
FW: March 17 City Council Agenda Item 3.3

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Lori Katcher, I'm a 23-yr resident and voter in San Jose district 6, a mother of 3 young adults, and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Santa Clara County.

The budget is important to me because how our tax dollars are spent reflects our values as a community. When everyone in San Jose, no matter who you are or where you're from, has what we need to thrive, *that* is what makes a healthy and safe city.

For example, stop tows and sweeps. And instead:

- Pilot a program to assist residents in bringing their vehicle registration up to date.
- Increase funding for the Homelessness Prevention System (HPS) and related stabilization programs, including flexible financial assistance and eviction prevention services that keep families, older adults, and vulnerable residents housed.
- Support a pilot tenant right to counsel program that prioritizes residents in Tier 2 and Tier 3 buildings, where tenants are at higher risk of displacement and retaliation. Tenants facing eviction often don't have legal representation, while landlords almost always do.
- Don't charge people for shelter. People exiting homelessness paying 30% of their meager income will both be paying too little to support City funding and too much to attain stability. Shelter should be a pathway to permanent housing, not another financial burden.

Overall, I urge the Council to direct the City Manager to incorporate upstream prevention and racial equity infrastructure into the May budget, including: permanent supportive housing investment; eviction prevention and right-to-counsel; ongoing funding for youth employment, violence intervention, and TRUST; independent oversight of all surveillance technology with


community input before deployment; racial equity impact assessments on all major budget and policy decisions; disaggregated public data reporting across all city departments; community benefit agreements for all subsidized development; and a reparative investment framework that names the history and commits to the repair.

Thank you,
Lori Katcher

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Good morning,

Please see our attached letter for our response to the recent Mayor's budget message.

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Megan Goodhue
Manager of Advocacy & Community Engagement
[REDACTED]



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March 16, 2026
Mayor & City Council, et. al
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: 3.1 Mayor's Budget Message & Councilmembers' Memoranda
Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Members of the City Council:

The Mayor's FY 2026–2027 budget message emphasizes public safety and neighborhood improvement, with a strong focus on enforcement and managing crises after they occur. As the Council considers these priorities, it is equally important to invest in the upstream supports that help families stabilize crises before they escalate.

On behalf of Parents Helping Parents (PHP), we urge the City to continue funding the TRUST mobile crisis response program.

Nearly one in five children experiences a mental, emotional, or behavioral health condition, and about one in eight students receives special education services. This means thousands of San José families are raising children with disabilities or significant mental health needs and may face behavioral health crises at home or in the community.

When those crises occur, families need access to trained behavioral health responders who can de-escalate situations and connect young people to care. Programs like TRUST provide a safe, non-police response that helps families get support without escalating a crisis into hospitalization, criminal legal system involvement, or trauma.

The Mayor's budget message places significant emphasis on enforcement and managing crises after they occur. But prevention and stabilization are just as important for public safety. Effective behavioral health crisis response helps families stay stable, reduces unnecessary emergency room use, and connects people to care earlier—often at lower cost than relying solely on policing or emergency systems.

San José previously funded the TRUST model, and it has shown promising results. With County funding now uncertain, the City has an opportunity to protect a program that works and that many families depend on.

TRUST is public safety. It connects residents to care, reduces reliance on emergency and policing systems, and helps families navigate some of the most difficult moments they face.

Parents Helping Parents

We respectfully urge the Council to provide another year of City funding for TRUST and continue strengthening community-based behavioral health crisis response.

Sincerely,

Maria Daane

Executive Director, Parents Helping Parents



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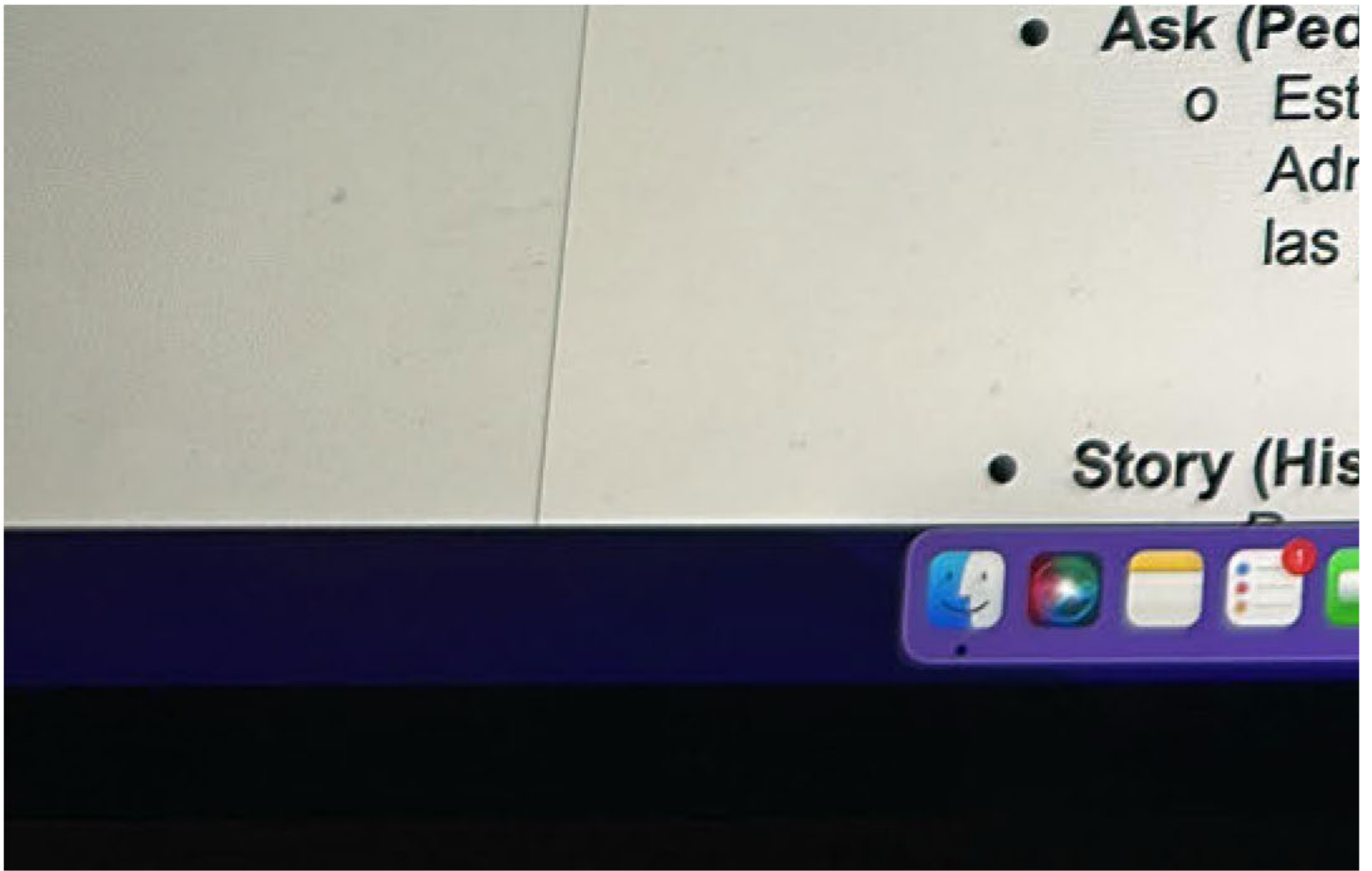
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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

I urge you to continue funding **Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) programs** that support seniors in San José.

Programs at **Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Senior Center** provide essential health education, fitness, and social connection for older adults—especially those who face language and cultural barriers. These services help seniors stay healthy, independent, and connected to their community. Please prioritize continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budget.

For my 92-year old mother, Yuko Hosaka, the program has been crucial for her physical and mental health. Yu-Ai Kai provides a **community center** and **supports the social fabric** that many of the Japanese immigrants built in San Jose. As her adult daughter, I have also benefited with the **caregiver support group**, as well as, the ability to **balance time with work**. Much of what Yu-Ai Kai does can also support other communities in the Bay Area and be a model of how we support our elderly collectively. In a world where the social fabric is being tested, it's **heartening to see programs that build**, not destroy communities.

Thank you for supporting the well-being of San José's older adults.

Sincerely,
Yumi Hosaka Clark

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Good Morning,

I live in city council district 8. I strongly urge the mayor and council to preserve the \$1M in funding that was invested last year in the city budget, and honor the mayor's commitment to raise an additional \$500,000 from philanthropy.

Thus funding. would continue to fund deportation defense legal services, Know Your Rights Outreach and Education, and the. Rapid Response Network. We are living in uncertain times, and we need the City of San Jose to continue to stand up for our most vulnerable neighbors so that they can continue to live, work, and raise their families in their communities.

As a volunteer with Rapid Response Network, I accompany my neighbors to their immigration check-in appointments. I have witnessed some of them being handcuffed and detained for no apparent reason. I am so glad to help RRN connect them with emergency legal aid, and also notify their families.

In fact, this program needs more not less support! With over 70% of our community comprised of immigrants who contribute much to our city, \$1.5M is a small fraction of the City budget, even in the current difficult fiscal climate.

Thank-you,

Marjorie Siegel

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Ashley Antonich Sarabia and I'm a resident of District 5. I am reaching out to urge you to preserve the \$1 million in funding allocated last year for deportation defense legal services, Know Your Rights outreach, and the Rapid Response Network. I also strongly support the Mayor's commitment to raising an additional \$500,000 through philanthropy to continue this critical work.

I am encouraged by the Mayor's budget message highlighting reinvestment in these services, but we cannot afford to backtrack at all. With rising anti-immigrant rhetoric nationwide, San Jose must stay a beacon of equity and inclusion. This funding is not just about legal support, it's about honoring our values and ensuring everyone in San Jose can thrive.

We're living in uncertain times, and San Jose's most vulnerable immigrant neighbors urgently need these protections. Local community organizations have already delivered 70 Know Your Rights presentations to over 1,100 immigrant residents and provided legal support to 300 individuals over the last six months. These services are lifelines for families trying to stay safe, stable, and connected to their communities.

Studies show that those with legal representation are 10 times more likely to have a positive outcome in their immigration case. That's why continued investment in these programs is not just compassionate, it's a smart use of resources that makes San Jose stronger. By protecting this funding, we ensure that immigrants can continue contributing to our economy, accessing services, and raising their families here.

Finally, please support the REAL Coalition's priorities for housing affordability, homelessness prevention, and support for families, youth, and older adults. These issues are deeply connected, and we need comprehensive solutions to protect our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your leadership on these critical issues. I hope you will agree to fully fund these life-changing programs and help us meet this moment for San Jose's immigrant community.

Respectfully,
Ashley Antonich Sarabia

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My mother/father benefited from these services. I believe that my mother thrived because of these services. I am now participating at Yu-Ai Kai center and love the community that places like these provide for seniors.

These services help seniors stay healthy, independent, and connected to their community. Please prioritize continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budget.
Thank you for supporting the well-being of San José's older adults.

Sincerely,
Connie Tokiwa Decena
Council District 6

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Calvin Lou Tong
President
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My name is Alison George. I am a resident of District 10 and I am a member of SURJ Santa Clara County. As a resident of San Jose for over 40 years and also a health care provider and educator (recently retired from SJSU), I am concerned with several issues related to the budget as proposed. I became a member of SURJ Santa Clara because of increasing alarm at the disparities between the "have and have nots" in our city. We want to live in a city that promotes and shares our values of equity, racial justice, and public safety for all residents.

We urge the Council to direct the City Manager to incorporate upstream prevention and racial equity infrastructure into the May budget, including: permanent supportive housing investment; eviction prevention and right-to-counsel; ongoing funding for youth employment, violence intervention, and TRUST; independent oversight of all surveillance technology with community input before deployment; racial equity impact assessments on all major budget and policy decisions; disaggregated public data reporting across all city departments; community benefit agreements for all subsidized development; and a reparative investment framework that names the history and commits to the repair.

It is particularly critical to consider funding housing to reduce homelessness and provide community-based safety solutions. Specifically,

Community-Based Safety Solutions

- San José should invest more in community-based safety strategies that prevent harm and reduce reliance on policing.

- Programs like TRUST are already helping connect people in crisis to care instead of law enforcement, and we should fund and expand this model. I request continued investment in TRUST for the next fiscal year using opioid settlement funds.
- Expand TRUST in San Jose. Non-police mental health and substance use crisis response is the most evidence-supported alternative to armed police encounters with people in behavioral health crises. It reduces cost, reduces use of force, reduces unnecessary emergency department utilization, and produces better outcomes for the people in crisis. TRUST is public safety.

Fund Housing

- We call for a right-to-counsel pilot for tenants facing eviction and emergency rental assistance expansion.
- Increase funding for the Homelessness Prevention System (HPS) and related stabilization programs, including flexible financial assistance and eviction prevention services that keep families, older adults, and vulnerable residents housed.
- Tenants facing eviction often don't have legal representation, while landlords almost always do.
- I support a pilot tenant right to counsel program that prioritizes residents in Tier 2 and Tier 3 buildings, where tenants are at higher risk of displacement and retaliation.
- I support REAL's request for an MBA to evaluate the costs and benefits of this kind of program so we can better protect the residents who need it most and prevent avoidable evictions.

Homelessness Prevention

- Preventing homelessness is more effective and less expensive than responding after someone loses housing.
- Programs like rental assistance and eviction prevention keep people stable and reduce pressure on shelters.
- I support increasing funding for homelessness prevention programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

*Alison George, MS, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist*

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I'm Jeff Levine, a resident of the Roosevelt Park neighborhood in District 3. I will be speaking today at the City Council session, but in case my comments are cut short, I want to include them here:

I am here today in support of the Mayor's March Budget Message. I acknowledge that the projected budget deficit will require difficult decisions; however, I urge the Council to remain focused on priorities that affect all residents of San José. My primary concern is community safety. I encourage the City to pursue modern, effective approaches to support our emergency responders.

This would include piloting a Community Paramedicine program that allows paramedics to provide treatment in the field and connect individuals to follow-up care, reducing unnecessary visits to overcrowded emergency rooms.

Additionally, the use of AI-assisted report writing could significantly reduce administrative burdens on police officers, helping to lower overtime costs and keep more officers in the field. San José has earned its reputation as one of the safest large cities in the nation, and I strongly encourage you to support the Mayor's March Budget Message in full to help maintain that standard.

Jeff Levine
District 3 - Roosevelt Park Neighborhood



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FW: Support the Neighborhood Association grant program

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Hello.

The All District Leadership Group (ADLG) is a consortium of leaders from active San Jose leadership groups representing all the neighborhood associations of San Jose. Please read the attached memo outlining important input from the ADLG for this upcoming Budget season.

Respectfully,
Greg Peck
Chair, All District Leadership Group (ADLG)

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The All District Leadership Group (ADLG) is a consortium of leaders of the active San Jose leadership groups. The purpose of the ADLG is to strengthen two-way communication between neighborhoods and government agencies and representatives, and to build a stronger sense of community within all districts in the City of San Jose.

On behalf of our member organizations representing all 10 City of San Jose Council Districts, we urge you to maintain the strongest possible financial grant programs for neighborhood associations across the city. These grants, many from BeautifySJ, are the lifeblood of our successful engagement events such as National Night Out and Community Park Clean-ups. These events bring neighbors out not only to socialize, but also to stimulate engagement in the process of civic decisions that we all have to live with, and to inspire volunteerism for civic projects that serve everyone's interests, especially at this time of severe budgetary constraints.

We understand and accept the fact that our city must live within its budgetary means. The Community grant program is a relatively small expense that gives outsized results by enabling volunteers to leverage their efforts for the benefit of the community. City grant-funded associations and their events strengthen and promote public understanding, involvement and cooperation to work through our city's financial challenges and keep our community the place where we all want to be.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Greg Peck, Chair, All District Leadership Group

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Hon. Matt Mahan, Mayor of San José
and Members of the City Council

via email



DATE: March 16, 2026

SUBJECT: ADLG Comments on 2026-2027 SJ Budget – MAINTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION GRANTS

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Greg Peck, Chair, All District Leadership Group

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FW: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

I urge you to continue funding **Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) programs** that support seniors in San José.

Programs at **Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Senior Center** provide essential health education, fitness, and social connection for older adults—especially those who face language and cultural barriers.

These programs are not just for elderly seniors but also for cross generations. After the COVID pandemic, many of us had a difficult time leaving our homes. We became safe in our homes and needed a "safe" environment to make new friendships and create new interests. The Yu Ai Kai community has created this "safe" environment and also has provided an environment so that we can check if friends are alone, or need transportation to doctors and for food. As a volunteer for this facility I have watched people grow and welcome new friends. I hear laughter and see smiles. Many people speak to me in Japanese (which I do not speak) and I answer in English. Hoping we are talking about the same topic but glad that they are trying to communicate with me.

These services help seniors stay healthy, independent, and connected to their community. Please prioritize continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budget.

Thank you for supporting the well-being of San José's older adults.
Sincerely,

Roxanne Ozawa Coulon
Council District 4

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Greetings Mayor Matt and Councilmembers,

My name is Clara Lopez and I am a resident of District 7. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the March budget.

I appreciate the work that the city has done in planning for this year's budget. As you make decisions about how to best allocate limited resources, I want to encourage the council to prioritize investments that directly support our community's long-term well-being.

In particular, I would like to highlight the importance of making housing more affordable. According to the last Census, we have over 13,700 vacant homes. The City of San Jose is a great place to live, work, and play, but unfortunately many folks cannot afford to live here. When I started the journey of homeownership in my 20s, I was able to secure a CalPERS first time homebuyer loan. I would like to see something similar offered through the city by way of a voucher program through housing authority to allow folks to be able to get into their first home. I know there is a solution and we need to all think outside the box. These investments make a real difference in the daily lives of our residents and help strengthen our city for the future.

I understand that balancing the budget requires difficult trade-offs. I hope you will continue to engage residents in this process and consider the impact these decisions have on families, our seniors, workers, and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Clara V. Lopez



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City Council Meeting 3.17.26 Agenda Item 3.3: Preserve Climate Smart funding in budget

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Honorable Mayor Matt Mahan, Vicemayor Pan Foley, and Councilmembers:

San Jose has for years been at the forefront of climate change protection. We need to continue this globally critical work and show national leadership as we have always done. Climate issues are worsening with storms and heat extremes increasing in strength with expanding life, natural and property losses.

As a San Jose Climate Advisory Commissioner and former Chair of the Commission, I'm deeply disappointed that the Mayor's Budget message is not proposing funding for our defined climate goals. We need to be channeling **more** funding and placing **more** focus on climate mitigation and resilience, not less.

I urge you to fully support that the final budget, include at a minimum:

1. Climate Smart funding be maintained at a minimum of current levels.
2. Support the staff levels and climate plan implementation capacity to continue San José's goals for carbon neutrality by 2030. If Climate Smart staff are stretched even more thin than they are now, they won't be able to seek out additional funding opportunities to help us achieve our climate goals and deliver the co-benefits of reduced energy bills, improved air quality and health, and safer communities.

Thank you for seriously considering this critical issue.

Karen Nelson, District 6
[REDACTED]

San Jose Climate Advisory Commissioner and Chair Emeritus
Founder and Chair Emerita: Silicon Valley Climate Reality chapter
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League of Women Voters local Climate Change Committee

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Kristin Keller, and I'm a resident of district 7. I am reaching out to urge you to preserve the \$1 million in funding allocated last year for deportation defense legal services, Know Your Rights outreach, and the Rapid Response Network. I also strongly support the Mayor's commitment to raising an additional \$500,000 through philanthropy to continue this critical work.

I am encouraged by the Mayor's budget message highlighting reinvestment in these services, but we cannot afford to backtrack at all. With rising anti-immigrant rhetoric nationwide, San Jose must stay a beacon of equity and inclusion. This funding is not just about legal support, it's about honoring our values and ensuring everyone in San Jose can thrive.

We're living in uncertain times, and San Jose's most vulnerable immigrant neighbors urgently need these protections. Local community organizations have already delivered 70 Know Your Rights presentations to over 1,100 immigrant residents and provided legal support to 300 individuals over the last six months. These services are lifelines for families trying to stay safe, stable, and connected to their communities.

Studies show that those with legal representation are 10 times more likely to have a positive outcome in their immigration case. That's why continued investment in these programs is not just compassionate, it's a smart use of resources that makes San Jose stronger. By protecting this funding, we ensure that immigrants can continue contributing to our economy, accessing services, and raising their families here.

Please support the REAL Coalition's priorities for housing affordability, homelessness prevention, and support for families, youth, and older adults. These issues are deeply connected, and we need comprehensive solutions to protect our most vulnerable residents.

Last, I am deeply concerned about the well being of youth in our city. I work for the county and am very aware of the statistics and data. Immigrant youth and their families, are most likely to end up in the child welfare system, and when we look at youth in the justice system, Latino youth, in particular, are massively overrepresented. Studies show that providing parents and youth with the resources and supports they need to live safe and secure lives is key to prevention. Access to legal aid and know-your-rights training are very important components of that support.

Thank you for your leadership on these critical issues. I hope you will agree to fully fund these life-changing programs and help us meet this moment for San Jose's immigrant community.

Respectfully,
Kristin Keller

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I know the Mayor and City Council have difficult decisions ahead of them as they navigate the expected budget shortfalls for the 26-27 fiscal year.

I want to add my voice in support of the city's public library system. As so many citizens are themselves facing tight budgets, libraries are invaluable resources providing digital tools, professional skill development, and career resources. The libraries play a vital role in community safety and well-being. They provide safe, inclusive spaces that people can go to when they are looking for assistance, a chance for social connection, or just somewhere to escape the realities of life into the wonders of a good book.


Budget cuts to the library would affect some of our most vulnerable residents who can least afford it. I've spent many happy hours in libraries my entire life and I would hate to see the next generation not grow up with that same ability.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Lewis
San Jose Resident

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Good Afternoon,

Attached please find letter from Youth Building PEACE Coalition in response to item 3.3.

Please add this to the public record.

Best,



Olivia Navarro She/Her/Ella

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March 11, 2026

San José City Council

200 E. Santa Clara Street

San José, CA 95113

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Honorable Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers, and City Manager Jennifer Maguire,

We are calling for meaningful investments in our youth rooted in dignity, equity, and shared responsibility for the wellbeing of our communities. When the County of Santa Clara invests in young people, it strengthens public safety, improves long-term outcomes, and builds healthier neighborhoods. Prevention and intervention reduce violence and create pathways to stability, leadership, and opportunity. By centering the voices and lived experiences of marginalized youth, we can work together to build stronger, safer communities that will benefit generations to come.

The **Youth Building Peace Coalition** cultivates a powerful, grassroots youth movement across East San José and the County of Santa Clara where young people lead the fight for justice and liberation. By uniting youth leaders, community organizations, and adult allies, we shift power, transform systems, and reclaim resources so young people can dismantle inequality, define their own futures, and boldly shape the communities they deserve.

As the City develops its upcoming budget, **we urge the Mayor and City Council** to prioritize investments that center youth leadership, prevention, and community wellbeing. We also respectfully request a meeting with members of our Youth Coalition to discuss these priorities and how the City can partner with young people to strengthen our communities.

We respectfully urge the City of San José to prioritize the following investments:

1. We call on the City of San Jose to protect youth and children programs in the upcoming budget and meet with our Youth Coalition members.
2. Establish the Youth Empowerment Fund for the City to prioritize prevention and intervention measures.
3. Invest in long-term operating funding for youth-centered priorities listed above and community spaces like the MACSA Youth Center.
4. Secure Multi-year funding for the City-County and Youth Masterplan, expanding it beyond a pilot.
5. Protect and build upon the list of Youth Empowerment Demands listed below:

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT DEMANDS

1. **Establishing a County Youth Empowerment Fund to prioritize prevention and intervention measures.**
 - **Establish a Youth Empowerment Fund** that invests in building young people's skills, leadership, and agency to drive positive life outcomes and community change, with funding that grows over time and aligns with the County's Children and Youth Master Plan.
 - **Prioritize equity** by directly addressing disparities and the ongoing impacts of colonization on marginalized youth of color especially Chicano/Latino and Black youth, young women, gender-expansive and trans youth, neurodivergent youth, youth with disabilities, working-class youth, system-impacted youth, and immigrant youth.
 - **Create a formal contracting preference for organizations** deeply rooted in place-based, youth empowerment, and social justice organizations, led by people with lived experience.
 - Ensure **meaningful youth participation** in funding decisions and oversight.
2. **Youth Empowerment Center & MACSA Funding**
 - **Secure funding to rebuild the former MACSA youth center** as a Youth Empowerment Center dedicated to Chicano/Latino youth leadership and all youth in the community. The center will focus on wellbeing, cultural pride, economic opportunity, basic needs access, and enrichment.
 - Continued support for Youth Centers in the South County as a priority area.
 - Followed by investments to establish similar youth empowerment centers in West County (Winchester-Cadillac) and Alviso area to address the needs of marginalized youth.
3. **Intimate Partner Violence Services**
 - **Prevent intimate partner youth violence** through youth-centered education that promotes healthy relationships and harm reduction, while prioritizing and sustaining County funding for prevention, intervention, and survivor support programs for youth and their families.
4. **Youth Leadership & Early Learning**
 - **Invest in youth leadership and youth organizing programs** that build community organizing power, expand trauma-informed care, strengthen community safety, and advocate for policies that intervene and prevent violence.
 - **Protect early learning programming, including childcare**, to ensure children and their families have a healthy start as part of the Children's and Youth Masterplan.
 - **Support gang prevention and interruption** programs that lead towards leadership development and organizing youth impacted by gang violence and incarceration.

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5. Mental Health Wellbeing & Substance Use Prevention

- **Provide culturally rooted, healing-centered** mental health and substance use treatment for youth and families, prioritizing accessible services within schools and the juvenile system rather than adult court involvement.
- **Fund** prevention, intervention, and treatment programs that address **youth substance use and abuse through** education, harm reduction, and family-centered support.
- **Establish youth-centered health clinics and/or equip wellness centers on school campuses in East San Jose/Gilroy** to expand access to comprehensive preventive care, including mental health, reproductive health, and wellness services.

6. End the incarceration of youth and address the disproportionate high numbers of Chicano-latino, Black, young women, gender expansive/trans youth and neurodivergent youth

- **Expand re-entry strategies and alternatives** to incarceration through paid internships, summer jobs, apprenticeships, and workforce development that create economic opportunity and stability for youth.
- **Invest in safe, survivor-centered programs and comprehensive services for young women**, gender-expansive, and trans youth impacted by commercial sexual exploitation, including case management and trauma-informed care.
- **Offer affordable and flexible childcare** subsidies so young parents can work, attend school, and build long-term stability.
- **Fund targeted, community-based programming for young men** in neighborhoods most impacted by systemic inequities, especially Chicano/Latino and Black youth, to prevent incarceration and support pathways out of carceral systems, including non-probation, community-based step-down options.

7. Housing & Infrastructure

- **Fund the development of affordable housing and alternative models** (e.g., limited equity co-ops, supportive and independent living housing) to prevent homelessness and displacement among children, youth, and families, especially single-income households.
- **Provide rapid and long-term housing for young adults (18–25)**, including foster youth, young women, transgender youth, youth with disabilities, and system-impacted youth, with independent living and stabilization supports.
- **Advance equitable housing policies, such as local preference**, to ensure Santa Clara County youth can access affordable housing and homeownership in the communities of their choice.

8. Arts, Cultural Pride, & Recreation

- **Fund safe spaces for sports and physical activity for youth** by investing in accessible recreation centers, open gyms, community fields, and structured athletic programs that promote physical health, mental wellbeing, teamwork, and positive youth development especially in neighborhoods with limited recreational infrastructure.
- **Fund art, music, and cultural expression programs rooted in** culturally rooted creative spaces, intergenerational arts initiatives, public performances, and youth-led storytelling that build pride, belonging, and community connection.

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9. Education & Workforce Pathways As Part of a Cradle to Career Strategy

- **Expand college pathways** and invest in safe spaces for youth to study, receive tutoring, access academic advising, and successfully enroll, persist, and graduate.
- **Strengthen workforce development and career pathways**, including access to the trades, union careers, youth enterprise, and small business development, while ensuring direct employment and training opportunities for young mothers and parents.
- **Fund youth jobs:** paid internships, summer jobs, apprenticeships, and youth employment programs that build long-term economic stability, including compensating young people to lead community-based initiatives such as green jobs, non profit work, and youth organizing.

10. Basic Needs & Legal Support

- Expand food access programs that ensure youth and their families have reliable, culturally relevant, and stigma-free access to nutritious meals year-round.
- Fund youth-led legal support including Participatory Defense and “Know Your Rights” education programs that equip young people with the knowledge and resources to navigate justice systems, protect themselves, and advocate for their communities.

Addressing a Youth Syndemic:

Youth of color are growing up amid overlapping crises, a syndemic shaped by the pandemic, structural racism, deportations, anti-LGBTQ+ attacks, rising costs of living, and a housing crisis displacing long-time families. Many young people also face intimate partner violence, domestic violence, and coercive control, which fuel trauma, housing instability, and barriers to education and well-being.

As schools close and student supports disappear, youth (especially neurodivergent youth) are increasingly criminalized rather than supported, making them more vulnerable to racist systems and incarceration. Untreated trauma from violence, racism, and poverty contributes to mental health struggles, substance use, gun violence, school pushout, and cycles of generational poverty. These challenges are rooted in longstanding histories of colonization and systemic harm to Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities.

We also carry the impact of racist and classist narratives calling for further increased punishment and youth incarceration, despite data showing that youth punishment and incarceration are a false solution. As described by the Latino Health Assessment, the Silicon Valley Pain Index, County Annual Juvenile Justice Data Book and critical studies, Black and Brown communities experiencing systematic incarceration, overpolicing and the unaccepted living standard generated by symbolic, structural and interpersonal violence. Black and Latino youth have the highest levels of incarceration in this county. Black and Latino youth have the highest levels being in the foster care system.

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Here is a breakdown of unacceptable statistics impacting youth compiled from the Latino Health Assessment, County Youth Justice Report and Department of Housing and Urban Development:

Education & Economic Mobility

- **60% of students in the Alum Rock Elementary School District are low income and qualify for free and reduced lunch.**
- **20% of Latino residents ages 25+ have at least a bachelor's degree, compared to 54% of all adults 25+ in the county.**
- In 2021, both "male" (36%) and "female" (37%) self-identified **youth in the Juvenile Justice Data report**, stated they needed assistance and support to succeed in school and **"62% of females and 62% of males reported difficulty in school due to intellectual capacity or other achievement problems."**

Housing Instability & Homelessness

- **57% of Latino renter households are cost-burdened, compared to 45% of all renter households in the county.**
- **47% of the unhoused population in Santa Clara County is Latino.**
- **In San José, nearly 85 young people (ages 18–24) per 100,000 experience homelessness ranking the city No. 1 nationwide.**

Justice System & System Involvement

- **While making up only 35% of the population, 78% of the youth in detention were Latino/a/x. 12% were Black in spite of only making up 3% of the population • 68% of youth served by the County foster care system are Latino. • 49% of all homicide victims are Latino.**
- **58% of nonfatal emergency department visits due to firearm-related injuries are among Latinos.**
- **Disparities for incarcerated Black youth are 6.6 times the population of Black communities in the County.**
- **95116, 95020 and 95122 are the in the top 3 zip codes for felony and misdemeanor arrests in the County**

Mental Health, Substance Use & Community Safety

- **59% of Latino high school students who identify as LGBTQ report feeling depressed, compared to 26% of Latino students who identify as straight. • The suicide rate among Latino residents increased by 50% from 2009–2013 to 2019–2023.**
- **The fentanyl overdose-related death rate among Latino residents increased by 128% from 2020 to 2023.**
- **24% of Latino adults report binge drinking highest of all racial/ethnic groups in the county, compared to 15% of all adults.**

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- **30% of Latino adults** report **experiencing intimate partner violence after age 18**, compared to 18% of all adults in the county.

Racism and sweeping federal, state, and local budget cuts constitute structural violence, especially when they threaten the community programs that keep young people safe while excluding youth voices from decisions about their future.

We oppose attempts by law enforcement agencies to secure increased funding through fear-based narratives, particularly when their budgets have long been disproportionately prioritized. Expanding policing, incarceration, surveillance technologies like Flock, ICE collaboration, or youth detention does not address the root causes of harm. Instead, resources should be redirected toward community-based investments, including alternatives to incarceration, that genuinely support youth well-being and development.

We call for marginalized youth to be recognized as central decision-makers in shaping policies that affect their lives. We urge investment in prevention-focused, community-rooted spaces, including rebuilding MACSA as a hub for youth and family leadership, wellness, and violence prevention. As well as expanding funding for youth development hubs across the county.

We also call for sustained County funding for culturally responsive mental health care, youth prosocial and rehabilitative services, leadership development, civic engagement, arts and sports, academic and workforce pathways, and family stabilization supports including food, health care, legal services, and housing to prevent displacement and homelessness.

All power to the youth,

Youth Building Peace Coalition Youth Leaders and Youth serving organizations.

- **SOMOS Mayfair/ Si Se Puede Collective**
- **DEBUG**
- **YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER**
- **NEXT DOOR SOLUTIONS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
- **RAZING THE BAR**
- **CARAS**
- **Californians for Justice**
- **Concrete Rose Coalition**
- **SIREN Youth Liberation Institute**
- **Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition**
- **Parents Helping Parents • Veggielution/ Si Se Puede Collective**
- **Grail Family Services/ Si Se Puede Collective**
- **Amigos De Guadalupe/ Si Se Puede Collective**
- **School of Arts and Culture/ Si Se Puede Collective**
- **San Jose Brown Berets**

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Byron Yue, and I'm a resident of CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 /San Jose. I am reaching out to urge you to preserve the \$1 million in funding allocated last year for deportation defense legal services, Know Your Rights outreach, and the Rapid Response Network. I also strongly support the Mayor's commitment to raising an additional \$500,000 through philanthropy to continue this critical work.

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Finally, please support the REAL Coalition's priorities for housing affordability, homelessness prevention, and support for families, youth, and older adults. These issues are deeply connected, and we need

comprehensive solutions to protect our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your leadership on these critical issues. I hope you will agree to fully fund these life-changing programs and help us meet this moment for San Jose's immigrant community.

Respectfully,
Byron Yue

Summary:

- **I am a Rapid Responder, and I can attest first-hand that this funding should be preserved so that the RRN can continue to serve our immigrant community as the first line of defense for immigrants in San Jose.**
- With this initial investment, trusted community-based organizations have delivered over 70 Know Your Rights presentations to over 1,100 immigrant San Jose residents and legal services organizations have been able to serve over 300 individuals with immigration support in just 6 months.
- Studies show that individuals with legal representation are 10 times more likely to have a positive outcome in their immigration case, which is why we need to continue investing in immigration services to support those who need legal representation.
- In today's political climate, we need to meet the moment and protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Investing in immigration legal services and Know Your Rights education and outreach will help our immigrant residents continue to live, work, and make contributions to our city.
- The consistent feedback from directly impacted community was clear, we need more attorneys to meet this moment. With the \$1M invested last year, we were able to scale up with deportation defense and the Rapid Response Network.
- We also support the REAL Coalition's letter that includes several priorities related to housing affordability, homelessness prevention, and support for families and young children, youth, and older adults.

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

Please continue funding Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) programs that support seniors in San Jose; Programs at Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Senior Center provide essential health education, fitness, and social connection for older adults—especially those who face language and cultural barriers.

My mother/father benefited from these services. I believe that my mother thrived because of these services. I am now participating at Yu-Ai Kai center and love the community that places like these

provide for seniors.

These services help seniors stay healthy, independent, and connected to their community. Please prioritize continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budget.

Thank you for supporting the well-being of San Jose's older adults.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Tokiwa-Savage

Council District 4

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To the San Jose City Council Members and City Clerk:

I urge you to continue funding **Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) programs** that support seniors in San José. This demographic is an important component that should be appreciated for their long years of service and support.

Programs at **Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Senior Center** provide essential health education, fitness, and social connection for older adults—especially those who face language and cultural barriers. **These are necessary activities at a time of national turmoil when diversity and cultural identities are being restricted.**

These services help seniors stay healthy, independent, and connected to their community. Please prioritize continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budget.
Thank you for supporting the well-being of San José's older adults.

Thank you.

Adrienne Reiko Iwanaga