
FW: final adoption of ordinances

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Hello,

On behalf of Sacred Heart Community Service I write in support of the [memo from Councilmembers Campos, Cohen, Ortiz and Candelas](#) clarifying and tweaking the ordinances related to "trespass on City property" and the rental of recreational vehicles to be used for lodging with the public right-of-way."

The language prohibiting all overnight parking of lived-in vehicles is far beyond the stated intent of the "vanlording" policy, and it is important to have clear rules regarding trespass so the policy aligns with the City's stated goals of not over-policing unhoused residents but instead getting them connected to appropriate shelter and services.

thank you,

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Matt King
pronouns: he/him/his
Policy Director
Sacred Heart Community Service
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Dear City of San Jose Mayor and Council,

On behalf of HomeFirst, we have attached our letter of support for **Memorandum from Councilmembers Campos, Cohen, Ortiz, and Candelas related to the Final Adoption of Ordinances.**

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Best,



Sheila Tayama (She/Her/Hers)
Sr. Executive Assistant to
Kelly Vazquez, COO & Bea Ramos, CPO

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June 16, 2025

The Honorable Mayor & Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113

RE: Support Memorandum from Councilmembers Campos, Cohen, Ortiz, and Candelas related to the Final Adoption of Ordinances

Honorable City of San Jose Mayor & Council,

On behalf of HomeFirst, I am writing in support of the June 13, 2025 memo authored by Councilmembers Campos, Cohen, Ortiz, and Candelas related to the Final Adoption of Ordinances—including Ordinance No. 31218 and No. 31223.

HomeFirst is a leading provider of shelter, services, and housing opportunities for residents of the Northern California Bay Area who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We impact more than 10,000 individuals each year through a person-centered continuum of services, which includes prevention, outreach, shelter, interim and permanent housing, behavioral health, and systems management.

As written, these ordinances pose significant risks to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and to our collective effort toward ending homelessness.

Ordinance 31223 - A blanket prohibition against using “any recreational vehicle for living or sleeping quarters on any street, alley, or city-owned premises within the city, between the hours of 9 P.M. and 6 A.M.” will inevitably lead to increased instances of relocation, service disruption, negative health outcomes, and literal street-based homelessness.

Vehicles can offer critical protection during inclement weather. For those with pre-existing medical conditions, exposure to extreme heat, cold, or damp conditions can severely worsen their health—and in some cases, lead to hospitalization or death. The negative impact of this ordinance on vulnerable members of our community cannot be overstated.

Ordinance 31218 - Enforcement-based approaches erode trust with outreach services. Citations, arrests, and vehicle impoundments can be traumatizing and life-altering. Such experiences impede people’s path toward permanent housing and make it far more difficult for outreach teams to build rapport and support long-term stability.

The recommended clarification to this ordinance provides much needed focus that diminishes some of the harm associated with overly broad enforcement-based approaches to street-based homelessness.

To ensure the efficacy of our crisis response system and to protect the people we serve, we urge the Council to support the recommendations put forward in this memo.



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Sincerely,

Kell
Chief Operating Officer



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Dear Mayor and Council,

This is a response to the Final Adoption of Ordinances File: 25-754 Item: 22 memorandum submitted just one business day ago regarding changes to Ordinances No. 31218 and 31223.

I am expressing my continued support for the 2025-26 budget approved June 10, 2025 as approved with no further changes.

Continuing to move forward with the approved strategy and not place additional barriers, burdens and delays is critical to moving the City's needs and goals forward for all.

I ask that you reject the addition of this memorandum.

Respectfully,

Cheri and Mark Lewis

D3 Resident AXIS Condominiums

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Cheri K Lewis



Healthcare Executive and Consultant

Board Member - Little Italy San Jose

Member - AXIS Neighborhood Action Committee

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FW: Comment on June 13th Memo

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I'll admit to reading and then re-reading the memo and being confused. I am not sure what the purpose of the memo is or who it is intended to serve.

Where we should be looking to conserve resources and simplify processes this seems to needlessly add a layer of complexity to create a barrier to enforcement. As my colleagues in the Downtown have mentioned, we are in a fragile state at the moment and both the perception and reality of safety is important to consider. As mentioned by Dan Phan, when we had the S.T.O.P. program in place we had an effective tool to maintain safety, ease the burden on property owners and small businesses and help our police department. I believe strongly that the program should be brought back.

Although this email chain is focused on the D3 and downtown, I'll bring up some recent personal experiences in other districts.

I am a small business owner with a Martial Arts School in the D5 (Eastside San Jose) at the Capitol Square Mall. We've had numerous vagrants come into our space and literally smoke crack in front of our door stop during our Youth classes (with children as young as the age of four).

In the last two weeks as a homeowner in the D6 (College Park next to Bellarmine) we have a vacant property on the corner of Laurel and Ashbury which was recently broken into and taken over by a mentally ill individual. In the process of trying to evict the person while the landlord was absent, said individual wandered around the neighborhood, threatened other neighbors and even walked into other houses. I seldom fear for myself being of above average height and build and training martial arts for the entirety of my adult life, however I am very afraid for my wife at 5'2 and barely 100 pounds and I doubt as brave as my 7 pound dog is that he would be of much help in those situations.

On these grounds and from what has been mentioned I'll urge the council to reconsider and reject the Memo 2.2

Best Regards,
Gumby



Gumby Marques
Interim CEO
San Jose Downtown Association



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On Jun 16, 2025 at 11:26 PM -0700, Dan Phan <[REDACTED]>, wrote:

I support Ted's concerns regarding the proposed memo. Requiring police to obtain affirmative and documented authorization—even on clearly posted private property—creates an unnecessary and counterproductive barrier to enforcement. In downtown San Jose, where we are already working to balance public safety, economic revitalization, and livability, we should be making it easier—not harder—for police to respond to trespassing and related issues. Adding more bureaucratic steps risks deterring timely intervention and further discouraging investment in a district that urgently needs support.

As someone who owns and operates four businesses in Downtown San José, I've used the S.T.O.P. program and found it to be an effective tool for maintaining safety and reducing strain on both our teams and SJPd. However, the language in the memo appears to undermine or invalidate that program by requiring real-time authorization—even when a property is clearly posted and prior permission is already on file. At one of our locations, we've dealt with near-daily issues stemming from a nearby smoke shop that does not pay rent and is known to sell drugs, illegal substances, and paraphernalia to anyone in the area. The clientele it attracts regularly loiters, harasses pedestrians, and disrupts neighboring businesses. We need fast, reliable enforcement—not more red tape. To strengthen the S.T.O.P. program, I urge the Council to eliminate the burdensome six-month renewal requirement and adopt a one-time authorization model that remains valid until revoked. Let's empower the police and support those of us working to build a safe and vibrant Downtown.

Dan Phan

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On Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 8:57 PM Gary Dillabough <[REDACTED]> wrote:

David and Domingo

I would also add that I was in my office a few weeks ago in the mid afternoon when a shooting took place on Fountain Alley in broad daylight. One of our tenants has moved out since then. They no longer feel safe in downtown.

Gary

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 16, 2025, at 7:22 PM, Ted McMahon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear CMs Campos, Candelas and Cohen,

After reading the memo you signed (copy attached), I was convinced that you are prioritizing scenarios unstated in your memo and, whatever these scenarios may be, are clearly not the priority in D3 where we struggle to get the PD to respond to trespassing calls, given their many priorities. Your suggestion of making it harder for the PD to take action in an environment that, just in the last few weeks, has seen a 3-year old attacked, break ins at art galleries in broad daylight, people defecating on the patio of the restaurant across the street from City Hall and crazed people throwing chairs at the general manager of the same place. Your fellow Council Member Foley can describe to you what happened during a staff celebration last year when "trespassing" became a threat of violence and bystanders had to intervene. Likewise, a bystander had to intervene to protect the little girl on Santa Clara Street two weeks ago. We need more police and more police engagement not less.

This paragraph in particular from your memo is what I'm focused on:

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I might suggest that the next time you visit a downtown restaurant or bar, ask if they've had any problems. Ask, please, how effective the enforcement of the existing "pedestrian free passage" have been and if they see any example of overexuberant proactive enforcement where your suggestion might prove beneficial. I would argue enforcement is hampered exactly because the PD is hamstrung by the DA and the City Attorney. You are concerned about "admonishments" ?Having been required to drive to downtown at midnight and wait hours for the police to show up so I can "tresspass" people who have broken into buildings, with weapons, and were actively hold up in the building, because PD would not act without my physical presence, I can tell you that having the City Attorney create more impediments for police to take action seems like a waste of time, a de-motivator for the police department and yet another disincentive for anyone to take risk in our downtown that is struggling to create vibrancy.

I'm sure your intentions were good, but please, don't create additional beraucratic steps and add more disincetive for the PD to act. We are already very conservative in our approach and struggle to get officers to join the force.

I'm copying a few downtown stakeholders in case they'd like to chime in or provide examples of their challenges in getting action taken where trespassers have become a threat. Your memo is attached for reference.

Kind regards,

Ted

Chief Investment Officer

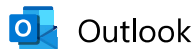
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Good morning! On behalf of PATH, please accept the attached letter of support for the amendments to item 2.2 on the Council agenda.

Thanks,
Zach

Zach Schlagel

He/Him/His

Senior Director of Public Policy

T: [REDACTED]



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June 16, 2025

The Honorable Councilmember Pamela Campos
City of San José
200 E Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Re: Council Agenda Item #2.2

Dear Councilmember Campos:

On behalf of PATH, I would like to convey our concern about the so-called “vanlording” ordinance in item #2.2, which we find to be broad and punitive. We appreciate and support the practical and compassionate amendment being proposed by you, Councilmember Cohen, Councilmember Candelas and Councilmember Ortiz.

While we understand the rationale behind the “vanlording” ordinance, this proposal would unfairly target vulnerable people who have nearly nothing, except their vehicle. With the current dearth of affordable housing and shelter options, many people choose to stick to the relative safety of their vehicle.

At the end of the day, PATH doesn’t want to see people living on the street or in their vehicles, but the current system does not have the capacity to help these individuals. We should not be penalizing them for the failure of the system. On any given day, over 90% of the unhoused individuals we interact with cannot access shelter, despite a desire to accept that or other lifesaving solutions.

We appreciate the amendment that you and the aforementioned Councilmembers have put forward on this ordinance, and remain eager to work with you and City staff to ensure its success, if passed.

If there is an opportunity to continue this conversation, please reach out to our Senior Director of Public Policy, Zach Schlagel at [REDACTED] or via phone at [REDACTED].

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Jennifer Hark Dietz
Chief Executive Officer
PATH



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REST (Rapid Encampment Support Team), the new RRN for sweeps, a coalition of friends and partners from several NGOs who work in homelessness, immigrant services and social justice, support the Campos, Candelas, Cohen Ortiz memo.

We know personally of areas where unhoused people, as a whole, are trespassed from areas and we think this memo makes for a more humane policy.

In the era of conducting massive sweeps but offering no housing for the people being swept, the City must expect unhoused people to find new places to live anywhere they can. Those fortunate enough to have an RV must not be ostracized from city streets and pushed into other local jurisdictions, this would be hypocritical and contrary to much of the "take care of your own" rhetoric the mayor has used.

Regards,
REST

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