

January 11, 2022

San Jose City Government members,

What is being proposed by the city of San Jose in this Amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: **i. Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José,** is unbelievable and plays directly into the hands of those wishing to destroy our Republic. As a citizen, I resent that all non-citizens who came here, in disrespect of our laws, should then be allowed to vote. Many illegals don't pay taxes, but the city is willing to allow the burdens of costs from this proposal to be dumped on the few remaining taxpayers? Is the city willing to see more people leave not only the bay area, but also the state? Do you really think non-citizens will pick up their end of the responsibilities of the city by paying taxes or contributing in other positive ways? Why would the city willingly accept such a financial burden on the overall costs, infrastructure, fire, police, medical, and schools?

Following is a letter from a very concerned citizen who became a citizen legally and earned the right to vote in our elections:

I am an immigrant who came here escaping Sharia Law, and it took me 12 years to be able to vote after I got to the US. I'm glad I had to wait. Because when I came here, I had no idea what America was all about. I was forced to study the Constitution to get my Citizenship and boy did I have to relearn everything. Imagine now if even more people who have no idea of what America was founded on, folks who don't have any idea what an inalienable right is, are voting en-masse.

Yes, it's true that there was no test of citizenship years ago. But that was when it took 6 months to go across the country. Times have changed. Whenever we make a law we have to consider: What are the consequences if evil people take advantage of this law (evil people in public and/or evil people in government)?

Here's the real danger, if there is no test of citizenship, then why can't the Chinese Communist Party have 1M temporary "workers" show up in San Jose for the next election, register to a corporate address and vote? And if you don't need citizenship to vote, why do you need to be a citizen to be elected? So, at what point do we end up with CCP members as Mayor and Councilmembers and in control of our city? (I know you think we already have that). It's the beginning of a real slippery slope to losing our nation. If you allow this unfair and dangerous proposal to become reality, then as a citizen of California, I will be sure to investigate every purchase, every business I might do business with, everything to be sure I am not supporting any firm that hires illegals in the future. I will not travel again to San Jose for some of the wonderful things your city has to offer. And I will spread the word to others.

Good points made by this person.

When will government representatives decide to make decisions for their citizens, their constituents? When will government representatives uphold their oaths to protect the Republic of the United States? When?

Phyllis Couper





# Latina Coalition Silicon Valley

## Board of Directors

January 11, 2021

**Gabriela Chavez-Lopez**  
*Executive Director*

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Esparza, Jones, Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Davis, Mahan, Foley,

**Dianna Zamora-Marroquin**  
*President*

On behalf of our over 300 members, we want to express our strong support of expanding the voting power to everyone living in San Jose. At Latina Coalition, it's our mission to develop and strengthen the power of Latinas to advance our collective success through leadership, sisterhood, and civic engagement - one of the ways we can achieve this mission is by expanding voter rights to include all Latinas - not just for those of us that are American-born. **Representation Matters. Our Voices Matter. Equity and Justice Matter.**

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Latinas - have been disproportionately affected by the economic downturn and by the health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. One and three non-citizen Latina women in California lost their jobs compared to 9% for white women. When we think about an equitable COVID-19 recovery; and political & economic parity for our community; expanding voter rights and representation for those most affected in our community is one of the ways in which we can recover successfully. Economically speaking, California is the eighth largest economy in the world in my ways is because of our immigrant and non-citizen population that helps to keep our economic engine running.

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We experienced that firsthand as folks were frontline workers dealing with the pandemic head-on. Our country was founded on the economic principle that there should be *no taxation without representation* and in this case, we are taxing a segment of our population that has no say in their representation. This is a democratic principle, an American principal, and should be something that we adopt at the local level. Those closest to the pain should be at the center of finding solutions and this is one step towards uplifting their voices and perspectives moving forward. Thank you to our two incredible Latina councilwomen Arenas and Carrasco for championing this for our community. Thank you.

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In collaborative spirit,

  
Gabriela Chavez-Lopez  
Executive Director, Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley

**Fw: Voting on Immigrants Voting**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 4:30 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:15 PM

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**Cc:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Voting on Immigrants Voting



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Hello San Jose Leaders,

Regarding the issue of non-citizens should be voting or not.

The proper vote is "NO" - non-citizens should not be living in the U.S. and certainly not voting.

If you vote "yes", then you are outing yourself as a Communist/Globalist/Collectivist and you are clearly and actively destroying the city, this state and this country. Vote "no" - no illegals should be voting in the U.S.

Regards,

John Farley  
Born in the U.S. of America



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**Fw: Vote on extending voting right to non-citizens - City Charter Section 1602**

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Dear Council members,

It is difficult to understand how you could even consider amending the election procedure to include all of the non-citizens, many if not most, are here illegally. This is such a slippery slope.

Elections should be fair and honest. Passing this amendment would be an open invitation for corruption.

We currently have a way for people to apply for citizenship and earn the privilege of voting. Allowing non-citizens to vote would cheapen and degrade this process and be a sacrilege to our brave veterans

and the founding fathers and a slap in the face of citizens of this country. There would no longer be an incentive to go thru the process of naturalization.

As the largest city in the Bay Area, the consequences of this would have a deleterious effect on the surrounding communities from which much of the workforce of San Jose businesses is drawn.

If you vote in favor of this measure, you will never ever receive a future vote from me.

Sincerely,

Janet Songey

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**Fw: Voting integrity**

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Dear Council Members,

I wanted to express that I am extremely worried about your consideration of allowing non-citizens to vote. The repercussions of this action would be catastrophic.

No longer would the people who have cared enough about our country to learn about our history and our values be the ones deciding how our communities would function.

Hundreds or thousands of people could be brought in from ANY country, any state and completely change the complexion of what the people in our cities want.

Just consider this, a red state or city could flood San Jose with "residents" simply for the purposes of voting in their agenda, or vice versa.

Do you really want to go down that slippery slope? It is a huge challenge to our democracy. Our voting rules were put in place for a reason and have functioned well for many years. This is a really crucial time for our nation as a whole, with each city under a microscope as everyone is watching very carefully to see what our local officials do.

Please, please do not subject our citizens to this ill-advised plan. I urge you to squelch it immediately.

Thank you,  
Pam Lehner

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**Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL**

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**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL



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Hello,

I am in full support of council member Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

It is unfair to tax residents and yet they have very limited representation and power in our society. According to New American Economy, it is estimated that in 2018, immigrants in the San José Metro Area - a portion of which are

undocumented - brought in \$5.3 billion in state and local taxes alone. Federally, the immigrant contribution is \$12.9 billion. While immigrants help build our city's wealth, it is unfair that they do not have the power to make decisions over local ballot measures and elections. We need to end taxation without representation in our city and expand the voting power to all.

Expanding the vote will have a positive impact on all communities. San José Immigrants (green card holders and undocumented) are a diverse ethnic group that includes Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, Hindi, African, Filipino/Tagalog, Europeans, and various other diverse communities. As part of our San José community, they contribute to building this city's wealth as business owners, teachers, tech workers, constructions, hospitals, hospitality, nurses, artists, nonprofit workers, promotoras and provide the pool of labor for all industries. Expanding the voting power to all residents will benefit all communities in San Jose and create a more inclusive city.

Expanding the vote to all residents will align San Jose with a growing movement to expand the power to voter to all residents across the nation. Municipalities across the U.S. that permit non-citizens to vote in local elections. 11 of these municipalities are in Maryland, two in Vermont and one in California. New York has recently passed a measure to give voting rights to approximately 900,000 legal noncitizens. In 2016, voters in San Francisco approved Proposition N, which permits non-citizen parents of children in public schools to vote in school board elections. It is time for San Jose to join the movement for a deeper democracy and expand the voting power to all residents, including non-citizens.

Expanding the voting power to all residents is a racial and social justice issue. The history of excluding immigrants and marginalized people from voting comes from the legacy of white supremacy. During the first 150 years of our nation's history, over 40 states provided the right for non-citizens to vote. During colonial times, voting was tied to being white and property ownership and therefore excluded women, Black Americans, Mexicanos/Latinos, Natives Americans, and poor whites. As the population of communities of color grew in this country (1880's and 1920's), White elites enacted various barriers to prevent the poor, people of color and women from voting. Literacy laws, poll taxes, felony disenfranchisement laws, voter registration requirements and restrictive residency were instituted to disenfranchise millions of poor people, people of color and immigrants. Exclusion from voting was also tied to nativist views of belonging and residency. The women's suffrage, civil rights movement and Black, Asian, and Chicano movements played a critical role to end these unjust restrictions at state, local and federal levels. San Jose must now do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents.

Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration

**Angelica Lujano**

Learning and Leadership Development Manager



**Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world.**

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**Fw: Non-Citizens voting??**

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Dear Council Members,

I cannot believe that you are considering allowing non-citizens to vote! Please say "NO" to this idea which effectively dilutes and negates the rights of citizens. If there are people living in our community who broke the law to get here, why should they have a voice in City rules, taxation, development issues and more? Do you expect citizens to cede their rights to people from all over the world? Citizenship is an honor and a privilege. There is a process for people to become citizens if they want to make this their home! Why would you allow them a shortcut when so many of us are immigrants who stood in line, followed the rules and EARNED our citizenship?

BAD idea, and I will use my vote to oust council members who favor this bad idea.

Thank you for considering what's right for your legal constituents!

Linda Roy  
San Jose native

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**Fw: Illegal Aliens**

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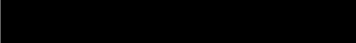
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**From:** ELIZABETH STEVENS   
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Illegal Aliens



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Dear City Clerk,

You would never consider even for one moment having an unqualified person perform heart surgery on you or someone you loved. You'd make sure that the people you entrust with your health and well being are absolutely qualified to do so. And yet you are more than willing to grant to an unqualified, illegal person the most sacred of rights that we possess – the right as a legal American citizen to vote. You are willfully giving people who have already proven their total disdain for our laws or our constitution (people who have already broken the law) the right to vote and change those laws and our elected leaders. This is total madness! If you are a rational person and God help us if you are not, my next question would be how much are you being paid to be irrational and is it worth it? I would caution you that you risk losing your current position and, if taking a bribe, legal action.

**DO NOT VOTE FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS TO HAVE THE POWER OF THE VOTE!** No other country on the earth would allow you to just “walk in” illegally and vote as an illegal non-citizen in their elections.

I hope and pray you see the light,

Elizabeth Stevens

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**Fw: Vote NO on voting rights to NON-CITIZENS**

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**From:** Ginny Stafford [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:28 PM**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote NO on voting rights to NON-CITIZENS

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Dear Council Member ,

I am asking you to vote **NO** on amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to **Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José**. This would allow non-citizens to vote which is a problem in many ways: To allow people who have come into our country **illegally** who have not studied our constitution and do not fully understand our form of government to vote in our elections is a travesty toward democracy. Doing so will undermine our democracy. To allow them to vote is an affront to both natural born citizens and **legal** immigrants who become citizens in our Country. Citizenship has certain rights. Voting is one of them. **Do not make a mockery of our democracy and allow those who disregard our laws and come here illegally to vote in our elections.**

Those who are residents in our city/county, but are foreign nationals who have no intent to become US citizens should not be given the ability to try and make America into something that she is not. What would stop the CCP from sending in a mass of those who are members of the Chinese Communist party to set up residency in our city/county so they could vote in our elections, though they are not citizens? Allowing all residents, even those who are non-citizens, will not work out well for YOU in the end. And it certainly will not be good for this city/county.

You were elected to uphold the laws of our country and protect the rights of its **citizens**. Extending voting rights to illegals and non-citizens would be a direct violation in regards to both of those duties.

Please consider your actions regarding this very carefully. Because we, the true **citizens** in this community, will be watching your actions. If you vote in favor of this we will vote you out of office.

Sincerely,

Virginia Stafford



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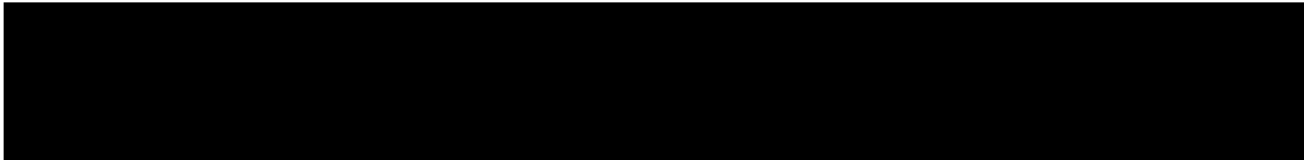


  
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**Subject:** Are you seriously allowing non-citizens to vote???



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Dear San Jose City Council:

Are you seriously allowing non-citizens to vote??? I'm standing with the Values Advocacy Council in opposition to such idiocracy! Please try not to irrigate our fields of democracy with Gatorade because it has electrolytes.

I will monitor closely to see if San Jose is more interested in destroying the United States of America or supporting its citizens.

Thank you, Jeffrey Kinney

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**Fw: objection to Amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: i. Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 4:35 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

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**From:** Debbie Hernandez <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:40 PM

**Subject:** objection to Amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: i. Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José

[REDACTED]

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I object to amending the city of San Jose charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José.

Debbie Hernandez

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**Fw: Oppose the Extending municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José.**

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**From:** JoAnn Tracy-Thomas [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:39 PM

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

**Subject:** Oppose the Extending municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José.

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Oppose the Extending municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José.

JoAnn Thomas

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**From:** Theresa Chao <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:21 PM

**To:** Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Oppose Amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: i. Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to Amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: **i. Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José**

I am a legal immigrant and a resident of CA. It took me 10 years to become a US Citizen and be able to vote. I **oppose** extending voting rights to non-citizens.

Respectfully,  
Theresa Chao  
San Jose

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

[REDACTED]

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Hello, my name is Aundraya Martinez and I am a San Jose Community Leader. As a fourth generation East San Jose native and advocate, I am in full support of council member Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

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Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

In community spirit,  
Aundraya Martinez

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**Fw: NO VOTE on Extending municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San Jose**

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:37 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Thank You,

*Barb Gregory***Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? Please take our short survey.****From:** dcase98 <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:21 PM**To:** Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** NO VOTE on Extending municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San Jose

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Hello:

I disagree with allowing non-citizens to vote in municipal elections. Using a precedent from 150 years past without context of the massive differences from today in state of communications and travel is very misleading. It shows such bias in your argument.



Regards, Constitutional loving resident

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**Fw: PLEASE DO NOT Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José**

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:37 PM

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**From:** miriamnestler [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:17 PM

**To:** miriamnestler [REDACTED]

**Subject:** PLEASE DO NOT Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José



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Dear Council members:

For many, many years people waited patiently, some for a very long time, to enter this country. Do we now laugh at them for their patience? It breaks my heart that now, suddenly, it means so little to be a citizen, that there are no requirements now...that new citizens need know nothing about America, her founding, how many have died gaining independence for her, how many lost everything in that war with England and indeed counted their sacrifice as an honor! Also there is no need for new citizens to know how many since have given of their time and treasure, even making the ultimate sacrifice and not thinking that was too much for the country they loved.

Please do not dishonor the memory of the thousands upon thousands, of every race and color and nationality, who considered their citizenship precious enough to give their all for their country!

Sincerely,

Miriam Nestler

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**Fw: Voting**

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:37 PM

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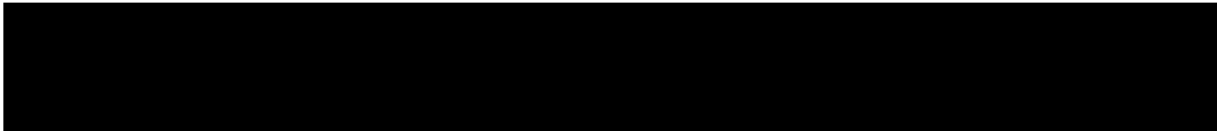
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**From:** Melvin Honda [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:58 PM

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

**Subject:** Voting



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Do not allow non-citizens to vote. Further it is not constitutional

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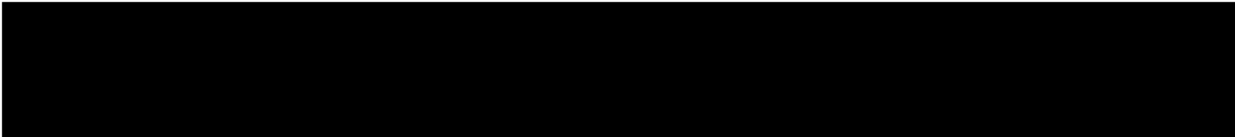
**From:** Anastasia Abarca [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:40 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL



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Hello, my name is \_\_Anastasia\_\_ and I am a San Jose (Community member, leader,). I lived/worked in San Jose for over \_16\_\_years.

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Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration @@@ mi opinión que merecemos ese derecho democrático al voto ya que aportamos la economía de país pagamos taxes cada año fiscal por favor escuchenos merecemos esa oportunidad de poder elegir nuestro representante .

Gracias

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**Fw: voting in any U.S. election**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 4:38 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** voting in any U.S. election

[REDACTED]

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Voting in the United States is a special right for the United States citizen as stated in our constitution. It is important that a person know about our constitution and laws before becoming a citizen with the right to vote.

Sincerely,  
David Blasius

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

**Subject:** voting



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**Fw: We are AGAINST Removing Citizenship Requirements for All Applicable Boards and Commissions**

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:38 PM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:19 PM

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**Subject:** We are AGAINST Removing Citizenship Requirements for All Applicable Boards and Commissions



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My husband, Robert Fontana, and I are registered voters in San Jose and citizens of the United States. With regard to item 3.4 in the Charter Review Commission Report and Recommendations, we are **strongly against** removing the citizenship

requirements for all applicable Boards and Commissions and **urge you to vote against this proposal.**

Robert and Barbara Fontana  
District 10

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**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is Mariana and I am a San Jose D4 Resident. I lived/worked in San Jose for over 14 years.

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Expanding the voting power to all residents is a racial and social justice issue. The history of excluding immigrants and marginalized people from voting comes from the legacy of white supremacy. During the first 150 years of our nation's history, over 40 states provided the right for non-citizens to vote. During colonial times, voting was tied to being white and property ownership and therefore excluded women, Black Americans, Mexicanos/Latinos, Natives Americans, and poor whites. As the population of communities of color grew in this country (1880's and 1920's), White elites enacted various barriers to prevent the poor, people of color and women from voting. Literacy laws, poll taxes, felony disenfranchisement laws, voter registration requirements and restrictive residency were instituted to disenfranchise millions of poor people, people of color and immigrants. Exclusion from voting was also tied to nativist views of belonging and residency. The women's suffrage, civil rights movement and Black, Asian, and Chicano movements played a critical role to end these unjust restrictions at state, local and federal levels. San Jose must now do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents.

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**Fw: Amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: i. Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 4:39 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

*Barb Gregory*



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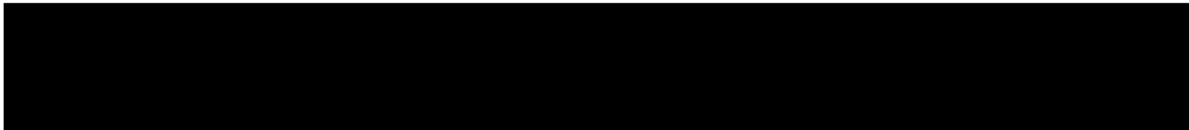
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**From:** Beverly St. Clair <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:16 PM

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

**Subject:** Amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: i. Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José



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I urge you to vote against this amendment! Voting is a privilege for the legal citizens of this country, state and city. Those that live here as undocumented immigrants who want to have representation and have a desire to vote can and will apply for citizenship and are welcome to do so. If this is their desire then it will be an incentive to become a citizen. It is important for all citizens to understand the principles that this country was founded on, to understand our history and what makes this country the country they strove to come too. They chose to come here and though they are welcome here they are subject to the same rules, laws etc that all American citizens are subject to. Without these voting laws, we would be vulnerable to those outside our country who wish to come in and change and/or make laws that may not be in our best interest or vote for candidates, policies or amendments that may favor another country's ideology or government. We have no way of knowing the loyalty of those voting that

have chosen to remain undocumented. I urge you rather than vote to give undocumented residents the right to vote work instead on improving the process that will make the road to citizenship faster . Bev St.Clair

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**Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL**

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:39 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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*Barb Gregory***Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? Please take our short survey.****From:** Karen Martinez [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:14 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is Karen Martinez and I am a San Jose (Community member and leader). I lived/worked in San Jose for over 49 years.

I am in full support of council member Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

It is unfair to tax residents and yet they have very limited representation and power in our society. According to New American Economy, it is estimated that in 2018, immigrants in the San José Metro Area - a portion of which are undocumented - brought in \$5.3 billion in state and local taxes alone. Federally, the immigrant contribution is \$12.9 billion. While immigrants help build our city's wealth, it is unfair that they do not have the power to make decisions over local ballot measures and elections. We need to end taxation without representation in our city and expand the voting power to all.

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Respectfully,

Karen Martínez



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**Fw: voting rights**

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**From:** D G Blasius <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** voting rights

[REDACTED]

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Voting in the United States is a special right for the United States citizen as stated in our constitution. It is important that a person know about our constitution and laws before becoming a citizen with the right to vote.

Sincerely,  
Ann Blasius

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**Fw: Extending municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San Jose**

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:40 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Clayton Young <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:00 PM  
**To:** Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Extending municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San Jose

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City of San Jose,

I am opposed to extending voting rights to non-citizens of the USA for local elections. I believe it is absurd to allow non-citizens votes to cancel or dilute legal citizen votes.

Once they are legal citizens of the USA, I'm all for any citizen to have the right to vote. Non-citizens need to go through the legal process to become a USA citizen to vote. Simple process and easy to maintain.

If you want non-citizens to have input in the City, have them fill out a survey/questionnaire and you can run these by the USA citizens/residents if we think they are beneficial for us. Americans (USA citizens) first priority.

Clayton Young  
Legal citizen of the USA and resident of San Jose, CA

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**Fw: City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedur**

Gregory, Barbara &lt;Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 1/11/2022 4:41 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Tom Carroll [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:23 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedur

[External Email]

Hello,

If you move forward with amendment to City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure and allow voting for undocumented persons and non-citizens within San Jose, I will consider that an affront to our national and constitutional values for which you are supposed to uphold.

It is immoral to issue voting rights to individuals who may be transient citizens from other nations and unaware of the principles upheld by the American constitution. I feel it is necessary to require sworn allegiance to one nation, America, for those expatriates who would migrate and vote here. I desire to preserve this nation and the democratic system that protects and provisions its citizens with freedom and liberty. You do not find these freedoms in most other nations.

If you do proceed with this you will have lost my vote and all future business with your affiliates.

- Concerned Citizen in San Jose

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**Fw: Allowing non legal citizens to vote in local elections**

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

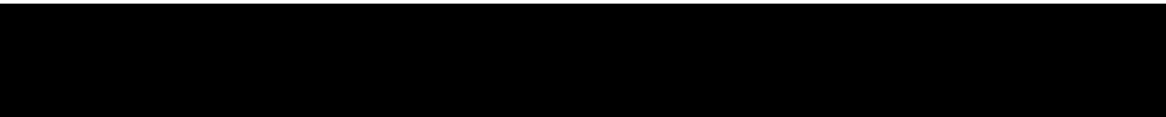
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**From:** Jo Kawanami   
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Allowing non legal citizens to vote in local elections



[External Email]

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Josephine Kawanami, a long time resident of San Jose. When I was 8 years old, I went thru the naturalization process to become and American citizen. I am proud to be an American and I gladly vote in all elections, local and federal. As a citizen, I do want my voice to be heard.

Please do not allow non-legal voters to vote in local elections. We have rules and laws about who can vote and who cannot. If immigrants become citizens of the US, then they are allowed to vote!

Thank you,

Josephine Kawanami

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**Fw: Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the city of San José**

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**From:** Raquel Alvarado <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:10 PM

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

**Subject:** Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the city of San José



[External Email]

I, a resident of San José who for 35 years taught wonderful non-citizen students,  
ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON THIS MATTER.

The respect for this nation's laws is of paramount importance! My students and their parents came here to enjoy the freedom the rule of our nation's laws provide. Therefore, more courses in citizenship are a more valuable benefit to their individual liberties than voting without a valid and a more complete understanding of the processes which made, and are necessary to preserve the freedoms for which they came!! Please,  
Be WISE, VOTE NO! Thank you!

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## Fw: Request to oppose the motion to allow any non-citizen to vote in the Municipal election

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 4:42 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

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**From:** Nirmalendu Das <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:09 PM

**To:** Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Request to oppose the motion to allow any non-citizen to vote in the Municipal election

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Dear San Jose City Officials,

Based on this agenda I see that you will vote to decide whether a non-citizen can vote in the Municipal election.

<https://sanjose.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10392078&GUID=03186749-1D75-44A8-B323-9BC603E838D6>

As a resident and naturalized Citizen living in the South Bay Area for 25 years, I personally oppose the idea to allow a noncitizen to vote in Municipal elections. I also urge the same to you so that you oppose the motion to allow any non-citizen to vote in the Municipal election.

Regards

Nirmalendu Das



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**Fw: In support of Carrasco & Arenas— Voting Rights for ALL for a brighter future** ❤️

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**From:** Genevieve Kolar 

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:08 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Subject:** In support of Carrasco & Arenas— Voting Rights for ALL for a brighter future ❤️

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Hello, I hope you are having a good week. My name is Genevieve and I am a San Jose community member who greatly supports expanded voting rights. This is a city of immigrants, our culture and communities and economic flourishing are all a product of the people who have emigrated here for generations and decades. It is simply unjust to silence our fellow residents and taxpayers by denying them a voice in their own community. It's time for voting rights for all residents, regardless of citizenship status.

It genuinely makes me emotional thinking of those who contribute quietly but are afraid to raise their

voice politically because of their citizenship status. This has, by design, led to discriminatory decisions made in San Jose and across the United States, that harm vulnerable communities without their ability to consent or join the conversation. This memo represents a much brighter and more just future.

I have lived/worked in San Jose for over 5 years and my dad has lived here for 10+. I am in full support of council member Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

With gratitude,  
Genevieve Kolar

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**Fw: Vote NO on extending voting rights to illegal residents**

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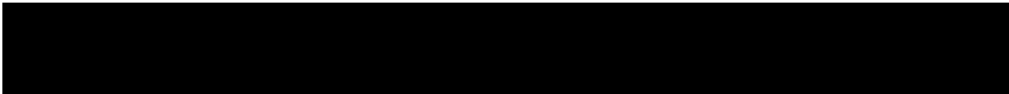
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**From:** Terese Mansfield <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Vote NO on extending voting rights to illegal residents



[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

We implore you to vote **NO** on amending City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to **Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José.**

To allow people who have come into our country **illegally** who have not studied our constitution and do not fully understand our form of government is a travesty to our democracy. Doing so will undermine our democracy.

To allow them to vote is an affront to both natural born citizens and **legal** immigrants who become citizens in our Country. Citizenship has certain rights. Voting is one of them. **Do not make a mockery of our democracy and allow those who disregard our laws and come here illegally to vote in our elections.**

You were elected to uphold the laws of our country and protect the rights of its citizens. Extending voting rights to illegals would be a direct violation in regards to both of those duties.

Sincerely,  
David and Terese Mansfield

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**Fw: Extend municipal voting rights to non-citizens of the City of San José**

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**From:** Eric Matthews <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:59 AM**To:** Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Extend municipal voting rights to non-citizens of the City of San José

[External Email]

Good morning, elected officials of San Jose.

We need you to represent your voters on proposed Amendments to the City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure. **We take particular issue against any recommendations to extend municipal voting rights to non-citizen residents of the City of San José.**

It is inappropriate for elected officials to promote gerrymandering their electorate, either by strategically shifting district boundaries or by extending voting rights. Voting rights belong to voters, and in San Jose only voters should initiate and promote changes to those rights by gathering signatures to put those ballot measures on the ballot.

The voters of San Jose should be happy to publicly hear the radical proposals of Councilmembers Carrasco and Arenas, and the legal voters can make their own initiatives on this matter for themselves if they strongly desire such an amendment.

This section of the charter is on par with a Constitutional Amendment and deserves that level of protection against radical changes. This aspect of the charter should not be taken lightly or be changed without at least 3/4 of the council and 3/4 of the voters agreeing to such a radical change. That's the kind of recommendation that deserves to be promoted. Thank you.

P.S.

Do any of you own property or a business?

Would it be appropriate to tease the idea that leasers of your property or employers of your business should have the right to vote against your wishes to change your property or your business?

If you want other people to inherit your property, your business, or your rights, then for each of those proposed heirs both you and your proposed heirs should individually consider what it means to enter into that close relationship, and only then you should go through the fine and formal process of adopting those people to be your co-heirs.

Citizenship first, then voting rights.

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**Fw: Vote "No" on changing citizenship requirements for elections and appointments to Boards and Commissions**

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:45 PM

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Thank You,

*Barb Gregory*



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**From:** Michelle Leavitt <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:30 PM

**To:** Michelle Leavitt <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Vote "No" on changing citizenship requirements for elections and appointments to Boards and Commissions

[REDACTED]

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Good Afternoon,

Please vote "no" on changing citizenship requirements for all elections and applicable Boards and Commissions.

I disagree with Councilmembers Carrasco and Arenas' memo and ask that you do not allow anyone who is not a citizen to vote or hold an appointed position.

Thank you,  
Michelle Leavitt  
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**Fw: Non-Citizen Voting**

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**From:** Teresa Higginson   
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Non-Citizen Voting



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to non-citizen voting. Since when do you not have to be a citizen of the U.S. to be able to vote? Very dangerous on so many levels if this is allowed.

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Respectfully,

Teresa Higginson  
San Jose Resident

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**Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 4:45 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

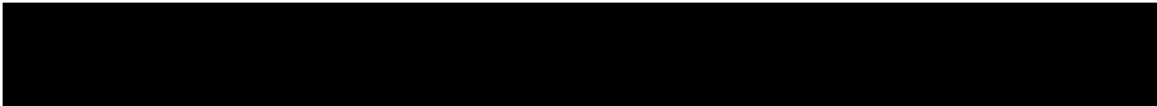


  
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Hello, my name is David Johnson. I have been a resident of San Jose since 1972. I know what an important role immigrants play in our city. They start small businesses that employ others. They raise families here. They contribute tremendously to the culture of this region. But I spend a fair amount of time on the East Side where many immigrants reside, and the contrast between that part of the city and the rest of San Jose is stark. Just yesterday there was an article in the Mercury about loss of trees in the city and its effect on the environment. One observation in that article is that the East side has always been neglected in terms of the presence of trees. That is just one example of environmental injustice that receives little attention in part because immigrants have no voice in the civic affairs of

this city. Some years ago scores of merchants along Alum Rock were put out of business because road and sidewalk closures for upgrading of bus stops took years longer than expected. Many of those who worked in these establishments were immigrants. They had no way to press the case that the businesses that supported them should be saved. The zip codes hardest hit by COVID in the city have been zip codes populated heavily by immigrants, and surveys of health needs in those same areas show that the health threats people face from lack of timely access to health care go far beyond COVID. If immigrants could be recognized, respected, listened to because they have legitimate challenges that challenge not just their quality of life but the quality we all want to enjoy in our home city, we would all see the benefit. Please be receptive to the argument that will be made for voting rights for immigrants today and move the process forward. I would be proud to live in a city where no one is intentionally disenfranchised.

Sincerely,

David Johnson



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**Fw: Oppose allowing all residents to vote in our city!**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** jonie murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose allowing all residents to vote in our city!

[REDACTED]

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I oppose allowing "all residents" to vote in our city of San Jose.

**This is fundamentally wrong.**

Many have no idea what living in this country and city is really like. Many illegal immigrants can "show up" in San Jose for the next election, register to a corporate address and vote without knowing the issue at hand.

If you don't need citizenship to vote, then why do you need to be a citizen in the first place? **Such a flawed idea- you will turn San Jose into demise.**

**One must study our constitution and learn the ways of the land, just as our ancestors did and become a citizen, not just a resident!**

Vote No to change our City Charter Section 1602.

Thank you,  
Joanie Murphy

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Tue 1/11/2022 4:46 PM

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**From:** Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:21 AM

**To:** Robert Stack [REDACTED] Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Re: PLEASE DO NOT EXTEND VOTING RIGHTS TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE!!!

Robert,

One thing is emailing to express your opinion but another thing is being a racist. I'm appalled and troubled by your email. It's tone and tenor is the worst of our society.

Sergio

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**From:** Robert Stack <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 7:25 PM

**To:** Jones, Chappie; Jimenez, Sergio; Peralez, Raul; Cohen, David; Carrasco, Magdalena; Davis, Dev; Esparza, Maya; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov; Foley, Pam; Mahan, Matt; Liccardo, Sam; City Clerk

**Subject:** PLEASE DO NOT EXTEND VOTING RIGHTS TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE!!!



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San Jose Supervisors: **You BEST NOT PASS THIS TOTALLY ABSURD VOTE** to " **Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José**" by making **ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN JOSE CITY CHARTER SECTION 1602, ELECTION PROCEDURE to let illegals vote**, do you understand me or, for you Board members who maybe don't speak English too well, comprende?

One **DOES NOT ENTER** the United States of America **ILLEGALLY** but by those tried & true methods of applying for Naturalization as did our parents, and maybe some of our grandparents did, like mine and then, once accepted for American citizenship, you study hard to learn as much as you possibly can about the U. S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and about the Civics of our just how this country should be run and, unfortunately, how it IS now being run by this cabal of Socialist pigs in the White House with whom some of you are very closely aligned, I'm quite sure, and will probably do anything to try and further that anti-American, pro Socialist agenda by allowing illegal aliens **TO VOTE IN SAN JOSE!**

If that's the case , you're **OUT OF YOUR MINDS** as I, and many, many others, will be watching on just how you vote on this very important issue and it probably won't bode very well for you in the next election should you make the extremely foolish decision to run for your office once again or for any **OTHER POLITICAL OFFICE FOR THAT MATTER** as we'll **ALL BE WATCHING** how you vote and, if you make the **VERY WRONG DECISION**, **YOUR APPLE CART** will be completely upset with all of your apples rolling down the street in all different directions thus defeating you at every turn in the road **FROM NOW ON IN!**

Think about the future of San Jose, the majority of its citizenry and about yourself & yours before making this very crucial decision & let the good Lord guide your thoughts & your voting hand **TO NOT ALLOW VOTING RIGHTS TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE, CA!!!**

Thank you, Robert S. Stack  
(A very concerned American citizen)

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## Please vote NO on the Carrasco/Arenas memo on item 3.4 - giving the right to vote to all residents of san Jose

MN C [REDACTED]

Tue 1/11/2022 9:17 PM

To: Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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I am an immigrant who came here escaping tyranny in China, and it took me 10+ years to be able to vote after I got to the US. I'm glad I had to wait. Because when I came here, I had no idea what America democracy was all about though I was longing for liberty and freedom. After the process, I am part of this country and love and cherish this country.

If there is no test of citizenship, then why can't the foreign countries temporary "workers" show up in San Jose for the next election, register to a corporate address and vote? And if you don't need citizenship to vote, why do you need to be a citizen to be elected? So, at what point do we end up with tyranny-minded members as Mayor and Council members and in control of our city?

It's the beginning of a real slippery slope to losing our nation.

So please vote NO to give the right to vote to all residents of San Jose!

Thanks,  
Martha

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**Fw: Unlawful voting**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 1/12/2022 7:03 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

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**From:** Perry Davallou [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Unlawful voting

[REDACTED]

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You are public servant voted to serve and protect the people that elected you and not the other way around. So do your job and we oppose this illegal voting stuff

Sent from my iPhone

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**Fw: Oppose to undocumented immigrants to vote**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

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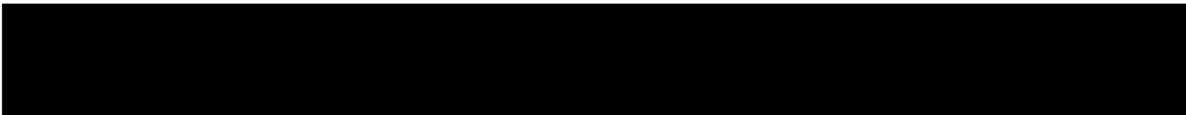
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**From:** Mariela [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose to undocumented immigrants to vote



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Hello,

I am American citizen that came from Venezuela , and oppose for undocumented people to vote. Do not violate our vote.

Thank you,

Fanny Mariela Davallou

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**Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL**

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*Barb Gregory***Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? Please take our short survey.****From:** Margarita Arroyo <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:01 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is Margarita Arroyo and I am a San Jose Community member. I have lived and worked in San Jose for over 8 years.

I am in full support of council member Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

It is unfair to tax residents and yet they have very limited representation and power in our society. According to New American Economy, it is estimated that in 2018, immigrants in the San José Metro Area - a portion of which are undocumented - brought in \$5.3 billion in state and local taxes alone. Federally, the immigrant contribution is \$12.9 billion. While immigrants help build our city's wealth, it is unfair that they do not have the power to make decisions over local ballot measures and elections. We need to end taxation without representation in our city and expand the voting power to all.

Expanding the vote will have a positive impact on all communities. San José Immigrants (green card holders and undocumented) are a diverse ethnic group that includes Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, Hindi, African, Filipino/Tagalog, Europeans, and various other diverse communities. As part of our San José community, they contribute to building this city's wealth as business owners, teachers, tech workers, constructions, hospitals, hospitality, nurses, artists, nonprofit workers, promotoras and provide the pool of labor for all industries. Expanding the voting power to all residents will benefit all communities in San Jose and create a more inclusive city.

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Expanding the voting power to all residents is a racial and social justice issue. The history of excluding immigrants and marginalized people from voting comes from the legacy of white supremacy. During the first 150 years of our nation's history, over 40 states provided the right for non-citizens to vote. During colonial times, voting was tied to being white and property ownership and therefore excluded women, Black Americans, Mexicanos/Latinos, Natives Americans, and poor whites. As the population of communities of color grew in this country (1880's and 1920's), White elites enacted various barriers to prevent the poor, people of color and women from voting. Literacy laws, poll taxes, felony disenfranchisement laws, voter registration requirements and restrictive residency were instituted to disenfranchise millions of poor people, people of color and immigrants. Exclusion from voting was also tried to nativist views of belonging and residency. The women's suffrage, civil rights movement and Black, Asian, and Chicano movements played a critical role to end these unjust restrictions at state, local and federal levels. San Jose must now do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents.

Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,  
Margarita Arroyo  
District 3 resident

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Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

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Yes, it's true that there was no test of citizenship years ago. But that was when it took 6 months to go across the country. Times have changed. Whenever we make a law, we have to consider: What are the consequences if evil people take advantage of this law (evil people in public and/or evil people in government)?

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Sincerely,  
Svetlana Konovich,  
US citizen

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Hello, my name is Pamela and I am a San Jose (Community member, leader,). I lived/worked in San Jose for over 22 years.

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**Fw: Expand voting access**

Gregory, Barbara &lt;Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 1/12/2022 7:05 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Thank You,

*Barb Gregory***Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? Please take our short survey.****From:** Pamela G [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:01 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Expand voting access

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**Fw: Don't let non citizens vote**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 1/12/2022 7:05 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

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**From:** David Rasti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:57 PM  
**To:** David Rasti [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Don't let non citizens vote

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**Fw: Non Citizens and voting rights**

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**From:** Swanee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Non Citizens and voting rights

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Dear Clerk of the San Jose City Council,

As a lifetime Democrat and Member of the State Dem Party Central Committee, I protest this move with every fiber in my body! While our voting rights are under attack from the extreme right and by Donald Trump and his hoodlums, now is not the time to change voting laws in municipal elections. If non citizens wish the right to vote they should be on the path of Citizenship! And then become citizens! I do NOT wish my vote to become invalid because a non citizen voted against me.

Being a citizen of this Country has to stay mandatory. There are strict requirements for non citizens that must be met and citizenship is required to vote, one of the major tenets of our Democracy. Like the redistricting fiasco that rendered Supervisor District 1 a total disaster as far as elections go, this too stinks!

Ever Onward,

Swanee Edwards

Delegate State Democratic Party for Senate District 17.

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**Fw: NO on extending municipal voting rights to all residents of SJ**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:30 PM

**To:** Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** NO on extending municipal voting rights to all residents of SJ



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I strongly am against extending the municipal voting rights to all of the residents in the city of San Jose. Through the citizenship process one learns about the constitution, how the United States was formed. If we open it up to everyone, imagine the many consequences of people around the world who would take advantage of being able to vote if they lived in San Jose. The Chinese Communist

party could send over their people as temporary workers, register to a corporate address, live in San Jose and influence the outcome of the elections by voting. By not requiring voters to have citizenship, you are putting at risk that local elected offices could be held by people with the wrong intention. This idea is crazy! How about mainstreaming the process of citizenship so that people don't have to wait for 10+ years to become a citizen. Please consider your how you vote on this proposition. The ramifications are far greater than one can imagine

Thank you

Carol Gesell Rossi

Belmont, CA

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**Fw: Non Citizens to vote -- Vote NO**

Gregory, Barbara &lt;Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 1/12/2022 7:06 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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Hello,

I had to really contemplate this issue. I have friends who have been here 20 years- work, pay taxes put the challenge of citizenship is difficult to achieve. Roadblocks for many that are LatinX.

But we also import workers - for the Tech Sector- and - from China, India, Europe and they should not be voting in our elections.

can we go to China, Mexico and vote in their elections no we can not

*Marlese R. Carroll, Nutritionist*

***Lockdown: A tool used in totalitarian countries to force large groups of people to comply with government mandated sanctions or systems.***

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**Fw: NO Non-Citizenship Voting**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:02 PM  
**To:** carlasablemyers@startmail.com <carlasablemyers@startmail.com>  
**Subject:** NO Non-Citizenship Voting

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Dear San Jose City Council Member,

It has come to my attention that you are voting on whether or not to allow non-citizens of the United States of America to vote. I ask you to vote NO on allowing non-citizens to vote in municipal elections.

Vote no on the notion that residents lacking the experiential pathway that earned them citizenship should be legislatively detoured via automatic, corner-cutting privileges to vote in our Democratic election process.

There are already stipulations on the minimum voting age: a non-minor can't vote, even if he or she is a citizen. One must wait eighteen years. After he or she has finished 12 years of compulsory education - this, ostensibly designed to make them an informed and educated voter.

A non-citizen is not sufficiently informed of process, nor educated in government/civics to vote in municipal elections.

Children under the age of 18 years are required to take specific classes geared towards being "good citizens" and informed voters.

It is only reasonable to require at least equal requisites to satisfy the great privilege of being an American citizen and the rights obtained therein to vote in American elections.

Vote no.

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**Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL**

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**Fw: Letter to Council Re-non Citizen Voting**

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/13/2022 7:32 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**Cc:** John Davis [REDACTED]; Vineet Chandra [REDACTED]; Phil Boyce [REDACTED]; Tim Bussey [REDACTED]; Bernard Vogel III [REDACTED]; Suzanne Salata [REDACTED]; Nicole Goehring [REDACTED]; Fran Hirsch <[REDACTED]>; 'Dan Bozzuto' [REDACTED]; Steve Lopes [REDACTED]; Jim Campagna [REDACTED]; Silicon Valley Biz PAC [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter to Council Re-non Citizen Voting

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Dear Mayor, and Councilmembers,

The purpose of the Charter Review Commission was to review the existing charter on the cycle of mayoral elections, the current mayoral system of authority, and consideration of additional measures and charter amendments as needed that will improve accountability, representation, and inclusion in San Jose City Hall.

The Carrasco Arenas memo submission, which is to extend voting rights to non-citizens is a hasty and irrational decision!

Carrasco Arenas memo to give voting rights to non-citizens will not benefit the government in any positive way. His memo is a poor representation of himself to the government, conveys lack of intelligence, and most importantly, it shows how poorly his decision making skills are in such important matters like this one!

We strongly urge you to adhere to the intent and purpose of the commission, in considering recommendations to revise the San Jose City Charter.

Sincerely,

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