

Help restaurants and small businesses recover

Shasta Ericson <[REDACTED]>

Fri 3/12/2021 11:49 AM

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Sincerely,

Shasta Ericson

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Support local San Jose small businesses

Meredith Curry <[REDACTED]>

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PLEASE VOTE TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES!

NICOLAS DAZZI [REDACTED] >

Mon 3/15/2021 6:13 PM

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March 15, 2021

San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy submits this letter in **support** of the Mayor's Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and we ask the City Council to approve and direct the City Manager to submit a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, guided by the policy direction outlined in the Mayor's March Budget Message.

Public space stewardship is community development. The most recent City Auditor's "Annual Report on City Services 2019-20" shows that parks are the highest touchpoint between San Jose residents and city government, with 90% of respondents visiting a park once a month or more in 2020. Supporting priorities around public assets that reach so many San Joseans is a necessary element to our City's recovery.

In particular, the Conservancy uplifts the specific initiatives below that have strong alignment with the priorities and concerns of our members and neighbors.

Beautify San Jose - this initiative has grown into a program that aims to address public space issues in a nimble, safe, and strategic way. Given the growth of demand for its services, introduction of new programs, and the speed of its expansion, the objectives of the Mayor's Budget message would mean invaluable support of an initiative we have come to rely on more and more.

Resilience Corps - we support efforts that combine workforce development programs that lift up other community priorities and connect youth to the civic assets of our City. The Resilience Corps program's goals around economic security, climate change, and pandemic relief is a strategic way to move the needle of many pressing concerns.

Restoring Our Parks - Park rangers are one of the highest priorities our members, local businesses, and neighbors list, and we fully support the Mayor's directive to fill our City's vacant park ranger positions and dedicate two to the Guadalupe River Park. We hope that this will increase support for a fully staffed Citywide ranger program in the near future.

San Jose Abierto & San Jose Al Fresco - 2020 has shown how vital our parks and public spaces are in supporting the economic, social, and physical and mental well-being of our residents. Initiatives like these center the future prosperity of our city around our public spaces, and we hope that this leads to future permanent prioritization of our social infrastructure and civic commons.

SOAR Program - The last County Homeless Census in 2019 revealed that the Guadalupe River Park and surrounding area has the second highest concentration of unhoused residents in the County. We support the joint initiatives that provide street-based services, removal of accumulated trash and debris, and increase outreach to unhoused residents.

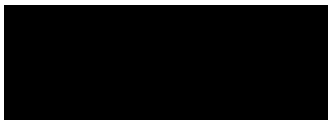
Emergency and Transitional Housing Communities - we support the connection between emergency interim housing with future employment opportunities and look forward to collaborating with the Mayor's Office on connecting these future housed residents to help beautify, clean, and restore the Guadalupe River Park.

Backyard Homes/ADUs, Opportunity Housing, & Managed or Sanctioned Encampments - every Councilmember we've spoken to about the most pressing concerns their district faces; homelessness and housing costs are universally some of their top priorities. We support the Mayor's Message to provide direction and increase community engagement and staff capacity to look at a multitude of ways to manage existing encampments and increase housing, social services, and workforce opportunities to uplift our unhoused residents.

Digital Inclusion and Equity - GRPC proudly delivers environmental science field trips to thousands of students from Title One School each year. While we have been able to pivot our summer Camp Guadalupe, field trips, and homeschool curriculum to distance learning, we witnessed firsthand that many of the barriers we aim to reduce are beyond the capacity of our organization. Investing in digital inclusion and equity would ensure that all our youth will have access to high quality education and future opportunities and bridge an education equity gap exasperated by the COVID 19 pandemic.

We thank the Mayor for the thoughtful and ambitious budget message that addresses so many priorities, and where possible, the Conservancy looks forward to supporting. As we look towards recovery of our City through the coming years, we need to view success through the collective lens around equity, economics, and the environment. We believe the Mayor's 2021-2022 Budget Message is a solid step in that direction.

Sincerely,



Jason Su
Executive Director



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Save Local Restaurants

Jennifer Patane [REDACTED]

Mon 3/15/2021 7:47 PM

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Jennifer Patane
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Supporting Al Fresco Dining - small business owner running cafe @ Tech Interactive

Tony Santos [REDACTED] >

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Please extend Al Fresco/Outdoor Dining in DTSJ

Nina Munoz <[REDACTED]>

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AL FRESCO PROGRAM

ADOLFO GOMEZ [REDACTED]

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Fw: Public Comment: City Council Agenda: 3/16/2021 Item:3.3

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From: Trudy [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:32 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Public Comment: City Council Agenda: 3/16/2021 Item:3.3

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I write in support of retaining the following programs and support the comments:

“Fixing the “Good People, Bad Process” Problem with Consolidated Management: The roughly dozen beautification and quality-of-life-related initiatives that comprise BeautifySJ requires coordination across multiple departments and offices. We often hear residents praise our hard-working City staff, but grouse about the disconnected nature of services and support. A resident makes a straightforward request, but different City programs managed by different City departments respond in an uncoordinated way to the same geographic location. This ambiguity in ownership of service delivery frustrates our community and produces many inefficiencies. We can do better. The City Manager is directed to continue programmatic consolidation under a single manager solely focused on ridding our City of blight. The City should maintain those innovative programs that appear to be effective—including but not limited to SJ Bridge, BeautifySJ Neighborhood

March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 March 8, 2021 Page 11 Beautification Grants, Murals for Graffiti Hot Spots, Cash for Trash, Neighborhood Dumpster Days and others, while streamlining others to reduce duplication of management. The City Manager is further directed to return with a Manager’s Budget Addendum that clearly articulates the management consolidation strategy, the source of funding for the increased service levels necessary to effectively clean our City—including the use of federal relief funds, if allowable—and options for continuing investment over at least the next two years.”

Consideration might be given to:

- Regular sweeps of chronic dump sites rather than placing the onus on resident reporting
- Expanding cash for trash outside of the downtown area and into the periphery neighborhoods
- When COVID appropriate, move to enact the “citizen code enforcement” teams

- Empower CE and DOT with the resources to more quickly remedy trouble spots
- Review the City's reticence to installation of Little Free Libraries in the City's parking strips

Trudy Ellerbeck ~ [REDACTED]
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Fw: Support For Mayors 2021 - 2022 Budget - Parks Repair and Maintenance

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From: mcclewis [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:24 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Support For Mayors 2021 - 2022 Budget - Parks Repair and Maintenance

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Please record these comments towards today's San Jose City Council Meeting.

The current state of the parks - neglected conditions, trash, blight, disrepair, and safety concerns are always near or at the top of our communities neighborhood concerns.

We are voicing our full support towards the San Jose Parks / Guadalupe River Park repair and maintenance line items of the March 2021-2022 budget proposal.

Sincerely,

AXIS Community Neighborhood Watch Committee

Mark Lewis - Chairman

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Fw: 3/16 City Council Agenda re your budget proposal for homeless

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Mayor Liccardo,

I am not going to be able to join the Zoom meeting tomorrow. But, I wanted to again express to you my feelings regarding the homeless in our community.

We live in one of the richest areas in the US. It is the responsibility of our elected officials to stop talking about the problem and to do something about it. Simple things like providing a “camp site” and/or an “RV Park” with restrooms and laundry facilities would go a long way to quickly and somewhat inexpensively help a lot of needy people.

Please, do not take the tack of removing the existing encampments, until a viable alternate location for these poor folks to reside is developed. This problem is not going to go away simply by removing the encampments in a particular location. When displaced, the homeless will just move to another parcel in our community. For instance I am aware that many of the homeless in the Gilroy area used to live in the “Jungle” in San Jose.

Thanks.

Vic Giacalone[REDACTED]
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March 15, 2021

Mayor and City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: 3/16/21 City Council Agenda item 3.3: Mayor's Budget Message, Airport Connector RFQ/RFP

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group writes to express our support for the Mayor's proposal for an Airport Connector RFQ/RFP as recommended in his March Budget Message.

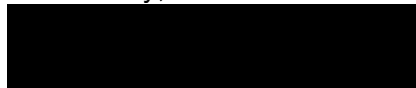
The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents hundreds of Silicon Valley's most respected employers in issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic quality of life in Silicon Valley. Collectively, Leadership Group members provide nearly one out of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley and contribute more than \$3 trillion to the global economy.

For well over a decade, Silicon Valley Leadership Group member companies have identified transportation as one of the top public policy important to business and our region. This has guided our organization's intense effort to deliver solutions.

The Leadership Group has led or co-led every transportation measure in Santa Clara County dating back to 1984, including most recently leading Measure RR to save and expand Caltrain. Voters have supported an Airport Connector Corridor over four elections. We ask the City Council to prioritize the San Jose Airport Connector which will accelerate the opportunity for the City to take advantage of job creation, infrastructure improvement, and stimulate our economy.

The Leadership Group is committed to supporting transportation solutions in our Valley, and we proudly support the competitive opportunity that the Airport Connector RFQ/RFP for the City of San Jose represents.

Sincerely,



Jason Baker
Senior Vice President, Transportation, Health & Housing
Silicon Valley Leadership Group



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ENRIQUE ARGUELLO
Business Manager
Secretary-Treasurer

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Honorable City Council Members and city Staff:

My name is Enrique Arguello and I am the Business Manager of LiUNA Laborer's Local 270 that has a membership close to 7,000 strong; many of our members live and work in East San Jose. LiUNA Laborer's Local 270 has a long history of advocating on behalf of working-class families. That is why I write this letter in support of Mayor Liccardo's March Budget Message as I know not only many of our members and their families would benefit all of our neighbors across the City of San Jose.

I think we can all agree the those most impacted in our city have been residents in lower income communities. The pandemic has taken many lives, jobs and had put many families in debt leaving them with a sense of hopelessness. Providing programs and resources will help those most impacted start to rebuild can make a change in many lives. Resilience Corps is an opportunity for the youth to see a future with a job, living wage and benefits that will give them pride and peace of mind. Building a work force from San Jose resident in service to San Jose residents will instill a sense of pride and resilience for everyone.

Let's not forget that we still have a lot of work ahead of us. Many of our hardest hit areas are still not getting the support they need for many reasons such as lack of resources and/or mobility issues. Mayor Liccardo's plan can help the city start to recover with the resilience corps is a solution that can be implemented quickly and make a difference on so many lives. I respectfully ask for your support in Mayor Liccardo's March Budget message.

Best Regards,


Enrique Arguello

Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer

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Marianne and Carl Salas

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March 16, 2021

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Subject: SUPPORT for the Mayor's Budget

Dear Mayor, Liccardo and Members of the City Council

Please accept this as a letter of **SUPPORT for the proposed Mayor's budget**. This past year has placed extreme burdens on our fragile community and on the fragile ecosystem. The mayor's budget recognizes the importance of both.

Particularly portions of the Mayor's budget are critical to both our community and ecosystem. These include:

- ✓ Beautify San Jose
- ✓ Resiliency Corps
- ✓ Restoring our Parks

The investment in the above, should not be considered an expense. Rather the innate value of San Jose's many natural assets needs to be preserved and treasured. The resultant return on investment will support San Jose long into the 21st century.

Sincerely,



Carl Salas

Fw: Support of Mayor's Budget message Item 3.3

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As President of Little Italy San Jose, we have been blessed to be located next to the beautiful Guadalupe River Park that is the location of our Italian Festival, permanent banners of Italian Americans and provides open space, walking trails and recreational activities with the tennis courts and futsal soccer court. Over the past several years and especially during this pandemic our Little Italy neighborhood, business district, and nonprofit have not felt not so lucky to be located next to the Guadalupe park with buildings that have caught fire and constant removal of homeless encampments, break-ins at our establishments and overwhelming trash and belongings left from the homeless. We are very excited to see 2 full-time park rangers dedicated to the Guadalupe River Park in the proposed budget as well as Youth park stewardship programs and community building events to work on further beautification of the park. We hope the council will approve this memo and make it a priority to cherish this park as a recreational resource for the community and not a permanent home for encampments.

Joshua DeVincenzi Melander
President - Little Italy San Jose
Guadalupe River Park Task Force Working Group member

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Al Fresco program

adriana amador [REDACTED]

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Rainbow Chamber supports proposal for Small Business Support

Bettie Owen [REDACTED]

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As a native resident of the City of San Jose and as a local environmental educator in higher education, I was happy to see the inclusion of [sustainable](#) policies in the recent budget message from Mayor Liccardo. My students learn of these policies in their studies and this allowed me to discuss how our community is working towards acknowledging and preparing for what we predict. They were able to see that they have a purpose in their community and that when leaders pay attention and work hard they can transfer their power into working policy.

I look forward to bringing more examples of the City's leadership (and hopefully more opportunities) to my students in the future.

Alicia K. De Toro Ed.D.

"If the structure does not permit dialogue the structure must be changed"
— Paulo Freire

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Wed 3/17/2021 6:24 AM

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Dear Clerk City Clerk,

Please vote to support Mayor Sam Liccardo's budget message (agenda item 3.3). I heard from the Silicon Valley Organization that one of the Mayor's budget priorities is to support small business resiliency. In particular, the San Jose Al Fresco program should be extended to let restaurants/small businesses expand their operations outdoors in a safe and responsible manner.

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated restaurants and small businesses. The road to recovery will be a very long and arduous one, but we can give restaurants & small businesses a chance to earn their own income by extending the Al Fresco program.

According to the California Restaurant Association, 60% of restaurants in the state are owned by people of color. Restaurants are where minorities find their path to upward mobility. They are where families can share the food of their homeland country and earn a living with a degree of dignity. By supporting restaurants and small businesses, we can prevent local workers from falling into abject poverty and potentially homelessness through increased job security instead of layoffs.

Please do the right thing and support Mayor Liccardo's budget message to prioritize small business resiliency and to help them survive this pandemic. We won't have an equitable economic recovery if we are leaving our restaurants/small businesses behind.

Sincerely,

Marc Cadet

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