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RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities and Legislative Program.

OUTCOME

The 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities and Legislative Program will guide advocacy work in the corresponding State and Federal legislative sessions.

BACKGROUND

The California Legislature and the United States Congress will both begin a new two-year legislative session in 2023. The Legislative Priorities and Legislative Program direct the City's work around legislation, regulation, and funding for the next two years. The Administration is bringing forward this update prior to the next legislative session to reflect current policy and funding windows as well as City Council and staff direction received throughout 2022.

The Intergovernmental Relations team (IGR) last reported to City Council on legislative priorities March 29, 2022 (<u>Item 3.4, 22-400</u>).¹ City Council approved four updated advocacy priorities for 2022: (1) COVID-19 Recovery and Endemic Response; (2) Homelessness Funding; (3) Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives; and (4) Funding to Advance Smart, Sustainable, and Reliable Infrastructure. The IGR team is proposing five updated legislative program priorities going into the 2023-2024 legislative session.

¹ <u>https://sanjose.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5526158&GUID=DAF4AA63-C5A1-4807-9167-</u> 49D5BD4981E0&Options=&Search=

The City Council approved the 2022 Legislative Program on November 30, 2021 (<u>Item 3.5, 21-</u>2483).² The analysis below outlines how the 2023-2024 Legislative Program reflects updates and improvements made in close coordination with City departments and partners.

ANALYSIS

2023-2024 Legislative Priorities

Each year, the Administration identifies top Legislative Priorities that align with policy positions in the Legislative Program. These priorities represent high complexity policy work where substantial resources, staffing, and strategic support are anticipated to advocate for critical City needs. Legislative Priorities were crafted in close coordination with departments and partners and take into consideration funding and policy opportunities in the 2023-2024 State and Federal Legislative sessions. They have been rewritten from last year's priorities and each have an embedded equity component. The updated priorities are included below; please note that they are not in rank order and will be pursued as opportunities arise.

- Address Homelessness and Enable Affordable Housing: Support flexibility in homelessness funding, pursue opportunities to fund bridge housing, encampment services including environmental remediation, emergency interim housing, shelters, permanent affordable housing, and associated operating and services funding. Support legislation that furthers affordable housing while maintaining local control of land use. This work will be executed with an equity lens to remedy past government actions which have historically destabilized San José's communities of color and low-income communities and excluded these residents from accessing safe and stable housing.
- Promote Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives: Advocate for proposals that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with the City's Vision Zero goals. This work will be prioritized within the City's areas of disparate fatal and severe traffic injury collisions. Also support initiatives and funding to reduce violence and harm from firearms. This work will be pursued with an equity lens to ensure all residents of San José's diverse communities have their rights protected.
- **Pursue Funding for Equitable, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure**: Advocate for funding for priority infrastructure projects, and readiness for the next disaster. This work will be approached within an equity framework to ensure that infrastructure investments are targeted in areas that have a deficit in service and where investments make the whole system more sustainable and resilient for everyone.
- Drive Impactful Climate Action and Unlock San José's 2030 Climate Smart Goals: Advocate for funding that supports Climate Smart goals and meaningful climate action in

² City of San José - File #: 21-2482 (legistar.com)

the region and eliminate legislative barriers that challenge San José's 2030 Climate Smart goals. Underpinning this work will be a strong focus on ensuring environmental justice.

• Relentlessly advocate for regional policy solutions that result in equitable outcomes and prosperity for San José families: Through a coordinated regional approach, advocate for sustainable and meaningful funding and legislation that advance social, economic, environmental, educational, health, and political equity to eliminate persistent disadvantages and cycles of poverty produced by structural racism.

Notable Changes from the 2022 Legislative Priorities

These five priorities reflect some notable changes from the priorities approved by City Council for 2022, including:

- The deletion of COVID-19 Recovery and Endemic Response as a legislative priority. COVID-19 is still a serious illness, and the long-term effects of COVID-19 are still very much being felt in San José communities, particularly those historically underserved. There is, however, no additional legislative or funding measures anticipated at the state or federal levels in this policy area. While the IGR team will continue to advocate for resources related to COVID-19, it no longer remains strategic to include this as a legislative priority. However, through the newly proposed priority centering on families, the IGR team will advocate for solutions that close gaps exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The inclusion of the legislative priority 'Relentlessly advocate for regional policy solutions that result in equitable outcomes and prosperity for San José families' underscores the City of San José's commitment to families across of a host of issues where there are legislative and funding opportunities.
- The addition of affordable housing as a priority due to the need to support affordable housing solutions for residents. The State Legislature's focus on affordable housing bills also creates a large advocacy need.
- The explicit integration of equity and environmental justice in infrastructure advocacy. The Administration recognizes that transformational infrastructure projects need to be grounded in equity and prioritized to those areas most in need and traditionally underserved.
- The addition of Drive Impactful Climate Action and Unlock San José's 2030 Climate Smart Goals. With increasing State and Federal advocacy opportunities around climate change, the Administration has included this as a legislative priority. San José is an international leader in climate goals, driving a need to include this item as a priority.

2023-2024 Legislative Program

The Administration recognizes that advocacy opportunities in Sacramento and Washington D.C. may move quickly and unexpectedly. The 2023-2024 Legislative Program (Attachment) contains broad direction that will allow the Administration to take advantage of policy windows and advance the City Council's legislative agenda in partnership with our lobbying firms Cruz Strategies (located in Sacramento) and Holland & Knight (located in Washington, D.C.). This document has been reimagined from previous years to be a more public-facing document with a cohesive expression of policy priorities, easily consumable to both internal and external stakeholders. In making this document a public-facing compilation of policy statements, the IGR team aims to create a platform for more transparency and increased engagement of residents, partners, elected officials, and a host of external stakeholders. The IGR team worked closely with departments and partners to collate Legislative Program items into functional areas grounded in an envisioned future state. Functional areas allow for the organization of cross-departmental policy priorities while delineating distinct policy areas and needs. The explicit inclusion of a desired 'future state' provides a forward-thinking approach to what the City is striving to achieve through its advocacy portfolio.

Functional Areas

The 2023-2024 Legislative Program is divided into the following functional areas: Airport, Economic Development, Healthy Communities, Homelessness, Housing, Local Control and Fiscal Stability, Racial Equity, Safer San José, Supporting Families, Sustainability/Resiliency: Air, Sustainability/Resiliency: Climate Smart, Sustainability/Resiliency: Energy, Sustainability/Resiliency: Infrastructure, Sustainability/Resiliency: Water, and Technology.

These functional areas were formulated in close coordination with previous City Council direction, City department input, and feedback from partners. A few functional areas require additional explanation:

- Healthy Communities was created with input from Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS), Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department (PBCE), the City Manager's Office (CMO), Department of Transportation (DOT), and Environmental Services Department (ESD). This section speaks to the City's commitment to ensuring all residents have the resources they need to thrive and be healthy, including social determinants of health, robust and equitable transit access, access to quality parks, youth programs, and safe and enjoyable pathways for walking and bicycling.
- **Housing and Homelessness** were bifurcated due to their distinct legislative and funding needs.
- **Racial Equity** is included as a distinct functional area to reinforce the City's commitment to improving outcomes for communities of color (Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/x and Asian and Pacific Islander). These items were drafted in close

coordination with the City Manager's Office of Racial Equity. During the 2023-2024 legislative sessions racial equity will continue to be embedded in all the City's advocacy work.

- Safer San José includes input from the Police Department, City Manager's Office of Emergency Management, DOT, Public Works Department, PRNS, and the CMO. This functional area includes the City's Vision Zero efforts, gun violence reduction, and disaster preparedness, encompassing a holistic framework towards safer communities.
- **Supporting Families** includes input from the CMO, Library, PRNS, Police Department and ORE. This functional area encompasses the Council directed focus on family-friendly policy and initial conversations around the forthcoming Children and Youth Master Plan. Once the latter is complete and approved by City Council, the IGR team will ensure any legislative items are integrated in the Legislative Program.
- Sustainability and Resiliency functional areas are grouped based on overarching crossdepartmental funding streams and distinguished by efforts across air, climate smart, energy, infrastructure, and water policy areas. This provides increased clarity with stakeholders, our lobbyists, and funding partners.

Partner and Departmental Coordination

The IGR team held over 20 meetings for legislative program input, including conversations with each City department, our State and Federal lobbying teams, and various community partners.

CONCLUSION

The Administration is bringing forward the 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities and Legislative Program for City Council adoption. Once approved, these items will direct the work of the Administration in the next State and Federal sessions to actively engage legislators in partnership with our lobbying firms.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The Administration will continue to advance the City's Legislative Program and will bring forward legislation for City Council's consideration based on the appropriate legislative position adoption process. The Administration will continue to report on all City legislative positions on a regular basis.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

The recommendation in this memorandum aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The administration will post this memorandum on the City's Council Agenda website for the December 6, 2022, City Council meeting,

COORDINATION

The Administration coordinated this memorandum with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office, the City Manager's Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs, the City Manager's Office of Emergency Management, the City Manager's Office of Racial Equity, and departments of Airport, Finance, Fire, Housing, Information Technology, Library, Transportation, Community Energy, Environmental Services, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Police, and Public Works.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

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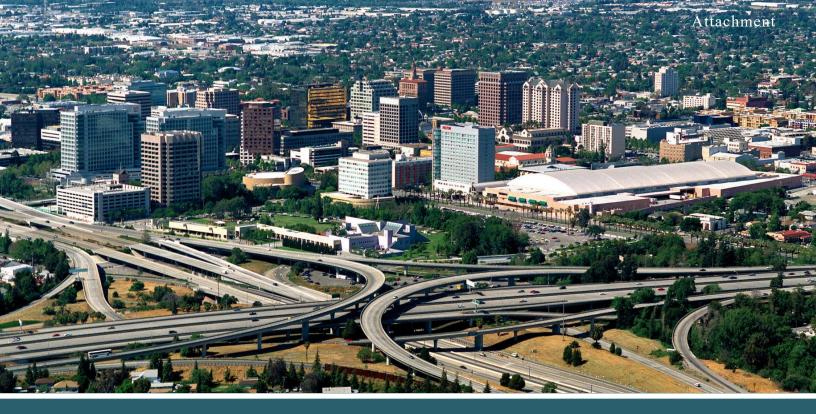
Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

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Attachment - City of San José Legislative Program

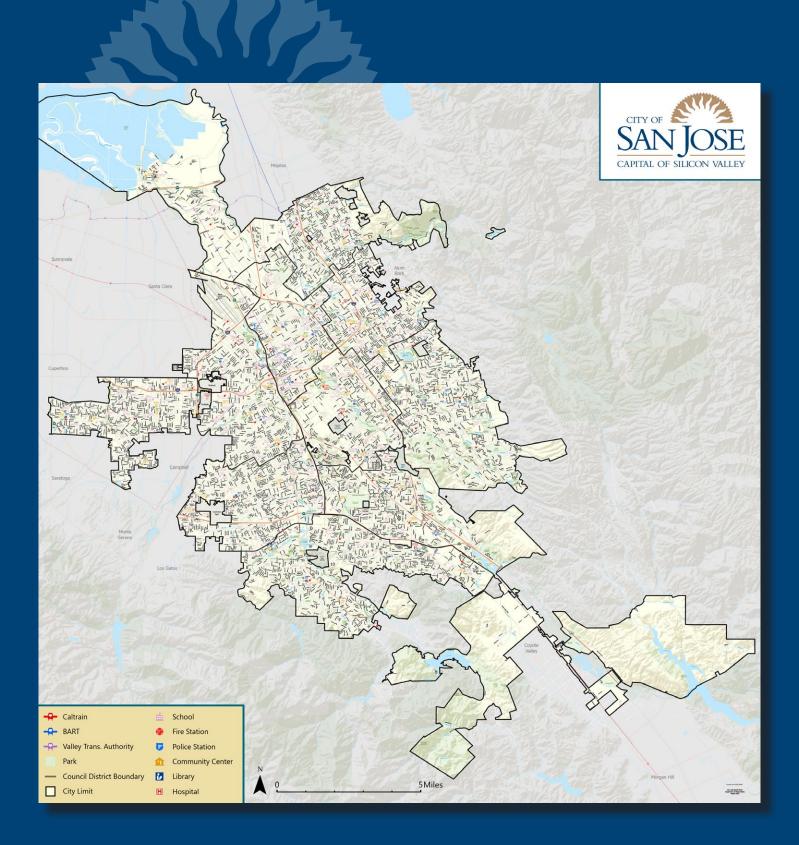


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Legislative Program 2023-2024



Approved by City Council December 6, 2022



City of San José Overview

San José is the third-largest city in the state of California (population 1,029,000) and the 10th largest city in the nation. The city is rich with historical and cultural significance. This land is located on the ancestral and aboriginal homelands of First Nations indigenous people of the greater Santa Clara Valley. The City of San José continues to benefit from the use and occupation of these lands and acknowledges and supports First Nation People in solidarity to partner for a more equitable and inclusive future.

As one of the oldest cities in the state, San José was the one-time capital shortly after California became a U.S. territory. The gold rush of 1849 and the later arrival of railroads both created significant growth, making San José a major commercial center for the area's agricultural products. Historically referred to as the 'Valley of the Heart's Delight,' San José has enjoyed an up-beat economy that has moved from the initial farming and agriculture to such advanced products as materials used in space and high-performance electronics. San José's rich past of welcoming immigrants led to the area being the center of innovation. San José is also the home of transformative leaders such as César Chávez and the birthplace of Norman Mineta to name a few.

But it is technology that has made San José what it is today. It is known for its prominence in the development of semiconductors and computer-related technology. Headquartered in San José are industry giants Adobe Systems, BEA Systems, Cisco, and eBay. Hewlett-Packard, IBM, and Hitachi also have bases in the city. The technology boom of the 1980s and beyond has brought significant prosperity to San José, making it one of the nation's fastest growing cities. San José is also a leading city in exporting goods and services and is home to approximately 66,000 businesses employing a total of 439,000 workers.

Diversity is a hallmark of San José, a city proud of the cultural and ethnic diversity of its population and workforce and the rich cultural identity of its many neighborhoods. City residents speak more than 50 different languages, and 40% of residents were born outside of the U.S., including 52% of adult residents over the age of 25. According to the U.S. Census Bureau as of April 2021, San José residents are 37.2% Asian, 31.0% Hispanic, 25.1% White, 2.9% African American, and 3.8% other/two or more races. San José's diverse communities are resilient, but they have continued to experience the effects of institutional racism that have resulted in health, income, and housing disparities. Ending these disparities and ensuring that all prosper in the City is an organizational goal for the City of San José and an advocacy focus.

San José is constantly evolving—what was once a suburb of orchards in the Valley of Heart's Delight is now an urban city in the heart of the new Silicon Valley, and the third largest city in California. It has a robust light-rail transit system and commuter rail service connections across the region. Yet the City is amid a transportation transformation. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and California High-Speed Rail have planned new routes to the City's centrally located Diridon Station, which is also scheduled for a major upgrade and expansion. Planning is also underway for an airport connector that will be a boon for flyers to the thriving Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport.

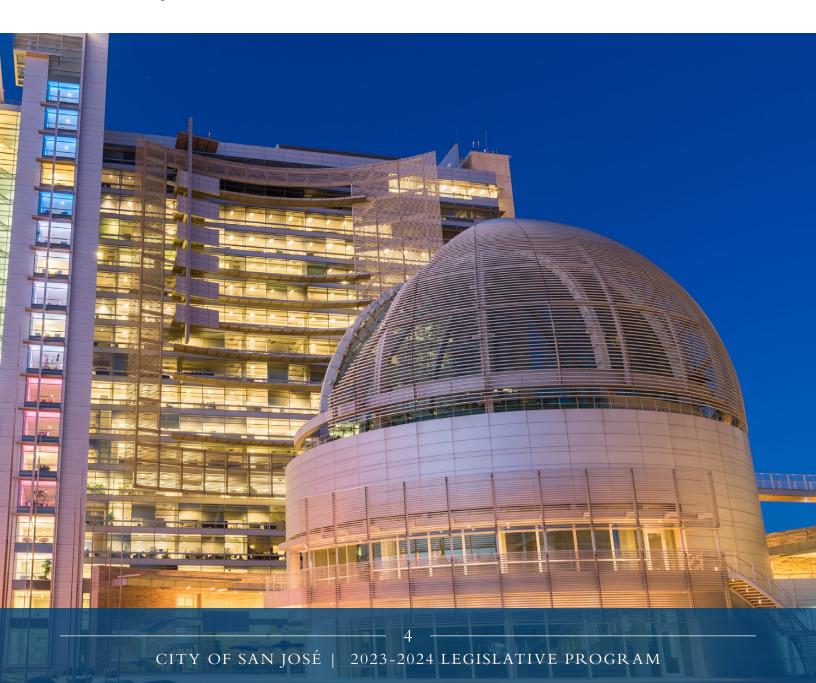
The City of San José is a policy and innovation leader on the national and international stage. The City has adopted some of the most ambitious climate goals in the nation.

In 2018, the City Council adopted Climate Smart San José, a detailed plan for reaching the targets of the international Paris Agreement. A year later, San José Clean Energy was launched, serving as the City's new electricity supplier and providing residents and businesses with cleaner and more affordable energy. Driven by the City Council, San José is currently working towards a carbon neutrality goal of 2030. The City is looking to the future and prioritizing infrastructure upgrades to meet the effects of climate change and drought to ensure long-term sustainability.

Legislative Program Overview

As a major U.S. city and regional influence, the City of San José is actively engaged in local, state, and federal advocacy processes to protect and amplify the interests of residents and businesses. The Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations advances San José's priorities through legislative advocacy at the state and federal level while also engaging in regional coordination aligned with City Council approved legislative priorities. This includes advocating for new funding sources for City priorities. IGR maintains staff in the Office of the City Manager (CMO) and works with advocacy firms to represent the City in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento in partnership with San José's State and Federal delegation.

The 2023-2024 Legislative program outlines the advocacy focus for the City of San José encompassing everything from maintaining local control and funding sources to driving innovative policy solutions, to increasing the quality of life for residents. These priorities, approved by the Mayor and City Council, anchor the City's advocacy work in the 2023-2023 state and federal legislative sessions.



Citywide Top Legislative Priorities that Guide the Positions in the Legislative Program

ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND ENABLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Support flexibility in homelessness funding, pursue opportunities to fund bridge housing, encampment services including environmental remediation, emergency interim housing, shelters, permanent affordable housing, and associated operating and services funding. Support legislation that furthers affordable housing while maintaining local control of land use. This work will be executed with an equity lens to remedy past government actions which have historically destabilized San José's communities of color and low-income communities and excluded these residents from accessing safe and stable housing.

PROMOTE SAFETY AND VISION ZERO INITIATIVES

Advocate for proposals that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with the City's Vision Zero goals. This work will be prioritized within the City's areas of disparate fatal and severe traffic injury collisions. The City also seeks to further initiatives and funding to reduce violence and harm from firearms. This work will be pursued with an equity lens to ensure all residents of San José's diverse communities have their rights protected.

PURSUE FUNDING FOR EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Advocate for funding for priority infrastructure projects, and readiness for the next disaster. This work will be approached within an equity framework to ensure that infrastructure investments are targeted in areas that have a deficit in service and where investments make the whole system more sustainable and resilient for everyone.

DRIVE IMPACTFUL CLIMATE ACTION AND UNLOCK SAN JOSÉ'S 2030 CLIMATE SMART GOALS

Advocate for funding that supports Climate Smart goals and meaningful climate action in the region and eliminate legislative barriers that challenge San José's 2030 Climate Smart goals. Underpinning this work will be a strong focus on ensuring environmental justice.

RELENTLESSLY ADVOCATE FOR REGIONAL POLICY SOLUTIONS THAT RESULT IN EQUITABLE OUTCOMES AND PROSPERITY FOR SAN JOSÉ FAMILIES

Through a coordinated regional approach, advocate for sustainable and meaningful funding and legislation that advance social, economic, environmental, educational, health, and political equity to eliminate persistent disadvantages and cycles of poverty produced by structural racism.



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Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport

The Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport will increase its functional and operational capacity to meet the growing demands for air transportation in Silicon Valley. This includes building a new terminal, adding airline infrastructure such as a freight facility, and growing auxiliary accommodations such as a hotel, garage parking, and other passenger amenities. While expanding the capacity to accommodate more passengers, the Airport also seeks to expand its commitment to sustainability and innovation. The Airport will be a critical transportation hub for the residents of Silicon Valley, incorporating a holistic approach to multimodal transportation solutions.

We Support:

• Operations and Funding

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to facilitate Airport operations, promote investment in the Airport, support additional air services, and enhance economic development. This includes supporting funding for airport development, increased accessibility, upgrades, and operational, electrification, and environmental grants.

• Terminal Area Improvement Program

Support the implementation of the San José International Airport Terminal Area Improvement Program, Phase II, including all precursor efforts needed to facilitate Phase II.

Airport Demand Management

Support legislation, regulations, and policies that authorize local aviation authorities to use demand management strategies to encourage more efficient allocation of air service in the region.

• Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Support policies and budget vehicles incentivize the production, distribution, and integration of sustainable aviation fuel.

We Oppose:

• Airport Noise

Oppose legislation, policies, regulations, guidelines, or procedures that would result in an increase in aircraft noise impacts on San José residents without an increased benefit to the community.

• Environmental Mandates

Oppose mandatory environmental measures that will disqualify or reduce the eligibility of California Airports for Federal environmental mitigation grants.

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Economic Development

San José is committed to driving a vital, competitive, and inclusive economy that increases prosperity and quality of life for residents and businesses. This includes catalyzing job creation, private investment, revenue generation, and talent attraction and development without displacing existing businesses. San José will connect communities through multi-mode solutions to create diverse, inclusive, and livable urban places. There will be continued economic prosperity through a clear, consistent, and effective development process. The City supports the development of a rich arts and cultural environment to connect people, provide opportunities for active participation, and foster creativity.

We Support:

• Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

Support and advocate for additional state and federal funding to equip local businesses to meet the needs of people of all abilities and maintain ADA compliance. This includes resources for proactive accessibility compliance, grants to help small businesses upgrade their premises, and legal consultation.

Avoiding Small Business Displacement

Support and advocate for policies and funding to help address displacement of small businesses when redevelopment activity occurs on commercial space/land. This includes financial assistance and support for very small businesses (fewer than 10 employees) and home-based businesses on rent relief, equipment for better safety standards, and the City's existing Storefront Grants.

Opportunity Zones

Support implementing Opportunity Zones in ways that encourage investment and development in San José. Support the development of commercial properties, mixed-use developments, and affordable housing to minimize and mitigate existing commercial, tenant, and resident displacement.

Transit-Oriented Development

Support legislation and funding at the state and federal levels that promotes transit supportive commercial and employment uses, affordable housing adjacent to transit, and anti-displacement measures. Support coordinated development of transportation facilities, including transit, with private development. Support a legislative approach that seeks to minimize residential and business displacement and ensure that new urban development is compatible with adjacent surrounding neighborhoods.

Urban Investment

Support efforts that prioritize and incentivize investment in urban areas/downtowns and that preserve and activate comfortable and inviting urban public spaces.

• Preservation of Industrial Land

Support efforts that protect industrial lands and uses from conversion to other land uses and designations. This includes the protection of manufacturing sites.

Accessible Urban Development

Support incentivizing mixed use development and allowing for new development to have vibrant ground floor retail to create a livable and walkable City.

Job Creation

Support state and federal economic development programs that will create jobs in San José, including changes to CalCompetes and state support of Opportunity Zones.

Youth Workforce Development

Support policies and seek funding opportunities for the expansion of youth workforce development programs such as Resilience Corps., that serve individuals with various barriers to employment and who live in San José's low resource census tracts. Work with other cities and coalitions to ensure sustainable long-term funding is allocated on an ongoing basis.

• Regulation of Food Vendors at Mass Assembly Facilities

Support legislation that gives back local control to regulate, safely support, and facilitate mobile food vendors through effective enforcement mechanisms, while maintaining health and safety parameters, supporting small business, and addressing racial and socio-economic equity issues.

Cannabis Equity Assistance Program

Support and advocate for additional funding cycles for the grant program under the California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018.

Cannabis Banking

Support legislation that provides access to traditional banking services for licensed cannabis businesses and protects the City's ability to tax cannabis sales. Support legislation permitting FDIC banks to lend to cannabis businesses.

Cannabis Enforcement

Support efforts on enforcement of unlicensed cannabis providers and protecting local control around cannabis regulations, including delivery.

Community Reinvestment Act

Support protecting the Community Reinvestment Act and advocate to ensure that financial institutions adequately serve the range of needs in San José for mortgage lending, multifamily financing, and small business financing. Support legislation that increases transparency in lending and the sale of financial products. Support efforts that change reinvestment act regulations so that funding can be utilized for affordable housing.

• Funding for Placemaking and Art

Support the integration of placemaking and public art as eligible elements and expenses for state and federal grant programs that provide infrastructure funding, such as transportation infrastructure. Support increasing funding for the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, agencies that provide critical grants to the City, local art organizations, and artists. Support increased funding for the arts through the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, through the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

• Funding for City-owned Convention and Cultural Facilities Energy Efficiency

Support funding of capital improvements of City-owned convention and cultural facilities that will increase energy efficiencies, thereby advancing the City's climate goals and decreasing utility costs.

• Nonprofit Capacity Building

Support programs that fund or provide capacity building for nonprofits in San José. Support and assist in strengthening the small business and neighborhood district ecosystems by designing programs that build organizational and professional capacity in community-based organizations in San José.

Economic Development

• To-Go Cocktails

Support efforts to extend the ability of restaurants and bars to offer to-go cocktails per the recommendation of the Greater Downtown Economic Recovery Task Force.

We Oppose:

• Transit-Oriented Development Mandates

Oppose state legislation that establishes land use requirements around transit that impacts San José's approach or planning for complete communities that include lands set aside for employment around transit nodes.

Commercial and Industrial Land Conversion

Oppose the conversion of commercial and/or employment land to other uses such as residential without the opportunity for substantial local input and integration into local planning efforts. Oppose efforts that would allow for housing on or in close proximity to lands designated for industrial uses.



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Healthy Communities

San Jose will cultivate integrated systems, natural and built environments, and health services that support optimal health outcomes where people live, learn, work and play. The City will ensure our public spaces reflect the culture and history of San José's unique and diverse neighborhoods and strengthen community pride and unity. San José will ensure that all residents have the resources they need to thrive and be healthy, including robust transit access, access to quality parks, and safe pathways for walking and bicycling.

We Support:

• Park Investment, Greenspace

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to facilitate Parks and Recreation operations, promote investment in parks and protected open space, and increase opportunities for children and families to have safe and stimulating spaces and programs during out-of-school hours.

• Protection of Parks and Open Space

Support effects to protect the City's greenspace and tree canopy, parklands, open space, and urban agriculture. This includes but is not limited to, protecting open space in the Coyote Valley.

• Environmental Justice

Support funding for parks, waterways and trails, and gardens in low-income communities to promote health and wellness through physical fitness and access to play areas. Support open space acquisition and preservation in park-deficient neighborhoods, and park acquisition and rehabilitation.

• Green Space Water Flexibility

Support policies and legislation that encourage water use efficiency while preserving trees, functional grass, ornamental shrubs, and flowering plants in public parks.

Waste Removal

Support broadening the definition of "residential rate payer" for waste expenditures to support community-wide efforts that decrease waste in landfills, scrap yards, on the streets, and in the waterways.

BeautifySJ

Support efforts to secure resources and cooperation from partner agencies to equitably prevent and remove blight and ensure that communities are engaged in the process to cultivate clean, beautiful neighborhoods.

Disability Access

Support funding and legislation to improve different modalities of access and inclusion, including digital communications, education and training, building and infrastructure improvements, as well as community engagement with residents with disabilities.

Transit First

Support state and federal legislation and regulations that prioritize transit development and faster, more reliable transit on City streets. Support regional transportation plans and operations that prioritize public transit and transit integration. Support the implementation of the City Council adopted Seamless Bay Area principles through state legislation that integrates transit planning and operations throughout the Bay Area.

• Parking Requirements Reform

Support advancing policies to reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements, and strengthen shared parking requirements, to allow a more efficient use of the public right-of-way. Support efforts to preserve and expand public transit options, particularly in low-income and car dependent communities.

• Reproductive Freedom Protection

Support legislation that protect and promote reproductive freedom including, but not limited to, right and access to abortion and reproductive care, including access to information about abortion and reproductive care, without interference.

• Public Health

Support policies that ensure that historically economically and socially marginalized San Jose communities have the systems, environments and resources to achieve equitable health outcomes related to acute and chronic disease. Prioritization should include key disparity indicators. Continue support for vaccine access, outreach and prioritization for communities of greatest need.

• Mental Health Services Funding

Support and advocate for funding for local and state public entities, school districts Pre-K to 12th grade, social services and programs that increase access to mental health and behavioral services, social-emotional resources and mobile mental health programs. Advocate for legislation the requires mental health benefits in both private and public insurance.

Universal Single-Payer Health Care

Support legislation establishing comprehensive single-payer health care coverage for all California residents.

We Oppose:

• Parkland and Open Space Conversion

Oppose laws or regulations that require—or make it easier to—convert existing parkland or open space to housing or other development.

• Electronic Cigarettes and Flavored Tobacco

Support state and federal legislation to prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco products.

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Homelessness

San José will continue to address the root causes and racial inequities of homelessness through system and policy change. This includes expanding homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the needs of the community. The quality of life for unsheltered individuals will be improved, creating healthy neighborhoods for all.

We Support:

• Mental Health Partnerships

Support legislation, funding, and policies that provide more resources for new or enhanced programs that serve to support the severely mentally ill, dually diagnosed, and unhoused in Santa Clara County. Coordinate with the County on strategies to enhance staffing levels for outpatient and inpatient services, including partnerships with local universities to improve the pipeline of mental health professionals.

Mental Health Funding

Support the expansion of the federal Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance, and the Services, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program to provide a steady source of income and health insurance for people with mental illness who are experiencing homelessness. Advocate for funding for social services and programs that provide direct support to the community, including mobile mental health programs and community health spaces connected to affordable housing that offer mental health services and other health programs.

Bridge Housing

Support extending AB 2176 (2016) which allows the City to construct bridge housing for homeless residents under the City's own standards during a declared shelter crisis, thereby streamlining the construction process.

Encampment Services

Support funding for encampment services including environmental remediation.

Homelessness Funding

Support additional, flexible homelessness funding opportunities in partnership with the Big Cities Mayors Coalition and regional partners. Advocate for increased permanent capital and operational funding for interim shelter (bridge housing and emergency interim housing), hotel/motel conversions, and new permanent affordable housing so that high-acuity people experiencing homelessness can access housing and shelter. Support funding for homeless services programs and outreach to people who are unsheltered as they wait for a housing placement. Support legislation to permanently lift the Community Development Block Grant public services cap to provide additional funding flexibility.

Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness

Support ongoing, reliable funding and legislation for both construction and long-term operations for a variety of housing options for people experiencing homelessness. These include emergency housing, interim/bridge housing units, new permanent supportive housing apartments, and safe parking programs.

Homelessness Services

Support and advocate for initiatives and sufficient resources to provide services to people experiencing homelessness that improve their quality of life and health outcomes. Support homelessness prevention services that reduce residents' likelihood of losing their homes in the short-term.

Homelessness

Street Outreach

Support and prioritize programs that fund outreach teams to educate and enroll residents experiencing homelessness into systems of care so they can receive needed services and be prioritized for housing.

• Funding for Homelessness Implementation Plan

Support and advocate for funding that supports implementation of the Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness.

We Oppose:

Unbalanced Approaches

Oppose unbalanced approaches to funding critically needed permanent supportive housing while addressing short-term housing needs for residents experiencing homelessness. Resources and policies must fully support the continuum of housing and service needs, rather than just one or the other.

Unsafe Living Conditions

Oppose housing solutions that could produce health or safety emergencies, or other hazardous situations caused by unsafe living conditions.

Homelessness Funding Restrictions

Oppose any increased restrictions on uses of state homeless funding or the reduction of funding amounts.

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Housing

San José will have abundant and affordable housing stock and sufficient housing for people experiencing homelessness and for those facing housing instability. Through housing stability, the City will have opportunities to build wealth for all residents. San José will have healthy, thriving neighborhoods with access to good jobs, schools and transportation. Our neighborhoods will overcome past and present segregation and be racially and socially inclusive.

We Support:

Zoning and Planning

Support housing and land use legislation that fits the needs of charter cities and larger cities. Support legislation that allows greater zoning and building code flexibility for cities addressing homelessness. Work with the legislature to ensure that land use legislation does not preclude the City from retaining land that is designated for commercial/employment uses only.

CEQA Reform

Support state legislation that streamlines or amends the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for land use regulation by cities, multi-modal transportation plans & projects, or through the citizen initiative process. Expand exemption or categorical exemption for opportunity zones, urban infill projects, emergency shelters, interim homeless housing, supportive housing, dense affordable housing that are already regulated by other State or federal regulations, and multi-modal projects such as new and upgraded transit, trails, and major bikeways. Support CEQA modifications to protect against abuse leading to frivolous lawsuits while maintaining local control.

Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) CEQA Streamlining

Support an environmental review process that is streamlined and efficient when developing a site for emergency interim housing. Support regulatory clarity from the state on the applicability or possible efficiencies to CEQA reviews for EIH construction that will speed up the delivery of that service.

Housing Stabilization and Eviction Prevention

Support eviction prevention and foreclosure prevention legislation, including additional funding for homelessness prevention, to protect both tenants and property owners. Support significant additional funding to provide legal assistance to tenants facing eviction court without legal representation, and to support jurisdiction and court costs for eviction diversion programs, mandatory settlement conferences, and Housing Collaborative Courts to avoid evictions and improve renters' access to resources and services. Advance state legislation that requires more information related to evictions be accessible same day to jurisdictional and court cases, including filings of unlawful detainers and notices to pay or quit, to help jurisdictions and nonprofits intervene immediately to avoid evictions. Support financial assistance needed to stabilize restricted-affordable and regulated apartments that are most impacted by lower-income residents' inability to pay rents to avoid the many negative effects of evictions.

Tenant Protections and Anti-Displacement

Support the allocation of sufficient state and federal resources to tenant protections and anti-displacement initiatives, including funding for fair housing enforcement, education, and robust community engagement activities. Support and sponsor legislation that affirms the use of tenant preferences for anti-displacement. Support legislation that allows and reimburses local government to help educate on and enforce state laws that stabilize rents, provide just cause eviction protections, and prevent discrimination against housing voucher holders. Support legislation to advance laws and resources for tenant protections, the preservation of affordable housing including mobilehomes, and other residential anti-displacement programs and policies.

• Housing Production and Increased Housing Supply

Support, monitor and help shape legislation intended to facilitate housing production by cities, particularly legislation directed at cities that are not producing housing, to ensure it does not have unintended consequences for San José. Support efforts that would provide financial incentives for cities that meet or exceed their residential housing goals. Support resources and policies that help affordable housing production and preservation, along with supportive service provision that helps residents to remain housed. Programs and policies should allocate funding to cities like San José in ways that fit the City's dense development patterns, high costs, need for deeply affordable homes, and unusual housing/jobs balance. Funding should be commensurate with Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals.

Housing Construction Cost Stabilization

Support efforts to address the increasing cost of housing construction, such as training programs for the construction trades, encouraging modular and cross-laminated timber housing, and development of cost-efficient materials and technologies markets.

• Affordable Homes by Design

Support legislation that validates the use of land use tools to promote creation of affordable housing, including ADUs and "affordable by design" densification.

• Affordable Housing Funding

Support and protect existing and increase funding sources for affordable housing including homeless housing. This includes expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the lowering of bond thresholds.

• Preservation and Upgrades to Existing Affordable Housing

Support legislation and programs to fund preservation of existing unrestricted affordable homes, including life and safety rehabilitation, energy efficiency upgrades, accessibility, and seismic safety improvements.

• Financial Incentives

Support the creation of land use and financial tools, and the flexibility of existing tools, to encourage and incentivize developments of restricted affordable housing, including homeless housing, bridge housing, and mixed-income housing. Support legislation or regulation changes which give San José projects a competitive edge for tax-exempt bonds and tax credits for affordable housing. Advocate for legislation and work regionally with partners on financial products and programs that support restricted affordable apartments and ADUs for residents at all income levels, control escalation of rents, and deliver sufficient public benefit as compared to cost. Support legislation that reinforces the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and other affordable housing tools to maximize flexibility on different ways developers could deliver affordable units.

• High Density Infill Development Incentives

Support efforts that would create financial incentives for local municipalities that encourage the production of higher density housing in their city.

Rental Vouchers

Support and advocate at the state and federal levels, together with the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and other regional entities, for additional rental vouchers to meet local needs and expand housing choices of residents experiencing homelessness, other vulnerable populations, and low-income participants in job training programs. Support increased funding of all types of rental voucher programs that support formerly homeless households, other vulnerable households, and job training participants. Ensure that program rules and allocations are appropriate for high-rent areas and allow significant project-basing to leverage capital investments.

• Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Support, increase and protect the effectiveness of laws to affirmatively furthering fair housing at the state and federal levels. Engage in and support efforts at the state and federal levels to permit race-targeted or race-conscious housing and community development assistance in jurisdictions where there are documented findings of past race-based housing discrimination.

Neighborhood Investment

Support additional resources, programs, and approaches that allow the City to prioritize areas needing investments and services that are also racially segregated to promote real and fair housing choices for all residents across the City.

Rent Stabilization

Support flexibility for cities experienced with rent stabilization programs to determine program parameters appropriate for their local markets, and support cities' ability to communicate about and help enforce state laws on rent stabilization and tenant protections that interact with local ordinances. This includes supporting state legislation to amend Costa-Hawkins to give additional flexibility to jurisdictions with pre-1995 rent control ordinances to define parameters of their programs, including the definition of covered units.

Rent to Own

Support legislation that promotes residents' right to purchase their rental units.

• Community Land Trusts

Support legislation and programs that support community land trusts through provision of resources and competitive funding program scoring benefits.

• Regional Coordination

Support legislation that enables the Bay Area to act in unison to meet the region's needs for affordable housing production and preservation, tenant protections. and homelessness strategies. Support legislation that expands the use of underutilized public lands as homeless housing solutions.

Mobile Home Park Inspections

Support state legislation or propose a pilot with the State Department of Housing and Community Development for the City to provide local inspections of mobilehome parks, share information on state requirements, and receive state reimbursement to offset local staffing costs.

Relocation Benefits

Support clean-up legislation for Senate Bill 330 (2019) to refine the calculation of relocation benefits paid to displaced households and to exempt units that are already covered under the Ellis Act or other programs with existing tenant benefits.

Homeownership

Support first-time homeownership funding and expanded programs.

Housing

We Oppose:

• Zoning and Planning

Oppose state land use legislation that precludes the City from retaining land that is designated for commercial/ employment uses only.

Housing Production Mandates

Oppose legislation intended to facilitate housing production by cities, particularly legislation directed at cities that are not producing housing, that has unintended consequences for San José.

• Housing Ordinance Mandates

Oppose state legislation that would weaken the City's ability to enforce its Apartment and Mobilehome Rent Ordinances and its Housing Payment Equality Ordinance.

• Simplistic Frameworks

Oppose programs that have singular or overly simplistic objectives, such as over-emphasizing awards based on costefficiency or only placing housing near transit, which can exacerbate existing housing inequities and are insufficiently flexible for our complex operating environment and many goals. The City serves a wide range of residents' needs in many different types of settings across a large geography.



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Local Control and Fiscal Stability

San José will maintain fiscal stability and resiliency, guided by sound budgeting and accounting principles, and will produce an annual budget that aligns ongoing expenditures with ongoing revenues. The City will manage healthy operating and capital funds while providing sufficient resources for equitable delivery of City services and continued operation of the City's facilities. The City will make targeted investments in our most vulnerable populations, neighborhoods, and businesses, and will leverage state and federal funding to maximize the impact to communities. San José will maintain legislative and regulatory authority in policy areas pertaining to city functions. The City will seek to maintain local control over land use and zoning issues. San José will also advocate for protection over the ability to regulate and tax cardroom activities.

We Support:

Voter Thresholds

Support efforts to reduce the approval threshold of taxes and bonds for transportation and infrastructure funding measures, including those for affordable housing, to less than a two-thirds majority vote. Support efforts to increase the approval of general-purpose funding measures by reducing the threshold below the current two-thirds majority vote.

• Infrastructure Financing

Support and explore legislation that would retroactively freeze the property tax base year for purposes of any future Integrated Financing Districts in San José.

Advance Refunding Bonds

Support federal legislation that will restore a municipality's ability to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds.

• State Mandate Funding

Support funding and policies that ensure local governments are adequately reimbursed for state mandated programs.

Local Control

Support and advocate for efforts that allow more decisions to be made at the local level.

Cardrooms

Support legislation and regulations that allow the City to regulate and tax cardroom activities. Engage with the legislature and regulators on rules that clarify player-dealer rotation practices and preserve the ability of cardrooms to offer California games.

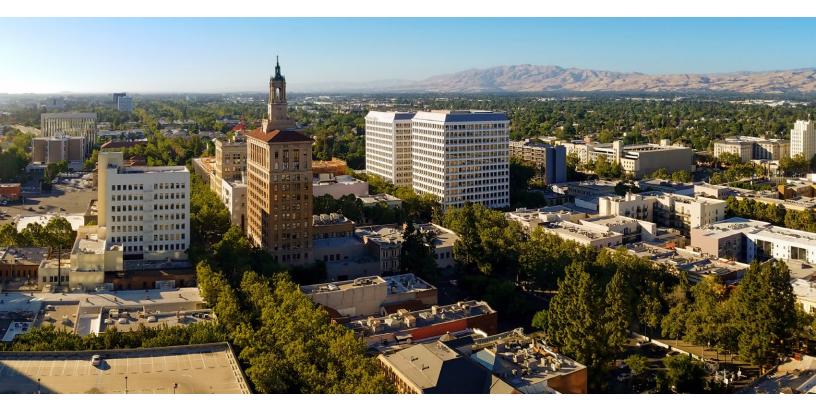
Local Control and Fiscal Stability

We Oppose:

- **Municipal Bond Limits** Oppose efforts to abolish or limit tax exemption on municipal bonds.
- Financial Reporting Mandatess Oppose mandates for use of specific technologies for financial reporting and disclosure purposes.
- Excess Insufficient Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) Reallocation Oppose state shifts of local property tax revenue from excess ERAF that are used to fund critical city services.
- Limits on Local Control Oppose legislation that removes or limits local control from zoning and land use decisions.
- Unfunded Mandates

Oppose legislation that sets requirements for additional services, without appropriate funds to support implementation, staffing, training, and sustaining the program.

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Racial Equity

San José will be a place where its government and policies center anti-racism, eliminate systemic racial inequities, and acknowledge the historical and existing practices that have led to discrimination and injustices to Black, Indigenous, Latino/ a/x, Asian, and Pacific Islander communities. The City will establish psychologically safe spaces for racial groups that have been most negatively impacted by historic policies and practices and prioritizes liberation and measurable change, focusing on lived experiences of all impacted racial groups. As a result, the race of the City's residents will no longer be used to predict life outcomes, and everyone will prosper and thrive.

We Support:

Workers' Rights

Support legislation that would hold accountable employers that destroy or withhold passports or other immigration documents from their workers and would require employers to provide their employees with a "Workers Bill of Rights."

Wage Theft Protections

Support efforts to increase the protections for service workers from wage theft. Support the creation and maintenance of a public portal that makes available case data on all final judgments, decisions, orders, and awards from the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), including but not limited to the following divisions: Wage Claim Adjudication Unit, Bureau of Field Enforcement, and Public Works Unit. Support changes to DLSE policies that support workers in reclaiming their lost wages.

Immigration

Support policies that ensure and protect the rights of all immigrants, regardless of immigration status, provide a pathway for citizenship or legal permanent residency, and policies that promote welcoming and immigrant inclusion initiatives. Support policies that strengthen and expand refugee resettlement, expand temporary protected status protections, and provide pathways to permanent status for essential workers, undocumented immigrants, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients, and Documented Dreamers. Support policies that increase admissions, expand services and strengthen protections for asylum-seekers and asylees.

Anti-Asian Hate Crime Prevention

Support state and federal legislation and funding to prevent and address anti-Asian hate crimes.

Racial Equity

Support policies and investments that eliminate institutional and systemic racism and oppose policies that increase or create the same so that power and resources are shifted to materially improve conditions for all Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/x, and People of Color.

Language Access

Support policies and investments that fund and create materials and services in the non-English languages most spoken in San José and support definitional standards that allow for additional languages to receive greater access based on future, changing demographics.

• Disadvantaged Communities and Low-Income Evaluation

Support legislation to broaden the state's definition of disadvantaged communities so that it includes all socio-economically disadvantaged areas more equitably and is better aligned with the needs of San José's communities of concern. Support regulatory changes to state and federal funding allocations based on population size and/or local cost of living adjustments and the revision of low-income guidelines to increase income eligibility above current state and federal poverty levels. Monitor and engage in efforts related to the update of the CalEnviroScreen metric and help communities in San José qualify for additional funding and Public Safety Power Shutoff notification programs by broadening the scope of disadvantaged communities. Update guidelines for programs and services such as, but not limited to, full and part-time childcare, health and mental health services, CalFresh, the Supplemental Nutrition Program, and workforce development programs, particularly for individuals with high school degrees or less.

Undocumented Benefits

Support state and federal funding and legislation to increase access to affordable health insurance and services, including dental and mental health services. Support additional food, housing resources and supports for those who are undocumented.

Voting Rights

Support the right to vote including the use of absentee ballots and early voting, as well as legislation that increases translated, voting materials. Support legislation that furthers free and fair elections including court review of electoral maps to protect against racial and partisan gerrymandering.

Affirmative Action

Support affirmative action and other race- and gender-conscious policies to provide all communities equitable opportunities in education, contracting, and employment that will promote diversity in academic and professional settings.

We Oppose:

Immigration Detention

Oppose policies that separate immigrant or refugee families or require long-term detainment of families.

Violations of Immigrant Rights

Oppose efforts that remove due process rights, undermine the humanity of immigrants and refugees, and weaken data privacy or confidentiality rights.

Barriers to Voting and Discriminatory Practices Barring Voters

Oppose legislation that would discourage voter registration, fair voter access and/or discriminate against Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities.

Barriers to Language Access

Oppose policies that increase barriers or maintain current language access standards.

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San José will steward community trust to keep the City safe. The City will prioritize equitable street safety to ensure that all users – whether commuting on bike, foot, transit, or in a car are safe. In preparation for the next disaster, City services will continue with support from businesses and individuals acting as resilience partners. The City will maintain sufficient staffing and resources to allow for a wholistic community response and recovery, especially for our most vulnerable residents. San José will be a safe and equitable place for all through community partnerships that prevent crime and respond to crime with 21st century policing practices. All residents of San José's diverse communities are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect; their rights will be protected, and they will receive equal protection under the law.

We Support:

• Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives

Support and actively work to achieve Vision Zero traffic safety goals. Support proposals that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with Vision Zero.

• Local Flexibility

Support polices with the California City Transportation Initiative to advance additional flexibility to ensure safety and accessibility for all users.

Automated Speed Enforcement Tools

Support automated Speed Enforcement tools, explore penalties and increased awareness of violations for drivers, and establish speed limits based on context-sensitive methods aimed at protecting vulnerable roadway users, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, children, and seniors.

• Reduced Transit Fares

Support legislation and funding to reduce the cost of transit fares for low-income residents.

• Disaster Response and Preparedness Funding

Support dedicated state and federal funding for City staff, to have the training, tools, and facilities to prepare for and respond to an emergency. Support legislation that provides funding and promote the development of emergency management staffing, programs and facilities, including Community Resource Centers. Advocate for resources that support the long-term management of current and future emergencies. Support and work with the Disaster Readiness for Safer Communities Coalition on development of legislation to provide funding to local government and the community to prepare for and respond to natural and human caused disasters to support resiliency. Support and advocate for federal emergency preparedness funds, including Urban Areas Security Initiative funds.

• Disaster Response, Mitigation, and Recovery

Support local government flexibility in regulations, program implementation, and processes due to pandemics and other future emergencies, including ensuring local governments can continue to meet remotely during state emergency events that limit in person meetings. Support and advocate for resources and policies to protect the health, safety, and economic viability of residents and businesses in San José, including testing and vaccinations, services to the unhoused, isolation support, re-employment workforce development, small business recovery, food necessities distribution, digital equity, and childcare support for the City's most vulnerable populations during disaster recovery.



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• Emergency Management System Equity

Support state legislative reforms that makes it easier to prepare for emergencies, protect vulnerable communities, and ensure universal access to emergency alert systems. Support policies that address emergency preparedness staffing, planning, training, and response needs for vulnerable community members with access and functional needs, including at-risk seniors, children, and individuals with language barriers.

Emergency Housing

Support emergency temporary and interim housing solutions so that people can shelter-in-place during emergency events. Support residential and commercial eviction moratoriums related to disaster impacts.

Active Shooter Training

Support legislation requiring schools to conduct active shooter/mass casualty drills. Support efforts to secure funding for law enforcement to provide training and additional officers to better protect schools and large public events from active shooters.

• Emergency Medical Services

Support autonomy for the Fire Department to provide a full range of services. Support legislation to expand transport destination options (other than Emergency Rooms) for patients receiving pre-hospital care by first responders.

Cost Recovery for Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Support and ensure adequate compensation for mutual aid activities.

Illegal Firework Prevention

Support and collaborate with county, state, and federal partners to explore legislation that bans the use of fireworks statewide and increases the prosecution of violators. Seek potential state and federal funding sources that will enable the City to further invest in enforcement mechanisms and programs to deter the use of fireworks.

• Violence Prevention

Support policies and legislation that support and fund youth violence prevention and intervention strategies.

Pretrial Release Improvements

Support policies and legislation that improve the pretrial release decision-making process by ensuring that judges have access to complete criminal history information.

Hate Crime Prevention

Support legislation that would address ongoing safety concerns and help prevent acts of violence motivated by hate, including improving data collection and reporting. Expand California's "criminal threat" statute (Penal Code 422(a)) to include mass shooting-related threats.

• Porch Theft Penalties

Support legislation that would make entering the curtilage of a residence with the intent to commit theft of a package delivered through the mail or through a public or private carrier a violation of the law and subject to punishment for burglary.

Law Enforcement History Training

Support legislation requiring police training in the history and use of law enforcement in the U.S. that explores disproportionate expectations of justice through the examination of high-profile historical events, which affect perceptions of law enforcement among diverse community members.

• Termination Disclosure of Peace Officers

Support state legislation to amend the Penal and Government Codes to allow for the disclosure of the name of an officer and the nature of their termination if it was due to a crime or other act that would decertify them as a California Police Officer as defined by Government Code § 1029 or an incident that would otherwise be available for public inspection pursuant to Penal Code § 832.7.

• Peace Officer Mental Health and Wellness

Support state and federal legislation to support officer safety through mandates and funding for drug and alcohol early intervention programs and increased mental health resources for all Peace Officers.

• Statewide Training Standards for Responding to Protests

Support and seek opportunities to collaborate with external and internal partners to explore statewide standards for responding to protests based on best practices.

• Alternative Service Models

Support State legislation that funds and enables new services models to address public safety challenges, such as the police service models that address mental health, homelessness, or other social problems. Support state and federal legislation to support community partnerships and fully fund coordinated police response models including Mobile Crisis Assessment Team and Psychiatric Emergency Response Team to attain 24/7 availability. Support state and federal legislation to improve public safety with coordinated response programs by providing funding for rapid intervention and de-escalation for those in mental health or psychiatric crises, and suicide prevention.

Human Trafficking Prevention

Support and advocate to expand California Department of Justice efforts to combat human trafficking and support efforts that would give new tools to law enforcement to protect Californians from becoming victims of Human Trafficking. Additionally, support measures that provide funding for combatting human trafficking.

• Sexual Assault Prevention and Prosecution

Support efforts to protect women from sexual assault, including efforts to increase funding levels, provide new tools for law enforcement, and support collaboration across agencies. Support state and federal legislation creating sentencing guidelines where the level of an offender's intoxication (alcohol, drugs) cannot be used to show lack of culpability for committing sexual assault offenses.

• Gun Violence Prevention

Support efforts to reduce gun violence, including support of legislation that prevents theft and unauthorized usage, addresses un-serialized firearms and gun kits, and allows employers, co-workers and teachers to request a gun violence restraining order. Support a state tax, insurance, or fee-based approach to gun violence harm reduction and urge legislation that removes local preemption. Work with the City's elected representatives and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office to monitor progress toward the expansion and improvement of California's Red Flag laws and lend support where necessary.

Concealed Carry Permit Issuance Regulations

Support and advocate for state and federal legislation that outline reasonable restrictions for concealed carry weapons license issuance. This includes specified safety training, character references, psychological evaluations at the applicants cost, and updating authorized cost recovery in processing applications. Support legislation which prohibits the issuance of concealed carry permits to applicants with history of controlled substance abuse, alcohol abuse, violent acts, and/or gun violations and establishes parameters for applications being deemed suitable.

• Vehicle Code and Traffic Investigations

Support state and federal legislation to assist in felony hit and run incident investigations. Advocate for legislation to require Department of Motor Vehicle registrations, and federally regulated motor carriers to include additional information on registration paperwork: (a) Model of Vehicle, (b) Color of Vehicle, and (c) Insurance information of owner.

Towing Incentives

Support state legislation that provides financial incentives or removes financial barriers for tow operators to sell towed vehicles that are never claimed in order to reduce abandoned and neglected vehicles on the City's streets.

Sideshow Regulations

Support amending the state vehicle code and penal code to mandate fines for first time attendees and an increasing schedule of fines. This includes criminal sanctions for people who informally or otherwise encourage, promote, advertise, or sponsor side shows through social media or other forms of communication.

We Oppose:

• Funding Restrictions

Oppose federal action to withhold public safety funds based on local immigration policies.

• Cost Recovery Reductions for Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Oppose any efforts to shift costs from private Emergency Medical Service providers to the City.

Nitrous Oxide Sales

Oppose sales of nitrous oxide at vape, smoke shops and liquor stores.

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San José will provide a welcoming and inclusive quality of life for all children, youth, and their families. In partnership with educational leaders, families, community-based organizations, and businesses. San José will be responsive to the needs of all children and youth, especially those from low-income, underserved, and marginalized communities. The City of San José will be a place where all children and youth, from birth through young adulthood, will feel safe, supported, and valued and will have the resources and supports to succeed and prosper in home, school, and community.

We Support:

• Early Education

Support and advocate for legislation that increases financial resources including revision of low-income guidelines for the provision of birth to five early education. Advocate for funds to support early education among license-exempt programs that are evidence-based and support Head Start and other state and federal childcare/preschool programs. Support funding for programming that supports Kindergarten readiness. Increase funding to expand full-time Transitional Kindergarten, particularly in low-income communities and schools.

• Out of School Time Programming

Support and advocate for legislation and increased funding for out of school time programming, specifically for lowincome families and communities of concern in high cost-of-living areas; increase the income eligibility for lowmoderate income working families to qualify for state and federally funded programs; and continue to advocate for financial support for summer lunch/snack programs for school-aged children and their families and increased funding for mentorship programs that support youth. Through the School/City Collaborative, coordinate with school districts, community-based organizations, and other out-of-school time stakeholders to further align and to discuss State funding opportunities for expanded learning to leverage efforts and align community priorities. Support efforts to expand and strengthen curriculum and learning outcomes in out-of-school time care.

Afterschool Childhood Recreation and Camps

Support legislative clarification on the definitions of and requirements for afterschool and camp programs to ensure they meet programmatic goals and community needs. Protect and increase state and federal funds for youth violence, gang intervention and prevention, and recreation based social safety net programs.

Access to Higher Education

Support increased funding for community colleges to reduce enrollment costs through scholarships, decreased tuition, and wrap around supports such as affordable housing and food. Support increased funding for California public colleges and universities that promotes increased enrollment, graduation rates, and closes the equity and achievement gap. Support legislation and funding that bolsters transition services for high school students to community colleges and higher education institutions, particularly for low-income communities and high schools with disproportionately low rates of graduation.

• Electronic Book Licenses to Libraries and Schools

Support legislation that requires digital books to be licensed to libraries as they are licensed to consumers and requires that digital books be licensed on reasonable terms.

• Resources for Foster Youth

Support increased funding for case-management and transitional supports and resources for youth in foster care. Support school services, mental health services, housing, college/career/vocational training support and guidance, access to health services, and access to childcare if parents. Advocate to continue resources and supports for up to a year after children/youth are no longer in foster care to ensure continued access to resources and supports.

Seniors

Support additional funding through the City's Senior Health and Wellness Grant Program to support an increase of chronic disease education, especially diabetes management and prevention. Support funding to expand current health and wellness workshops being offered at neighborhood centers by community health partners.

Nutrition Services

Support funding and legislation to increase access to nutrition programs and eradicate hunger.



• Family Friendly Workplaces

Support legislation and funding that improves the workplace for parents and families, including access to quality childcare, private lactation accommodations, and parental leave. Improve access and reduce barriers to quality childcare including increasing the income eligibility for state and federally funded programs and support efforts to increase funding for a continuum of childcare options, for infants to age 12.

• Prevention of Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault in the Workplace

Support legislation to prevent and address sexual harassment in the workplace. This includes supporting legislation to protect employees from sexual assault in their places of work.

• Domestic Violence Response

Support legislation and funding that improves services and response to domestic violence survivors, protect human rights issues that impact survivors, and advocate for increased funding from the state and the federal government to support domestic violence services. At the federal level, support full funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA).

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Support increased funding for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to assist low-income, multilingual families with tax preparation assistance.

• Earned Income Tax Credit

Support increased funding for education on the Earned Income Tax Credit process particularly in low-income, underserved, multi-lingual communities.

Access to Credit

Support funding and legislation that increases access to credit, including for first-time home buyers. Advocate for changes to public and private loan requirements that penalize low-income families that have low FICO scores or limited credit history and support financial literacy programs.

• LGBTQIA+ Rights and Marriage Equity

Support legislation that protects and strengthens rights and protections for the LGBTQIA + community, including marriage equality.

We Oppose:

• Interest Rate Disparities

Oppose regulation that requires low-income individuals to be given higher interest rates than borrowers from higher-income families and communities.

Digital Access Embargoes

Oppose legislation and regulations that embargo digital book licenses to libraries.

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Sustainability/Resiliency: Air

San José will be a leader in reducing carbon emissions from City-owned facilities and vehicles and encouraging its residents and businesses to join that effort to maintain healthy air quality for all. The San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility will continue to implement the Capital Improvement Program to enhance the facility's performance while reducing emissions of toxic air contaminants, odors, criteria air pollutants, and greenhouse gases.

We Support:

• Air Quality and Climate

Support policies that provide financial incentives for Distributed Energy Resources and electrification projects in private sector development, including those that reduce criteria air contaminants and high global warming potential pollutants. Support incentive programs that address decarbonization such as electric heat pump hot water heaters. Support policies that reduce emissions and mitigate climate impacts from consumption of goods and the disposal of solid waste.

Carbon Accounting

Support policies that establish a carbon accounting standard, designate a tracking mechanism, and create an entity to manage carbon accounting on a statewide, regional, or federal level. Support, fund, and enhance existing programs that create carbon accounting such as utility and water benchmarking.

Building Decarbonization

Support policies that encourage adaptive reuse of existing structures, provide financial incentives for zero-net-carbon buildings, especially for affordable housing and small businesses and all-electric buildings and Distributed Energy Resource projects in public and private sector development and promote green building and retro-commissioning practices that reduce toxics and indoor air contaminants. Support the state's effort to establish 3 million climate-ready and climate-friendly homes by 2030 and 7 million homes by 2035.

Cap-and-Trade

Support cap-and-Trade programs that benefit key City priorities and the Climate Smart San José strategy including the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, High Speed Rail, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, and energy resiliency investments at critical facilities, including community centers and fire stations. Permit local jurisdictions and airports to allocate Cap-and-Trade allowances towards community funds or programs that they deem appropriate and mitigate impacts in low-income communities beyond traditional environmental investments. Support policies that ensure that the Cap-and-Trade market is financially robust.

Zero Emission Mobility and Support

Support growth in the use of zero-emission vehicles, other clean mobility choices and low carbon fuels. Advocate for funding and explore public-private partnerships to expand equitable access to electric vehicle infrastructure and zero-emission shared and public options. Designate revenues generated from greenhouse gas-related fees or taxes, or government grants and loans, to local or municipal government entities; ensuring sufficient and dedicated electric vehicle rebate funding and other relevant clean mobility program funding, especially for low-income Californians.

Greening the Fleet

Support having all City vehicles transitioned to lowest-emission vehicles practical for the job use, and infrastructure to maintain and operate those vehicles by 2030. The maintenance and operational efficiency should be economically examined with the environmental impact of the operation and maintenance of any vehicle class, as should potential resiliency benefits of fleet electric vehicles (i.e. vehicle-to-grid opportunities).

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Sustainability/Resiliency: Climate Smart

San José will utilize the Climate Smart plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the City's progress towards a carbon neutrality goal of 2030. The City will focus these efforts on the transportation, buildings, and power source sectors to maximize impact. The City will continue to develop and implement zero-waste programs that meet or exceed state regulations as well as provide ease of use and exceptional value to customers.

We Support:

• Urban Greening Projects

Support and advocate for new funding and greater alignment of existing regional, state, and federal funding to support equity-focused urban greening projects that promote the rapid incorporation of green streets, green infrastructure for stormwater management, parks and streets related infrastructure for climate adaptation including preservation, protection, and enhancement of the urban tree canopy to reduce heat island effects and public health impacts of extreme heat, and other nature-based strategies throughout the City. This is especially critical in lower-income areas and areas of historical disinvestment as highlighted through racial equity analyses.

• Public Goods Charge

Support policies that allow regulatory agencies to assign administration of all or part of the Public Goods Charge Funds to the California Energy Commission and local governments (including community choice aggregators).

• Climate Equity and Inclusion

Support policies that provide financial and technical assistance to low-income residents and communities of color to prevent and reduce disproportionate impacts of climate change. Support investment and new technology in environmental justice communities to address the disproportionate burden of pollution and heat island effects, including funding to convert unused or underutilized sections for roadway right-of-way to neighborhood parks, urban greening, and/or forestry projects.

Transportation Demand Management

Support growth in the use of sustainable modes of transportation including transit, biking, and other alternatives to single occupancy autos; designate revenues generated from greenhouse gas-related fees or taxes to local or municipal government entities.

Solid Waste Program Funding

Support solid waste-related legislation that would add funding to local jurisdictions like the California Bottle Bill's deposit payment. Support legislation to expand eligible products under the beverage container redemption program. Support legislation to adopt a statewide landfill surcharge with an exemption for locally enacted landfill fees or other statewide solution for low-cost regional landfill issue. Support legislation that would add funding to develop organics diversion and recycling infrastructure. Support legislation to assist local jurisdictions in implementation and complying with Senate Bill 1383 regulations. Support efforts that require material recovery facilities to pay a living wage to employees.

• Environmental Funding

Support efforts to increase funding for stormwater infrastructure and creek cleanups. Support legislation that would increase funding for implementation of unfunded mandates, waste reductions and compliance. Support legislation that would apply funding to renewable energy projects, clean mobility programs and zero-net-carbon building projects and technologies. Support legislation that will enable local governments to implement financial reductions for building improvement programs for residents. Support efforts to increase funding for wastewater treatment facility infrastructure.



• Local Government Funding

Support policies that provide funding for local governments to enact programs and policies that measurably reduce local and global carbon emissions, including switching from fossil fuel technologies. Promote and support policies that lead to grant funding opportunities for climate-related work. Support state and federal budget proposals that will lead to local government funding for programs that support the City's Climate Smart goals and environmental programs, including carbon emissions reductions, ensuring a sustainable water supply, and support for utilities.

Recycling Markets

Support local, regional, statewide, and federal efforts that address disposal challenges by finding sustainable solutions for end-of-life products, materials, and waste residuals, including products made from the diversion/recycling of organics. Support legislation that addresses challenges with narrowing overseas recycled material markets and support development of local markets through short and long-term solutions that uphold the City's sustainability goals. Support legislation that addresses the challenges of permitting facilities that help manage waste residuals as well the safe use of waste residuals and products made from waste residuals.

• Water and Energy Rebates

Support legislation that provides rebates and incentives for water conservation, building and transportation electrification, and energy efficiency, retro-commissioning, energy resiliency, or improvements in existing buildings especially for low-income residents and disadvantaged communities, and small business owners.

• Extended Producer Responsibility

Support greater advocacy on extended producer responsibility, including pesticides, flea medications, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other products and other materials wastewater facilities are unable to treat. Support efforts that address source reduction and recycling contamination including single-use plastics, packaging, reuse, recycled content requirements, household hazardous takeback programs, pharmaceuticals and sharps, and Right to Repair. Support efforts that uphold the City's bans, including plastic bags and Expanded Polystyrene Foam; ensure state or federal regulations do not preempt the City's existing ordinances.

We Oppose:

• Water and Energy Rebate Decrease

Oppose legislation that decreases rebates and other incentives provided to Distributed Energy Resources and electrification projects and preempts local government to implement policies to our facilities.

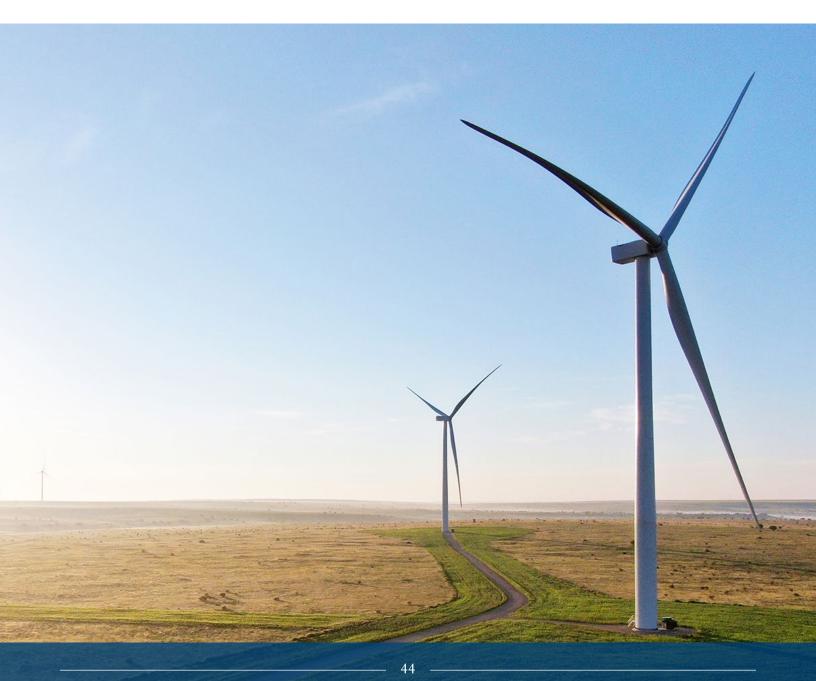
Product Ban Preemption

Oppose state or federal regulations that preempt the City's existing ban ordinances including but not limited to plastic bags and Expanded Polystyrene Foam.

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Sustainability/Resilience: Energy

San José will play an integral role in meeting the City's ambitious and nation-leading goal to become carbon neutral by 2030. For San José Clean Energy this includes continued investment in renewable energy and energy storage to deliver cleaner and more reliable electricity to residents and commercial customers. San José Clean Energy will reinvest revenues into the local community to provide clean electricity at competitive rates and expand programs to equitably encourage electrification in buildings and transportation – such as making affordable electric vehicle charging accessible throughout the City and providing consumer rebates for energy savings. Local and transparent decision-making will continue to guide San José Clean Energy's mission to increase access to the benefits of clean energy to create stronger, cleaner and healthier communities for the people who live, work and play in San José.



We Support:

Energy Procurement

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to expand Community Choice Aggregator access to clean and zero-carbon electric generation, including incentives and grants to enhance local economic development related to clean energy procurement and reduced ratepayer costs.

Smart Grid

Support regulations, policies and legislation to encourage a smarter grid, including expanded electric vehicle infrastructure programs to increase equitable public access to electric vehicles and the corresponding charging infrastructure. Support policies and funding to enable Community Choice Aggregator investment in long duration energy storage to increase energy reliability, promote use of solar power during evening hours, and local resiliency. Expand opportunities for cities and counties to own and operate distribution infrastructure and develop microgrids, distributed energy resources, and demand response programs to provide reliable and cost-effective service for Community Choice Aggregator customers. Support legislation or other programs that increase funding for microgrids and distributed energy resources, particularly for critical facilities, and increase access to transmission, distribution and generation related data needed to effectively plan for increased local resiliency and carbon reduction.

• Electric Restructuring

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to improve Pacific Gas & Electric Company public safety practices, fiscal transparency, fair rate design and affordability, and local accountability for infrastructure related power disruptions. Support consideration of alternative utility generation or distribution ownership models, including the creation of a Distribution System Operator.

Local Government Energy Efficiency Programs

Support our local government programs and better reflect local governments' role in capacity building. Support policies and seek funding to enhance energy efficiency in existing buildings, particularly for small business owners, disadvantaged communities, and low-income housing.

We Oppose:

• Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) Increases

Oppose legislation or regulations that would suspend or slow the growth of Community Choice Aggregators, including efforts to increase the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment fees that customers pay for Investor-Owned Utilities "above market" costs, including City of San José Clean Energy customers who no longer purchase electricity from the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Erosion of Local Control

Oppose legislation or regulations that would reduce local control over energy procurement or customer savings, increase procurement by Investor-Owned Utilities on behalf of CCAs or increase the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission to direct Investor-Owned Utilities to procure electricity on behalf of CCA customers.

CONTRIBUTORS: DEPARTMENTS OF COMMUNITY ENERGY, PUBLIC WORKS, AND TRANSPORTATION

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San José will reduce funding gaps and complete vital infrastructure projects while reducing the deferred maintenance infrastructure backlog. The City will monitor the health and safety of its infrastructure assets and be proactive and strategic in investing resources to avoid structural deficiencies. The City will upgrade infrastructure to meet the demands of a growing population and ever-changing climate by utilizing technology and industry best practices. Additionally, the City will leverage regional, state, and federal funding to pursue Environmental Justice, maximize the return on investment, and the benefit of all communities. San José is a resilient environmental steward for the region, ensuring wastewater is cleaned to high standards, and advocating treated wastewater residuals be viewed as valuable resources that can be responsibly used as a source material for other purposes. The cleaning and treatment processes/technologies utilized will be advanced, reliable, and cost-effective, and any discharge from City facilities maintains a robust and healthy environment/ecosystem for people and nature.

We Support:

• Strategic Project List

Advocate for funding for projects on the City of San José's Strategic Project List. Advocate for adoption of regulatory guidelines that advance projects on the City's Strategic Project List.

• Power Grid Infrastructure

Support legislation and regulation, advocate for adequate resources/equipment, and timely and appropriate information and notification that will allow the City to respond to and mitigate power outage events during Public Safety Power shutoffs, Enhanced Powerline Safety Setting outages, rolling outages, or Pacific Gas & Electric Company equipment failures. Explore potential legislation or regulations to require greater public oversight of Pacific Gas & Electric Company outage events.

Green Infrastructure

Support additional funding opportunities to implement regional projects and green streets projects that are essential to diverting and preventing stormwater and runoff from entering into and contaminating our waterways. By implementing regional "green stormwater infrastructure" projects, the City can filter and clean runoff prior to it entering the creeks, and ultimately, the San Francisco Bay.

Resilient Power Supply

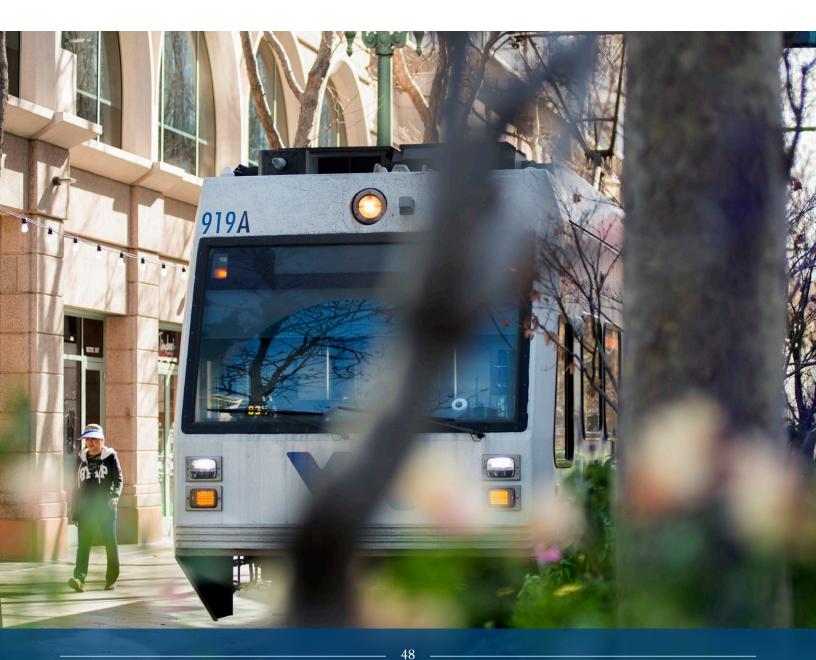
Support the undergrounding of all appropriate power distribution in the City, and for City facilities upon which residents rely for service to be resilient in times of emergency. Support microgrids and forms of power storage that can be available at all critical facilities which are necessary to provide consistent services.

Resiliency Efforts

Support efforts that make the City more resilient to climate change, natural disasters, and pandemics. Efforts include but are not limited to assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities, wildfire mitigation efforts such as infrastructure hardening, utility undergrounding, vegetation management, earthquake mitigation efforts on soft story seismic retrofits, and flood and sea-rise impacts. Support efforts to integrate climate change resiliency into transportation planning to improve the sustainability and reliability of the City's transportation infrastructure and operations, and support communities' adaptation.

Transportation Funding

Support transportation funding from federal, state, regional, and local sources that help maintain, improve and expand transportation systems and mobility in San José, including bikes, e-bikes, etc. Ensure that these funds remain unencumbered towards the programs and areas with the greatest need for investment. Maintain vital funding streams at the local, regional, state, and federal levels from Senate Bill 1, Cap-and-Trade, Regional Measure 3, Measure B, Active Transportation, and other programs. Support additional funding requests for investments that benefit San José's transportation priorities. Support policies that ensure direct and indirect uses and impacts to San José's right-of-way and infrastructure are accurately priced and collected. Support legislation that would improve project delivery, maintenance, or servicing of infrastructure within the city.



• Electric Vehicles

Support policies and legislation that fund programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and incentivize the adoption and deployment of beneficial emerging technologies, including electric vehicle technologies and infrastructure.

• Rapid Transit and Rail Infrastructure

Support developing and improving transformative rail projects and infrastructure in San José including BART to Silicon Valley Phase II, Diridon Station, Caltrain, San José Airport Connector, and High-Speed Rail. Identify and advocate for projects which would enhance San José's transportation network within a regional ballot measure or legislative proposal. Support legislation and funding that provides additional opportunities to develop or improve rail infrastructure in San José. Support efforts to advance and secure additional funds for BART Phase II as needed. Identify and secure funding for Diridon Station planning and construction efforts. Support Caltrain electrification and modernization efforts. Work closely with High-Speed Rail stakeholders to support infrastructure and right-of-way improvements in San José. Support legislation that encourages High Speed Rail to work more collaboratively with the cities that it will be traveling through. Support legislation and funding for transit operations, including for increases to service.

CMP Alignment with VMT

Support legislation developed in coordination with regional partners to align Congestion Management Program (CMP) statues with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction requirements.

Transportation Infrastructure

Support City priorities around safety, infrastructure, climate change, environmental resiliency, transportation planning, and project delivery. Ensure that San José can secure adequate and proportional funding relative to our population and needs, as well as maintain program flexibility and local autonomy.

• Infrastructure Maintenance

Support a dedicated funding source for deferred maintenance and repair to get to a state of zero deferred maintenance backlog in the next decade. Prioritize the modernization and upkeep of public safety facilities, including those that house and operate sworn public safety staff, that house the support staff for public safety staff like fleet and facilities maintenance, that the public will use in case of emergency and natural disasters, and that house the support staff providing services in the emergency and natural disaster shelters. The range of natural disaster and emergencies span from large scale power outages, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, floods, extreme heat, extreme cold, and earthquakes.

We Oppose:

Transportation Infrastructure Limitations

Oppose legislative efforts that jeopardize the development or deployment of the City's transit and rail infrastructure projects and other transportation investments.

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San José, through its Municipal Water System, will continue to provide safe and reliable drinking water to the more than 100,000 residents in the Alviso, Evergreen, Coyote, and Edenvale Service Areas. Through South Bay Water Recycling, the City will also continue to provide a reliable non-potable water supply. Increasing the supply and dependability of potable and non-potable water supplies to meet the growing needs of local water retailers and wholesalers, and the development and business communities, will enable the City to face the challenges of a changing climate, shifting water supplies, and achieve water resiliency. The City will continue to be a leader within the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program by collaborating and developing innovative approaches to address pollutants of concern entering the stormwater system and waterways.

We Support:

• Promotion of Water Conservation

Support the expanded use of alternative water sources (recycled water, rainwater, stormwater, graywater, etc.) for nonpotable purposes as well as supplementing our existing potable water supplies with additional potable sources (such as groundwater). Support legislation and funding that offer programs to improve water efficiency, replacement of non-functional turf with native landscaping, and water conservation and innovation (including drought relief programs), and water usage benchmarking, particularly for low-income residents, disadvantaged communities, and small business owners.

• Local Waterways Legislation and Funding

Support legislation and secure funding to restore and protect watershed habitats from human causes, and to increase awareness through outreach and education to communities and schools in protecting watershed habitats and to improving water quality in local waterways. Support legislation that maintains the health of the San Francisco Bay, creeks, and waterways.

• Regional Water Supply

Support local and regional efforts that address procuring permanent status regarding treated water supply from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the San José Municipal Water System. Partner with other local and regional water supply agencies to address the challenges of extended drought conditions.

Stormwater Management

Support legislation and secure funding to implement innovative approaches in reducing pollutants entering the storm sewer system that will ultimately improve water quality through various structural methods such as green infrastructure or maintenance methods such as street sweeping or in-line pipe cleaning. Support efforts to increase water capture and storage of precipitation delivered by atmospheric river storms. Support local flood protection agencies in seeking state and federal funding to address flooding from intensified storms and sea level rise.

Wastewater Management

Support legislation in wastewater, recycled water, nutrient, contaminants of emerging concerns (CEC), microplastics, PFAS/ PFOA, air emissions, renewable energy resources (biogas), recycled water, and biosolids, that are based on science and data driven at the state, local and federal levels; secure funding for wastewater treatment plant infrastructure, recycled water, and direct/indirect potable water reuse.

CONTRIBUTOR: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Technology

San José will transform its information technology services by championing equity solutions using technology and data. The City will strengthen the resiliency of City services against cybersecurity risks and natural disasters that are increasingly affecting communities. The City will maximize efficiencies and the impactful use of limited resources through service innovation in partnership with City departments, as well as support the City's transition to a digital workforce, embracing digital public participation and augmenting collaboration. The City will work to equitably protect the privacy of residents and keep their data safe and secure. Furthermore, the City will respond to service requests and inquiries from San José residents and businesses, achieving high customer experience ratings through robust 311 access.

We Support:

Emerging Technologies

Support advancement of the adoption of state and federal legislation and regulations that encourage the responsible development of shared mobility options, drones, transportation networking companies, and autonomous vehicle technologies that enable the City to balance the potential harms and benefits. Identify future regulatory needs to mitigate potential impacts from commercial urban air mobility services. Continue to work with state agencies as regulations are implemented.

• Innovative Technologies

Support efforts that explore innovative technologies to replace thin film plastics.

• Traffic Data Reporting

Support legislation that creates comprehensive data reporting requirements for all freight and passenger services in the right-of-way, including existing commercial services and emerging services such as urban air mobility. Data should include safety reporting movement data. Ensure that public agencies can collect and access data they need for managing attendance and completing Point of Sale Purchases, while protecting the privacy of individuals and limiting the sharing of personally identifiable information to align with the City's Digital Privacy policy or the City's Privacy Principles.

• Library Data Privacy

Support legislation that expands the definition of what is included in the patron record for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the confidentiality of library activities for library patrons.

Cybersecurity Data Sharing

Support legislation that enables organizations to share information to better deter malicious cybersecurity actors. To encourage intel sharing and "getting ahead of the breach," support legislation that explicitly protects cybersecurity information sharing from liability that puts the organization at risk and disclosure of information that would open the organization to cyberattacks.

• Transportation Data

Support legislation and regulations that provide travel data from transportation companies for transportation and land use planning, traffic management, and operational purposes. Encourage the development of inclusive mobility options that can provide equitable and accessible transit options for all of San José's residents.

• Retention Period Decrease for Sensing Technology Data

Support legislation to reduce privacy risk and potential harm of a data breach by minimizing the time data is stored.

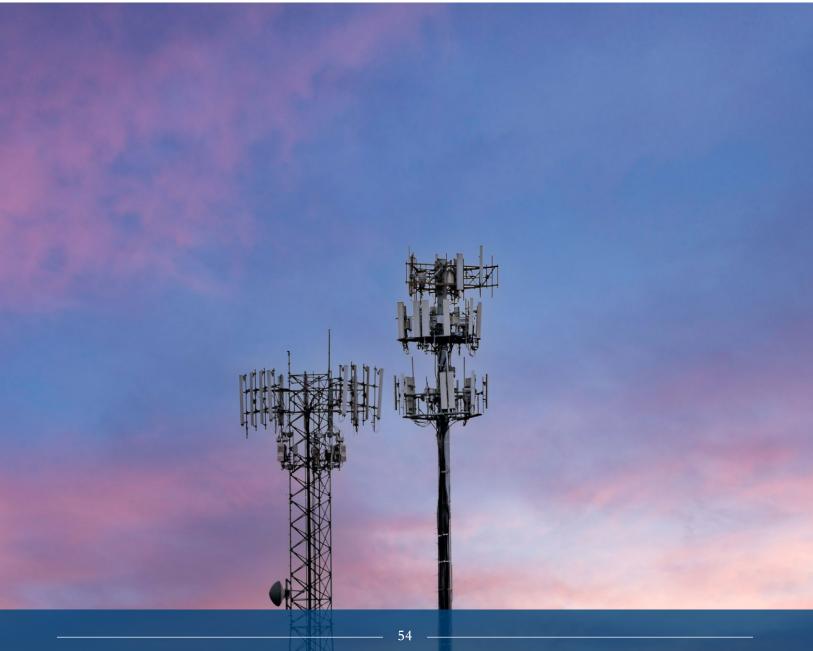
Technology

• Uniform Signage and Iconography for Smart City Technologies

Support state and federal efforts to standardize signage for sensing technology (ex: automated traffic enforcement) in public spaces.

• Regulation of Vendor Algorithms

Support state and federal efforts to allow local governments to inspect algorithms used by vendors providing products or services local governments procure. Support stronger regulation on algorithmic transparency, bias, and demonstration of effectiveness.



• Cross-Industry Privacy Protection

Support the national effort for a cross-industry privacy bill that defines general requirements for handling personal information.

• Technology Energy Efficiency Programs

Support state and federal standards for new technology, software, and hardware manufacturers to minimize energy consumption while systems are idle.

• Broadband

Support legislation that would take a balanced approach to accelerating broadband including fiber, small cells, and macro cell towers in an equitable and inclusive manner. Support efforts to expand broadband and improve wireless access in San José to enhance the transportation management and information systems that the City relies on to communicate with all roadway users and workers and to improve the travel experience for transit and non-transit riders. Advocate for funding to expand existing roadway information and warning systems to improve travel safety and efficiency, enable transportation and non-transportation warning systems, and improve safety conditions for people that work in the roadway space. Support efforts to expand and elongate funding availability to the Emergency Connectivity Fund. Support efforts to modernize the Education Rate (ERATE) program to allow reimbursement for wireless and Wi-Fi enabled devices to be lent through the library.

Digital Access

Support exploring public private partnerships around federal infrastructure funding including, but not limited to, broadband deployment partnerships with telecom providers, and partnerships to enable secure transportation data management systems and operations. Support efforts to secure funding for bridging the digital divide that are additive to funding for low-income families' other basic needs (such as food, affordable housing, childcare, and wealth building).

We Oppose:

• Broadband Restrictions

Oppose legislation that weakens local government's ability to regulate wireless attachments on vertical infrastructure and the deployment of fiber/coax.

Barriers to Local Preventative Regulations

Oppose efforts that prevent San José from developing emerging technology regulations independent from state and federal statutes.

• Retention Period Minimums for Sensing Technology Data

Oppose the one-to-two-year retention minimum for data collected through sensing technology, such as video from cameras, established in CA Government Code 34090.

• Reducing Data Privacy

Oppose any legislation that erodes patron privacy and confidentiality including that of library patron activities.

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Appendix A – Enterprise Priorities

The City of San José legislative program is developed to complement the City's Enterprise Priorities, the guiding framework for City operations.

The following Enterprise Priorities serve as the primary focus of the City.

I. COVID-19 PANDEMIC: COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

No event in living memory has been more painful or traumatic for our community than the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis which exacerbated existing inequalities. In this moment, our biggest challenge and our biggest opportunity is to foster an equitable recovery to a "Better Normal." The journey to healing, recovery, and resilience will require unprecedented effort, resources, and creativity. Recovery is not for us to do alone, rather it must be done with the community, for the benefit of those most burdened by the crisis, guided by their wisdom, tapping into their potential, and building on their deep enduring strength.

2. RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Great cities are built on great infrastructure–often-invisible networks of pipes, wires, roads, facilities, and spaces that connect us–in every neighborhood. Today, our infrastructure is challenged by age, climate change, disasters, and is under pressure to grow. Only a "regenerative" approach to our City infrastructure can meet both the needs of our people (equity) and live within the capacity of the planet (environment). Along with the infrastructure, resilience to the next major disaster requires planning, training, and exercises to the enhance response, especially in our underserved populations. A regenerative approach shifts from excessive consumption to reuse (restoring what we consume) with resilience and sustainability built in. When it comes to resilience, the lives and safety of our residents is one of our most fundament obligations and we must continue to prioritize the work of ensuring San José is well–prepared for the next disaster, with a clear focus on supporting those who are most vulnerable.

3. ENDING HOMELESSNESS.

All people in San José need a place they can call home and feel they belong as a vital part of the City, yet the City and region are faced with an unprecedented housing crisis. While the brunt of this crisis is borne by our unhoused neighbors, its impacts are felt across our community. The City will continue to invest in permanent supportive and affordable housing, while addressing systemic issues to improve the condition of our City. The City will also take immediate action by increasing emergency and interim housing options and expanding services to meet the basic health and safety needs of our unhoused residents.

4. SAFER SAN JOSÉ.

The safety of San José residents is one of the City's most fundamental obligations, necessary not only to ensure the physical safety of individuals, but also to form the basis of a thriving, inclusive community where residents can entrust their safety both to the City and each other. The City will work to build and strengthen this trust across all elements of public safety – including our community safety partnerships, law enforcement, operations continuity during disasters, and traffic safety – by continuously improving the City's policies and practices, pursuing new and innovative service models and partnerships, centering prevention as a key strategy, and engaging residents as participants in ensuring the safety of their own communities.

5. CLEAN, VIBRANT, AND INCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOODS AND PUBLIC LIFE.

The diverse mosaic of people who live, work, learn, and play in San José deserve clean, vibrant, accessible, and inclusive public spaces that inspire friendship and connection across generations, cultures, and points of view. Our neighborhoods and public life must reflect the rich cultural history and lived experiences of our residents. Neighborhoods should serve as conduits for people to connect with one another, to build community, and provide pathways to opportunity, lifelong learning, and prosperity.

6. BUILDING THE SAN JOSÉ OF TOMORROW WITH A DOWNTOWN FOR EVERYONE.

San José has a bold plan that envisions a more urban, connected, and livable city by 2040. Making this a reality will require driving private development and ensuring those investments create great places. The approval processes must be clear, consistent and easy to use for everyone, and move at the speed of business, not bureaucracy. The center piece of these efforts, our Downtown plan, is a complex mosaic of new train lines, large offices mixed with vibrant street front retail, urban housing, and creative public spaces that we must get right.

7. STRATEGIC FISCAL POSITIONING AND RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT.

We will continue to be both strategic and responsible in how we manage and balance the City's \$5.5 billion budget as well as smart and efficient in how we serve our community. We will always look for opportunities to be costeffective in all aspects of our service delivery system while working to ensure equity and inclusion in how our services are delivered. If new or expanded revenues are considered, we will minimize impacts to our tax, rate, and fee payers to the extent possible.

8. POWERED BY PEOPLE.

We recognize that our almost 6,900 employees power the City of San José and our success as a City is dependent on our ability to create a dynamic and engaged workforce. Our employees' ability to provide excellent service is strengthened when we invest in attracting talent, providing opportunities for career growth, enabling an environment focused on health, safety, and wellness, and retaining a diverse workforce in a workplace that is equitable and inclusive.







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