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Dear City Council,

I am a local active voter and member of SURJ Santa Clara County. I am also a volunteer with the Santa Clara Rapid Response Network. I am writing in support of the ordinance prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their identities in San Jose. Masking is a fear mongering tactic and a blatant attempt to avoid accountability. If law enforcement is truly designed to protect and serve, then what on earth would warrant face masks? We deserve a city where law enforcement is visible, accountable, and respects our constitutional and human rights.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that California has new laws (SB 627 and SB 805) which prohibits the concealment of law enforcement and require visible, clear identification. San Jose should be setting the standard for trust, not fear.

Thank you,
Sarah Hollingsworth (she/her)

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My name is Jennette Holzworth from District 6. I'm a member of several community organizations including SURJ Santa Clara County as well as a volunteer responder with the Rapid Response Network. I appreciate you taking my comment in absentia, as I am a primary caregiver for my children during council meetings.

Trust and accountability go both ways. I write this while SJPd lights flash through my window, frightening my children and keeping them from sleeping, in the aftermath of the SCC deputy-involved shooting on Fruitdale Avenue last night. While much remains to be addressed in our law enforcement systems, Item 4.1 provides a common sense measure to provide transparency to residents. Masking and lack of identification are new and intentional tactics to create fear and block accountability. As a public entity, law enforcement agencies should be expected to provide full transparency as a basic rule, but certainly as an effort to build and maintain public trust, and an essential tenet of this is requiring officers to be clearly identifiable while performing their duties.

There are proven, repeated incidents by ICE and CBP, in particular, of illegal breaches of Constitutional rights and privileges. We get to say what happens in our community. It's up to us to draw lines that protect all of us, especially our most vulnerable. The proposal further requiring SJPd to report when they respond to an incident involving a federal agency conducting immigration enforcement activity in the city is a valiant step in that direction. When the people of San Jose are attacked, we have not only the right, but the duty to stand up and do what is right for our people. San Jose has a proud history of protecting its residents, and we will continue that legacy by challenging any overreach that threatens the safety of our community.

I urge San Jose City Council to approve the ordinance staff brought back to Council and ask you please direct the City Manager and City Attorney to conduct an inventory and assessment and draft a strong ordinance with a clear reporting protocol as soon as possible.


Thank you,

Jennette Holzworth
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October 28, 2025

San José City Council
c/o Office of City Clerk
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Dear Members of the San Jose City Council Rules Committee,

I am writing to urge your strong support for two items on the Oct 28th City Council agenda:

- 3.9 [Restricting Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities on Certain City Properties and Facilities](#) from the memo by Councilmembers Ortiz, Campos, Candelas, Cohen, and Kamei
- 4.1 [Ordinance Prohibiting Law Enforcement Officers from Concealing their Identities in the City of San José](#) from the memo by Councilmembers Ortiz, Candelas and Kamei

These policies are important to me, my organization, and my community because it helps ensure that all residents—regardless of immigration status—can access essential city services and spaces without fear, fostering trust and safety within the community.

Our community needs the City Council to provide strong leadership to support the most vulnerable people, not only in words but also in policy and action.

Re. 3.9, we applaud the coordination between the City and County to preserve City and County property for City, County and local community purposes and to restrict use by federal immigration enforcement. We urge other jurisdictions in our county and region to follow this leadership to protect our community across the Bay Area.

Please direct the City Manager and City Attorney to conduct an inventory and assessment and draft a strong ordinance with a clear reporting protocol as soon as possible.


Re. 4.1, the City Council unanimously approved the memo on Sept 30. Now we need you to approve the ordinance developed by the City Attorney to prohibit all law enforcement

operating in San Jose from concealing their identities. ICE and other federal agents have conducted immigration enforcement without wearing masks for many years. Masks are not essential for their work, and they have only recently started wearing masks.

Both of these ordinances will also strengthen community trust in local government at a time when many residents are experiencing heightened threats and fear, so it is especially critical that they know they can trust and utilize City services.

We hope we can count on your support for both items and your strong leadership to protect the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community so that San Jose is truly a Welcoming City.

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