



# City of San José

City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

## Agenda

### Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole

#### Committee Members

**David Cohen, Chair**

**Rosemary Kamei, Vice Chair**

**Pam Foley, Member**

**Bien Doan, Member**

**Domingo Candelas, Member**

#### Committee Staff

**Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager**

**Joy Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk**

**Kevin Fisher, Assistant City Attorney**

**Rachelle Blattman, City Manager's Office**

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Wednesday, April 29, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

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## A. City Council (City Clerk)

### 1. Review Final Agenda

[ROGC  
26-184](#)

Review May 5, 2026 Final Agenda.

- a. Add New Items to Final Agenda
- b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c. Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

**Attachments** [Agenda  
Document Received Post Meeting](#)

### 2. Review Draft Agenda

[ROGC  
26-186](#)

Review May 12, 2026 Draft Agenda.

- a. Add New Items to Draft Agenda
- b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c. Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

**Attachments** [Agenda](#)

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## B. Consent Calendar

1. [ROGC  
26-187](#) The Public Record for April 16, 2026 - April 23, 2026. (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:** Receive and file the Public Record for April 16, 2026 - April 23, 2026.

**Attachments** [The Public Record](#)

2. [ROGC  
26-188](#) Retroactive Approval of Lighting for Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters Sponsored by Council District 7 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Doan)

- Recommendation:**
1. Retroactively approve the Tower and Rotunda lighting for Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters scheduled on May 2-3, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
  2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
  3. Place the item on the May 5, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

**Attachments** [Memorandum from Doan](#)

3. [ROGC  
26-189](#) Retroactive Approval and Approval of TogetherSJ Neighborhood Engagement Program Sponsored by the Office of Mayor Matt Mahan as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Mayor)

- Recommendation:**
1. Retroactively approve and approve the TogetherSJ Neighborhood Engagement Program as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
  2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
  3. Place the item on the May 5, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

**Attachments** [Memorandum from Mayor](#)

END OF CONSENT

### C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. [ROGC  
26-192](#) Waiver of Revolving Door Restrictions. (City Attorney)

**Recommendation:**

1. Consider the request by Diana Alanis, former Council Community Relations Director for Councilmember Bien Doan, for a Waiver of the Revolving Door Restrictions based on Ms. Alanis' April 2, 2026 Waiver Request Letter, and
  - a. Grant the waiver request upon making findings, including those set forth in this memorandum, that such waiver is in the City's best interest and consistent with the purpose of San José Municipal Code Chapter 12.10; or
  - b. Deny the waiver request if unable to make findings, including those set forth in this memorandum, that such waiver is in the City's best interest and consistent with the purpose of San José Municipal Code Chapter 12.10; and
2. Forward the request and recommendation to the City Council for consideration on the May 5, 2026 City Council agenda.

**Attachments**

[Memorandum  
Alanis Request for Waiver of Revolving Door Restrictions](#)

2. [ROGC  
26-190](#) Ministerial Approval for Assembly Bill 130 Qualifying Projects. (Tordillos, Campos, Cohen, and Kamei)

**Recommendation:**

Direct the City Manager to return to City Council by September 2026 with an ordinance to expand ministerial approval processes citywide to housing development project applications that meet the eligibility criteria for a statutory exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Assembly Bill 130 (2025).  
[Deferred from 4/22/26 - Item C.3 (ROGC 26-179)]

**Attachments**

[Memorandum from Tordillos, Campos, Cohen and Kamei  
Letters from the Public](#)

3. [ROGC  
26-191](#) Alternative Financing for Affordable Housing. (Mahan, Campos, Tordillos, Cohen, and Ortiz)

**Recommendation:**

Direct the City Manager to:

1. Return to City Council by August 2026 with policy recommendations for Alternative Financing for Affordable Housing Production based on the March 11, 2026, Information Memorandum from the Housing Department, including additional analysis of:
  - a. The range and mix of affordability levels that the public-private partnerships contemplated in the memo may support, including the feasibility of reaching Very Low-Income affordability levels (30% - 50% AMI), as referenced in the memorandum from Councilmember Ortiz dated January 27, 2026;
  - b. The “trade-offs” between total number of units and depth of affordability for the existing City approach to affordable housing production with each of the policy options in the information memo; and
  - c. How these policies may benefit or impact the existing pipeline of affordable and market rate housing projects in San José.
2. Include as part of the report an analysis of lease-revenue financing, including but not limited to issuance of certificates of participation, for funding affordable housing.

[Referred from 4/15/26 - Item C.1 (ROGC 26-156)]

**Attachments** [Memorandum from Mahan, Campos, Tordillos, Cohen, and Ortiz](#)  
[Workload Analysis](#)  
[Letter from the Public](#)

**D. Open Forum**

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**E. Adjournment**

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