away from their work or their homes to have their voices heard.

Jose Posadas

D3 Resident of over 50 years

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**FW: D3 council vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** weallfalldownonce [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2024 1:05 PM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** D3 council vacancy

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Hello

As a District 9 resident, I'm asking that an interim colleague fill the vacant Distinct 3 council seat. It is the residents' right as US citizens to vote on who we feel will represent our neighborhood needs. This is one of the rights my family, who served this country for many generations, fought for.

Thanks,

Julie Sardana  
A Woods resident for 8 years

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**FW: D3 council vote**

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**From:** Cynthia Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2024 6:58 PM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** D3 council vote

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We deserve validation of our rights.

We deserve the vote.

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Thank you for your consideration

Cynthia Jones  
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**FW: Agenda item 3.7 SJCC meeting 11/19/24. Let Us Vote**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Richard Stewart <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2024 7:36 AM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda item 3.7 SJCC meeting 11/19/24. Let Us Vote

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Richard Stewart  
Resident of District 3

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**FW: Agenda item 3.7 sjcc meeting 11/19/24**

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**From:** Nancy DeMattei [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2024 4:04 PM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda item 3.7 sjcc meeting 11/19/24

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Dear SJCC and City Clerk,

Please ensure the council votes for a special election for the replacement of CM Torres D3 seat. It's time to try and gain back the trust of the D3 constituents.  
Please let us vote.

Thank you,  
Nancy DeMattei  
D3  
Sent from my iPhone

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**FW: District 3 council representative.**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Wade Hall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2024 4:11 PM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3 council representative.

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Dear SJCC and city clerk,  
Please vote to allow though of us who live in district 3 to vote for our new council representative. We have suffered under the incompetence of the previous councilman's reign, please give us the autonomy to put a new representative in office.

Also please appoint David Pandori to serve as the interim council person for district 3.

Thank you  
Wade Hall  
63 year San Jose resident, 29 year district 3 resident.

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**FW: Filling The District 3 Vacancy**

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**From:** Derek Grasty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:20 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Filling The District 3 Vacancy

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Hello City Clerk,

I believe the District 3 seat should be filled by appointment to finish the current term of Omar Torres. This process has been done successfully in the past, and will save money from a costly election. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Wm. Derek Grasty

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**FW: District 3--Process for obtaining councilmember.**

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**From:** mary tucker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3--Process for obtaining councilmember.

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I am a long term resident of District 3, within the Hensley Neighborhood.

Having just learned of the options for obtaining a D3 representative that will be presented to the council members at their meeting tomorrow, I would encourage the members to select the first option-- that of preparing for and holding a special election for D3 residents. I believe that option one would be the best one at this time, considering the amount of time and actions that would be needed to implement the other proposed actions.

Thank you.

Mary Tucker

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**FW: D3**

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**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** D3

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As a resident homeowner of D3 i prefer a special election over appointment

**FW: District 3 New Council Person**

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**From:** sgiammona [REDACTED]  
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As a resident of D3 I would like to have someone appointed VS spending money on a special election etc. for new council member after Omar's resignation.

Thanks,

**Scott Giammona**

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**From:** Ann Bierbower <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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Hello - my household would prefer a special election.

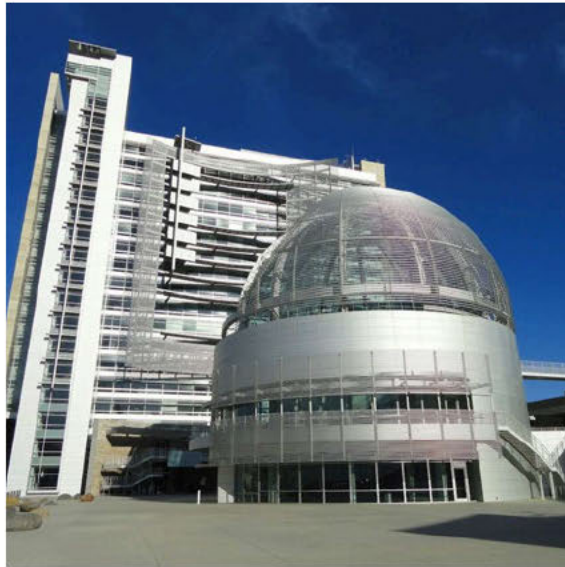
Thank you,  
Ann Bierbower  
95 Hobson St, San Jose, CA 95110

On Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 1:17 PM Cynthia Batchelder [REDACTED] wrote:

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**Subject:** Filling the District 3 Vacancy  
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Sincerely,

District 3 Staff

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**Fw: D3 Special Election Preference**

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**To** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>


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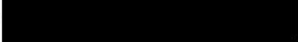



**Matthew Quevedo**

Deputy Chief of Staff - Director of Neighborhood Outreach  
City of San Jose - Office of Mayor Matt Mahan

 200 East Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA - 18th Floor

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**From:** Rosalinda Aguilar   
**Sent:** Sunday, November 17, 2024 5:20 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Quevedo, Matthew <Matthew.Quevedo@sanjoseca.gov>; Arreola, Kiara <Kiara.Arreola@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Loureen Murphy   
**Subject:** D3 Special Election Preference

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Good Afternoon Mayor Matt Mahan,

On behalf of the Guadalupe Washington Board and the following residents of District 3 , we would like to submit this petition to state our preference for the option of holding a Special Election in order to fill the vacancy of the District 3 Council Office.

Please convey our opinion at next Tuesday's council meeting on 11/19/24.

Thank you ,

Guadalupe Washington N.A. Board Members

Loureen Murphy , President  
Rosalinda Aguilar , Vice President & acting Secretary  
Monica Vasquez, Treasurer  
Ray Moreno - Members at Large



Marta Barahona  
Rocío Sosa  
María Barrera

Residents :

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Brandon Ballesteros  
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Benjamín Guzmán  
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Celia Barba Jiménez  
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María Inés Ortega  
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Johanna Ortega  
Oscar DeAnda  
Jorge DeAnda  
Lucy DeAnda  
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( hard copy petition furnished upon request)

Thank you ,

Rosalinda Aguilar

Acting Secretary / Vice President

Guadalupe Washington N.A.

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Kari Davisson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:53 PM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
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For Letters from the Public -- November 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, Agenda item 3.7

To the Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am a long-time resident of D3, a City volunteer, and a Roosevelt Neighborhood Association member, as well as an active advocate for democracy and workers' rights. District 3 is rich in diversity, and contains a long list of both businesses and residents. We need to be not only represented, but **included** in the making of representation decisions. Residents of the entire city must have a voice in our government, including whenever the unexpected happens -- like a resigned Councilmember.

I strongly **oppose**:

- the appointment of a termed out Councilmember from another City District being appointed (Jimenez or otherwise)
- the appointment of a new representative to serve the remainder of the term
- any solution that does not directly involve D3 constituents' input, **INCLUDING** an interim appointment

I **support**:

- a special election
- a special election and interim appointment
- involvement of the new incoming Councilmembers **BEFORE** any appointments or interim appointments for D3 are made

Further, I submit a possible solution, in that over 6,000 residents of D3 have already cast their ballots for a qualified candidate during the regular election in 2022, and that candidate should be considered for temporary appointment until a special election can be held.

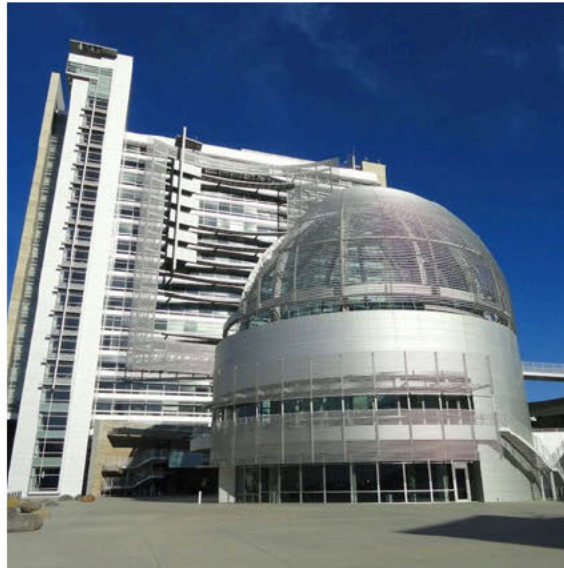
While I appreciate that special elections can be costly, and that budget is top of mind for this leadership, planning for contingencies such as this are the responsibility of our leadership. Budget deficiencies should not force D3 residents into accepting an appointment just because it's cheaper. This is a decision that needs to be made by the residents of District 3.

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Subject: Filling the District 3 Vacancy  
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**From:** Gordon Smith <[REDACTED]>  
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We have lived long time in D3, since 1988, and having voted for a whole succession of city council members over the decades, we would be very upset if we were now denied the right to have an elected representative. We strongly oppose going the route of filling this vacancy by appointment, except on a short-term basis. We want an election as soon as possible. It's worth it to spend the money to have proper representation for the 100,000 residents of this critical district.

Please convey this message to City Council prior to their vote on the matter.

Gordon Smith and Lisa Hettler-Smith  
[REDACTED]

**Gordon Smith**  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: D3 Vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Hans Halberstadt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; April Halberstadt [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** D3 Vacancy

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I prefer an interim appointment with David Pandori as the best candidate till an election.

Your faithful scribe,  
Hans Halberstadt

[REDACTED]

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I am writing to STRONGLY urge a special election for District 3, where I live.

Thank you.

Marni Kamzan



**FW: Filling the District 3 Vacancy**

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**Date** Mon 11/18/2024 1:23 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Juan Carlos Aguirre [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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Hello my name is Juan Carlos and I am a resident of District 3. My home is located at the intersection of 21st Street and San Antonio.

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend tomorrow's City Council meeting due to my work schedule. However, I would like to voice that my preference would be for the City Council to appoint an interim representative to serve until a special election can be held later in 2025.

I hope you can communicate my desires to the rest of the council.

Best regards,

Juan Carlos Aguirre  
D3 resident

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**FW: District 3 vacancy**

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**From:** Shelly Glennon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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I can't attend the City Council meeting, but want to add to the discussion as a member of D3. While I'm not a fan of extra expenses, I feel it is critical to allow residents to choose our own representative and not allow the Mayor or City Council to appoint someone who likely aligns more with their goals than the residents'. I am ok with a temporary appointment until an expedient special election can occur.

Thank you,  
Shelly Glennon, D3 resident for ~20 years

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**FW: District 3 - representation**

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**From:** Henry Barrientos <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3 - representation

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Hi,

I am a long time resident of over 20 years in District 3, and I strongly encourage the City Council to hold a special election to replace the currently vacant position. There are many ongoing and critical issues in District 3 that need to be addressed by this Council and as such we need a representative in our District that understands these issues and future impacts to our community.

thank you,  
Henry and Aracely Barrientos

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**FW: Public Comment on City Council Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy**

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**From:** Kevin Armstrong <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment on City Council Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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I would like to voice my preference to the Council to consider and ideally select the option to appoint an interim D3 representative, followed a future point by a special election, timed to keep cost reasonable and voter participation high.

Many thanks,  
Kevin Armstrong  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** April Halberstadt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy

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District 3 is not like any other District in the City of San Jose.

There is more civic activity in this District than in several of the other districts combined.

My husband and I feel we need an **immediate appointment plus a Special Election.**

We are apprehensive about the cost, but feel we need adequate representation immediately.

Sincerely,  
Hans and April Halberstadt

[REDACTED]

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**FW: Filling the District 3 Vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Rebecca Gallardo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Rebecca Gallardo [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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Hello,

I would like to provide my input to the Mayor and Council on the District 3 Vacancy. I am in favor of an immediate appointment along with a special election to determine through the vote of the electorate who they want their new Council member to be.

In light of the disheartening outcome of the previous sitting Councilmember, I believe this would be the most ethical, civil, and representative approach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rebecca

Rebecca Ann Gallardo  
[REDACTED]

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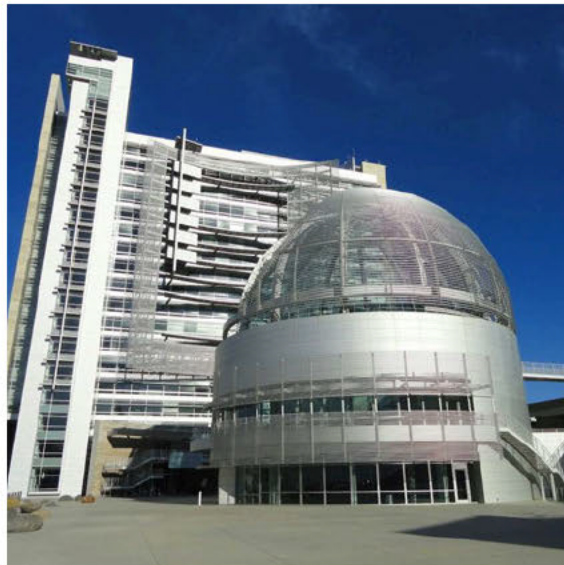
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**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:14 PM

**To:** Rebecca Gallardo <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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### Filling the District 3 Vacancy

As the Council District 3 staff, we want to ensure you're aware of tomorrow's (Tuesday, November 19th, 2024) City Council meeting. At this meeting, a decision will be made on how to fill the upcoming vacancy in our office. The City Council and Mayor will determine whether District 3 will select its next representative through a special election, an appointment, or a combination of both—with an interim appointment followed by a special election.

- **Special Election:** Residents of District 3 would vote to choose their next representative.
- **Appointment:** The City Council would appoint a new representative to serve the remainder of the term.



- **Interim Appointment + Special Election:** The Council would appoint a temporary representative to serve until a special election is held.

This item, [3.7 District 3 Upcoming Vacancy](#), is on the Council agenda for Tuesday, November 19th, 2024. The meeting begins at 1:30 PM, and we encourage you to come and share your preference on how the vacancy should be filled.

If you cannot attend, you can submit your comments via email to the City Clerk at [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov) by 8:00 AM on the meeting day.

Sincerely,

District 3 Staff

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**FW: District 3 Vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Lisa A Wangsness [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3 Vacancy

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To the City Clerk of San Jose, [REDACTED]

The residents of San Jose's District 3 should be represented by their own chosen Council. As a District 3 resident for over 25 years, I wish to submit my opinion that a special election should be held to fill the vacated council seat.

Regarding the appointment of an interim representative, I am not convinced that the current sitting council would make an unbiased or appropriate choice however, the option of *Interim Appointment + Special Election* would seem best to answer the present situation.

Thank you for collecting my comments,  
Lisa Wangsness

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**FW: D3 vacancy**

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**From:** John Luebben <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:37 PM  
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**FW: District 3**

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**From:** Daniel Skapinsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:39 PM  
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**Subject:** District 3

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As a District 3 resident, I want to offer my option about filling the City Council vacancy. I think a special election is too costly and a waste of money. I feel an appointment by the city council is the way to go. Thank you.

Daniel Skapinsky  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: District 3**

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**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:40 PM  
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I have a home in the vendome neighborhood and am totally in favor of the smart, knowledgeable mayor to select a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Matt is so sharp! He and counsel must make this decision.

Thanks,

Donna Dring  
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**FW: Recommend D3 Special Election**

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**From:** Kathleen Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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In the absence of knowing what criteria the Council and Mayor will use for this purpose, I recommend that a replacement District 3 representative be chosen by **Special Election**.

Kathleen Smith  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: District 3 Council member**

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**From:** mary beth chan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3 Council member

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I am a resident of District 3 and I prefer Interim Appointment and Special Election to replace Omar Torres.

Thank you,

Mary Beth Chan  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: Fill District 3 seat by appointment**

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**From:** pegelwell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** David Cohen Councilmember San José District 4 <district4-sanjoseca.gov> [REDACTED] Councilmember Peter Ortiz <district5-sanjoseca.gov@shared1.ccsend.com>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; district1@sanjose.gov; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fill District 3 seat by appointment

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I believe that the fairest way to fill the seat is by appointment, to reflect the political values that the previous councilmember was elected for. Special elections bring out only a few voters.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Elwell

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**FW: Comments for Tuesday, November 19 City Council Meeting**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Kathryn Bell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Comments for Tuesday, November 19 City Council Meeting

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Hello,

Apologies I can not attend the meeting since I need to teach.

I would like to apply to be appointed interim D3 representative and run for the position in a special or regular election. As a teacher, and artist who has lived in D3 for over 20 years I feel we need to make sure to welcome new faces to government and keep the process open to the community.

A temporary appointment made after an open application followed by an election (either special or regular) is the best way to handle the sudden departure. This will ensure D3 has a representative from their own district advocating for them as soon as possible and makes sure they have the ability to elect someone as soon as it can be arranged.

Thank you for allowing my comments.

Warm Regards,

Kathryn Bell

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**FW: Filling district 3 vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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I can not attend the meeting because I am a teacher.  
I think you should do what ever will cost the city the least amount of money.  
If that means appointing someone, I think it should be Irene Smith, the runner up in the last election.

Jen Long  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: District 3 Upcoming Vacancy (Agenda item 3.7, 24-2244)**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** C Chivatero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** District 3 Upcoming Vacancy (Agenda item 3.7, 24-2244)

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Mayor Mahan and City Council members,

I am a 20+ year resident of District 3 and I urge you all to do the right thing and vote to hold a special election as soon as possible for the vacated D3 city council seat. I also support an interim appointment to fill the D3 seat until the special election can be held.

I understand that there are unplanned costs associated with this approach, but I think that recent experience in having sitting city council members appoint representation for other districts (8 and 10) should be a cautionary tale regarding the dangers of foregoing elections. This is not how democracy works. Elections are how citizens express their will and hold leaders accountable.

Finally, I think any interim appointment should be contingent on a public declaration that the appointee will not run for the office in the special election. I understand that this may not be legally enforceable, but a public pledge should be enough to commit an honorable person to follow through and meet such a commitment. It would be the right thing to do.

Please support a special election for the vacated D3 council seat.

Thank you.  
Craig Chivatero

**FW: Replacing Omar Torres**

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**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**From:** Jonathan Karpf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Replacing Omar Torres

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As a member of Omar's City Council District as well as the President of the Naglee Classics HOA, I strongly urge you to hold a special election to find a replacement for Omar Torres, as this would reflect the will of the CC District.

Thank you,  
Prof. Jonathan Karpf

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**FW: I agree to have an election for district 3**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Linda Escobar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** I agree to have an election for district 3

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To whom this may concern:

I received this email in the afternoon. Not able to have sent it before 8 am. Sending you a picture. Thank you for sending it. I wish it would have been yesterday.

I pray you are wise to make a good decision.

Sincerely,

The Escobar family

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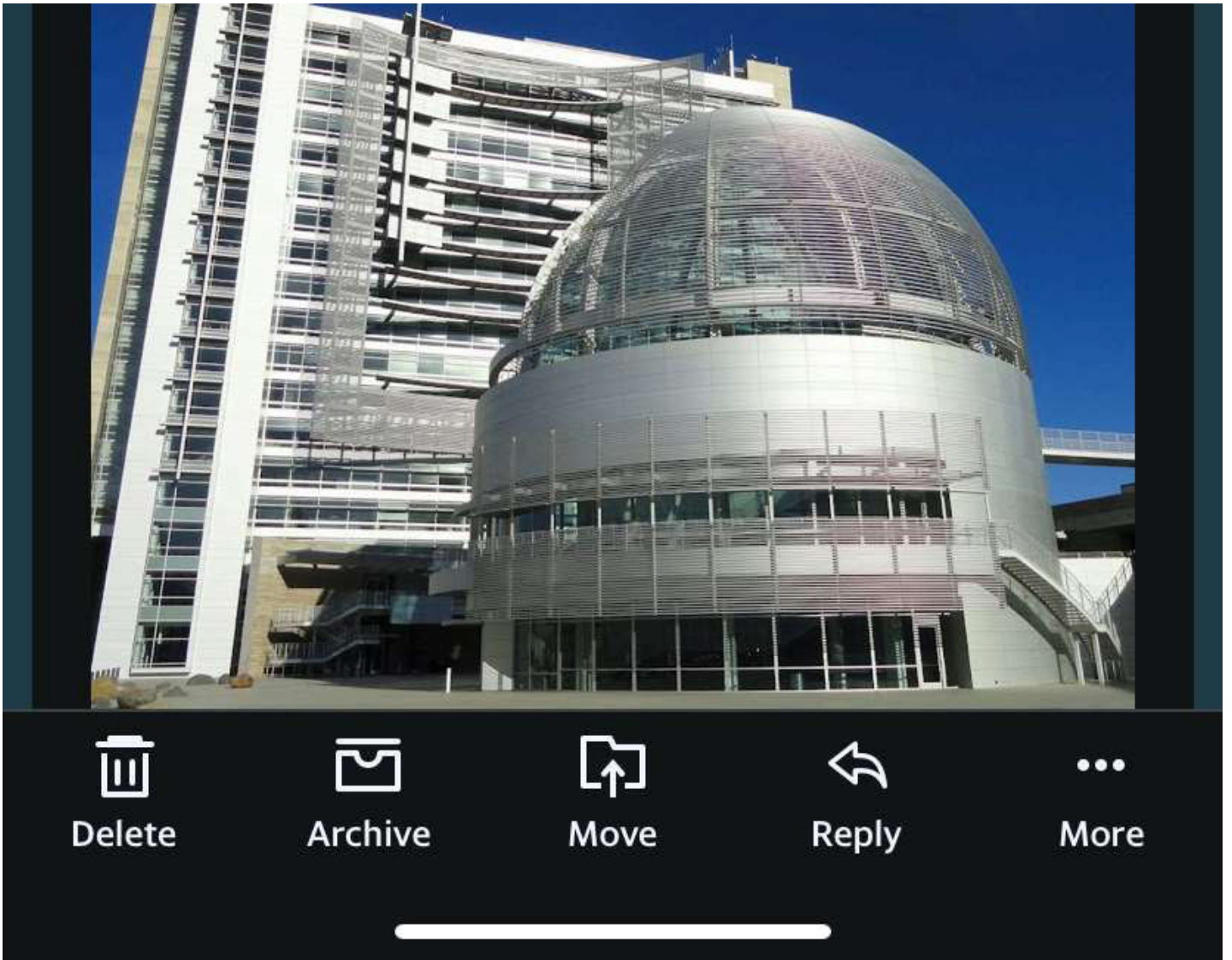
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**FW: Appointment a council member**

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**From:** Leslie Gray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:50 PM  
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Dear city clerk,

I am a resident of district 3. I would like you to appoint a replacement for Omar Torres and then wait till the next election cycle to elect a new candidate.

Sincerely,

Leslie Gray  
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**FW: District 3 replacement**

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**From:** Monica Richards [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 2:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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I am writing to request that the District 3 councilmember be appointed and no special election should be held. I believe there are several qualified candidates that can be appointed to complete Omar Torres' term. A special election would be needlessly expensive at a time when our city could better use the money elsewhere, like to find safe parking sites for RVs, etc.

Thanks for your consideration.

Monica

Monica Richards [REDACTED]

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**FW: Filling the District 3 Vacancy**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Nicolette Hinkle <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 3:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Filling the District 3 Vacancy

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Dear Clerk,

I would like to express my preference for filling the District 3 vacancy. I feel the best thing for the district is to have an interim appointment for our city council representative and then have a special election to pick who will serve out the rest of the term.

Sincerely,  
Nicolette Hinkle

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