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**FW: No cuts to Library Funding**

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Good morning,

I am reaching out after reading an article in San Jose Spotlight about budget cuts to library funding. As an educator, I am strongly opposed to cutting what is the true backbone of community education, child development, job readiness, and one of our largest community hubs. I myself feel strongly about investing in education as studies have shown a direct correlation between literacy rates and crime rates in communities. But moreover Libraries provide the most basic and valuable social services to every member of our community. In a time when loneliness is a endemic we need to ensure that there are free spaces where anyone can walk in the door and be respected.

I hope my representative ensure that this invaluable resource is protected for years to come because a communities strength can be found in its libraries.

Best,  
Amanda Flowers

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**Fw: A Message from Mayor Matt**

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Thanks for the update. I hope like many people you are saving money because this is the beginning of many more cuts coming our way. I hope your prepared.

You now own the homeless situation by giving them a place to live, food and cash and getting nothing in return. And that's going to cost a lot of money.

Especially since the problem was dismissed, and laws were ignored and we tax payers were also ignored, as it grew larger and larger, over the last 4 years.

Now you will be responsible for homeless that were not our problem but came here because they new we would let them pull up a curb and camp there and no one would do anything.

And also some who were sent or pushed here from other places, while they cleaned up their end of the city. You own it!

Most of us predicted cuts from this new government I hope you did also. Because these people are now your responsibility.

And I hope you didn't spend all the tax dollars on tiny homes, and now expect us to pay more because your policies are being cut. Oops.....

Good Luck,  
Barbara Gallaty

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**From:** Mayor Matt Mahan <[mayormatt@sanjosecagov.ccsend.com\\_gd72bt2ds68efm](mailto:mayormatt@sanjosecagov.ccsend.com_gd72bt2ds68efm)> [REDACTED]

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Dear Neighbor,

In our last newsletter, I told you about going up to Sacramento to stand alongside Senator Catherine Blakespear to announce a bold piece of legislation — one that would have made sure every level of government does its fair share to address homelessness.

Less than two weeks later, the bill we championed was gutted.

We asked for something simple: if cities like San José step up to build shelter and interim housing, counties — who have the jurisdiction, the resources, and much larger budgets — should fund 50% of the operating costs. It's only fair, and it's the only way to move from endless process to a real outcome — an end to the era of encampments.

Instead, Sacramento insiders watered the bill down to yet another study. Another layer of analysis while people continue to suffer on the streets, families continue to pay the price, and taxpayers

continue to watch billions spent with too little to show for it.

We need better. We need more leaders like Senator Blakespear who are willing to challenge the status quo. And we need to keep fighting — not just for more investment, but for faster, smarter investment at every level of government. If you'd like to be part of that fight, you can sign up [here](#).

While some in Sacramento were strategizing how to create less change, San Jose was moving forward with more. We celebrated the opening of Via del Oro — our newest interim housing community — and broke ground at Taylor Street, our first safe sleeping site. These projects are more than just beds — they are proof that when we are laser-focused on achievable outcomes (such as providing a safe, dignified bed for every person on our streets), we can deliver real results.

Via del Oro was built in less than one year on privately-owned land, at a lower cost than past interim housing sites, and will be more affordable to operate than any site we've opened yet. Already, over 70 people have moved in with access to case management and supportive services. Meanwhile, Taylor Street will open this summer, offering 56 placements with basic necessities like security, sanitation, and access to case management, with a focus on quickly moving people into longer-term solutions.



Together with other new sites that opened this year like Branham Lane and Berryessa Safe Parking, these projects are moving us toward our bold goal of opening 1,000 new safe, dignified placements by the end of 2025 — giving real alternatives to our unhoused neighbors and real relief to neighborhoods across the city.

But getting people indoors is only part of the solution. We're also committed to reclaiming our public spaces for community use. At Columbus Park, once a hub for youth sports and families, unmanaged encampments and rising 911 calls have made it unsafe for everyone. That's why we're moving forward with a plan to decommission the encampment and break ground on a revitalized park — with new soccer fields, a playground, shaded paseos, and courts for pickleball, futsal, and basketball. By late 2027, Columbus Park will once again be a place for San José families to gather, play, and take pride in their city.





This work — opening shelter, reclaiming parks, restoring safety and dignity — is happening because San José has chosen action over excuses. But let's be clear: we can't solve this crisis alone. In fact, we've just about reached our limit. We cannot continue to build out a shelter system that will get us to functional zero without the support of other levels of government. We need the County to invest in mental health and addiction services. We need the State to create a framework that requires every city, big or small, to do their part.

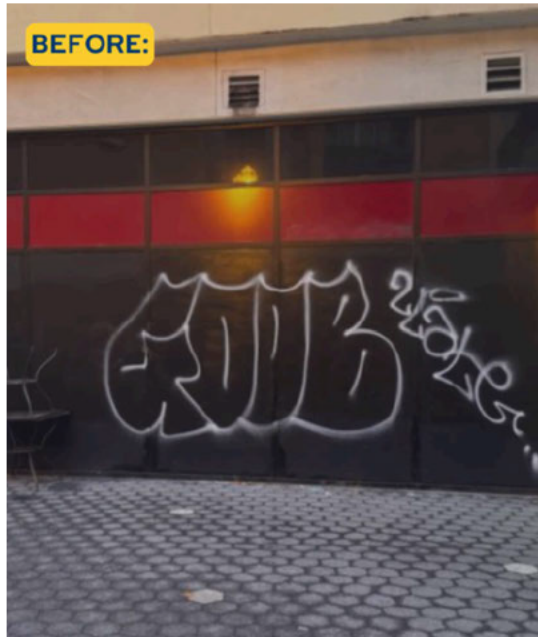
That's exactly why Senator Blakespear and I pushed for SB 16 — to create a real, statewide model of shared responsibility. The insiders' failure to even consider this bill as drafted means the burden continues to fall unfairly on a handful of cities willing to act, while others sit on the sidelines. That's not leadership. That's not sustainable. And it's not fair to the people still suffering on our streets — or the taxpayers who are paying the price for political inaction.

San José is doing its part. It's time Sacramento demands every city and county does theirs too.

Sincerely,

Mayor Matt

# Graffiti Be Gone



Over the past several months, residents and small business owners have reported a troubling vandalism spree — some gang-related, some the work of repeat graffiti offenders. Thanks to incredible detective work by the San José Police Department and strong collaboration with the District Attorney's Office, two suspects are now in custody and facing serious charges.

One individual is believed to be responsible for over 70 separate acts of vandalism — damaging businesses, public spaces, and private property across our downtown. But this suspect didn't just target San Jose. Earlier this week, I was driving to speak at an event in San Francisco and saw the same moniker defacing the side of a building. The bad actors we hold accountable don't just harm San Jose — they harm our entire region. And we are doing our part to end their crime sprees for our residents and for our neighboring cities.

Another suspect, linked to at least 19 gang-motivated incidents, was found carrying both spray paint and a concealed firearm when arrested. Let's be clear: this isn't just graffiti — it's illegal, dangerous, and corrosive to our community.

We take the sanctity of our shared spaces seriously. Graffiti may seem minor to some, but when it becomes constant — and when it's driven by gang activity — it erodes public safety, community pride, and stacks up costs against our small business owners who are often operating on thin profit

margins. But these arrests are about more than property damage — they're about reclaiming our neighborhoods.

I want to thank Chief Paul Joseph, the Gang Investigations Unit, Captain Miri and our Central Division Patrol Officers, and the DA's Office for their exceptional effort. I also want to thank the residents who submitted tips through our 3-1-1 system — your eyes and voices make a difference.

# Blue City Blues

There has been a lot of talk about the governance failures plaguing big cities in many parts of the nation. While this discussion often turns partisan and contentious, I'm more interested in figuring out what works—what are the policies and programs that will deliver the outcomes we want?

So it was a pleasure to join the Blue City Blues podcast last week to reflect on why many big cities are failing at the basics and how we might take a different path forward. Hosts Sandeep and David asked some great questions and shared their perspective from Seattle while I did my best to articulate how we are tackling problems in San Jose. I hope you'll give it a listen and let me know what you think!





# What's in the Budget?

Over the past few weeks, I've visited Districts 5, 7, 8, and 10 to talk about what's in the budget. I've heard great questions, received important feedback, and learned more about your top priorities through these town halls.




Between now and June, I'll be visiting every single district to give you as many opportunities as possible to have your voice heard. You can find the full list and RSVP right [here](#).




# News of Note

*The New York Times*

**SAN JOSE CONSIDERS ARRESTING  
HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO REFUSE HOUSING**

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**SAN JOSE UNVEILS INTERIM HOUSING  
PROJECT ON PRIVATE LAND**

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**SAN JOSE COLUMBUS PARK REVITALIZATION  
PLAN WOULD SHUT DOWN UNHOUSED  
ENCAMPMENT**

# Upcoming Events

## **Basking Ridge Park Beautification & Tree Planting**

Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 AM

619-643 Chelsea Crossing

Join your neighbors and Team Mahan for a park beautification at Basking Ridge on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 8:30 AM. Plant trees, paint benches, pick up litter, and work with us to create a cleaner, safer San Jose! [RSVP here](#).

## **Education Day! San Jose Giants vs. Lake Elsinore Storm**

Tuesday, May 9th at 11am

Excite Ballpark

The San Jose Giants' Education Day is a unique day for local schools to enjoy an educational and fun baseball-themed field trip. Tickets include educational learning stations, baseball-themed activities and a baseball game at Excite Ballpark! [Buy tickets here](#).

## **San Jose State of the City**

Saturday, May 17th at 10am

Arena Green East, 340 West Saint John Street San Jose, CA 95110

Show your civic pride alongside your neighbors at our annual event focused on service and celebration! After a short formal program with performances and a speech by Mayor Mahan, we'll paint art projects, plant trees and beautify the area before coming back together for a picnic with music, games and activities. Don't miss out – tickets are running low! [RSVP here](#).

## **San Jose Jazz Summer Fest**

Friday, August 8th to Sunday, August 10th

Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, 1 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose, CA 95113

San José — you showed up for Fisher a couple weeks ago, but the party isn't over! San Jose Jazz Summer Fest is back this August, with headliners like Mavis Staples and Common coming to visit Silicon Valley's Downtown. Get your tickets [here](#)!

# Community Corner



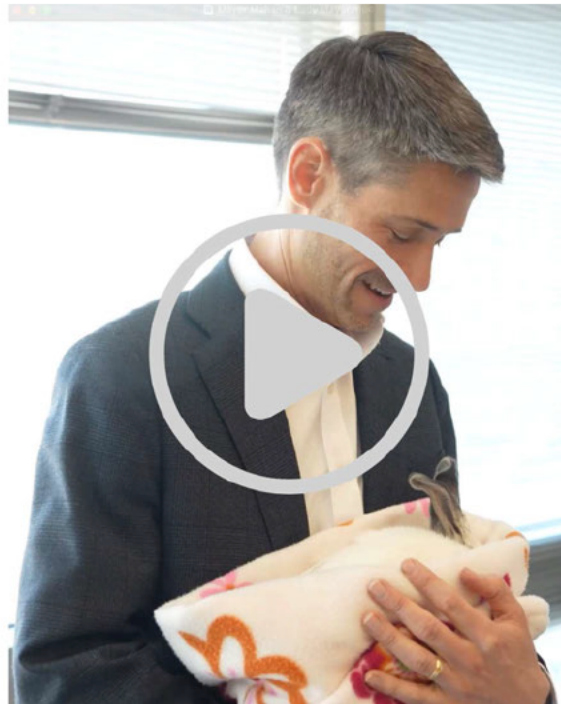
Often, when someone is deep in the throes of an addiction or mental health crisis, they can't make a rational decision about their own well-being — but they are making a choice we can't allow: to live and far too frequently die on our streets even when we offer shelter. Without accountability for coming indoors, recovery is rare. Thanks to Ellison Barber from NBC for having me on. This conversation is hard but necessary if we hope to end the era of encampments in California because the status quo has clearly failed our most vulnerable.





Happy Easter from the Mahan Family!

### An Easter Surprise



This Easter, I met San José's Lady Mayor! She was found scared and alone in the City Hall parking garage. Just before Easter, she returned — healthy, loved, and surrounded by the people who helped save her. As shelters overflow and impulse Easter adoptions rise, Lady Mayor reminds us: fostering saves lives. Thank you to SaveABunny for all you do!



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**FW: May 8th budget study session**

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**Subject:** May 8th budget study session

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

My name is Mila Bekele, and I am a university student born and raised in San Jose. I am also a youth leader with Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action. I am writing in response to a concerning attempt to decrease City funding for a critical program, Climate Smart San Jose. **I encourage you to 1) increase funding for Climate Smart San Jose, not decrease it, for the 2025-26 fiscal year, and 2) maintain or increase staff to carry out the Climate Smart action plan.**

Our city's budget needs to be an accurate, community-driven plan that allocates City resources with an eye towards both the near and long term well-being. Climate change is impacting our community at both time scales. San Jose has already experienced harms like drought, wildfire smoke, and extreme heat resulting from a changing climate. In the long term, these disasters will only intensify if climate change goes unaddressed.

San Jose has set a climate-neutral by 2030 goal. This goal is both ambitious and essential, and we have made progress towards reaching it. Residents can choose 100% green electricity, and building codes have been updated to prevent new natural gas construction. These are important steps -- and we cannot afford to leave this progress behind.

In an environment of federal budget cuts, climate resilience is one area where some funds remain on the table. California's Proposition 4 authorized \$10 billion for climate change and wildfire response last year. Failing to provide resources to the team that will help San Jose secure these and other outside funds is unwise.

My future, and the future of all young people, is incredibly uncertain. I can't say whether our climate will be stable, or whether the next decades of our lives will be dominated by climate-change-induced floods, wildfires, and extreme storms. We are not given certainty, but we are given choices. Climate Smart funding allocations in the upcoming budget are one of them.

Thank you for your time,

Mila Bekele

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**From:** Kanika Rawat - [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kanika Rawat, and I'm a junior at [REDACTED] High School and a member of the San Jose team of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action.  
From nearby wildfires and extreme heat waves to growing concerns about water scarcity, San Jose is already feeling the impacts of climate change, which will only become more severe. To reduce San Jose's negative environmental impacts and be prepared for a changing climate, **I ask that the City increase Climate Smart funding for the 2025–26 fiscal year and ensure that both personnel and non-personnel funding are preserved and expanded in future years.**

I understand that the City faces many pressing issues, but climate change is just as important as any of these. Climate change impacts public health, homelessness, food and water access, and the economy. As climate change escalates, other problems will only worsen.  
Now is the time to make sure the City is prioritizing climate action. The City has taken great steps, such as adopting strong building codes that promote clean, all-electric development; but to reach the goal of Carbon neutrality by 2030, Climate Smart needs consistent financial support from the City.

**Please don't let budget cuts stand in the way of a cleaner, safer future for San Jose.**

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Kanika Rawat  
Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action



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**FW: Preserve Climate Smart Funding**

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Daphne Zhu, and I'm a student at [REDACTED] High School and a co-lead of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action.

As budget study sessions begin, I urge you to **fully fund Climate Smart San José in the 2025–26 budget** to protect our future and build a more sustainable city today. Climate change is already impacting San José, from nearby wildfires and extreme heat waves to growing concerns about water scarcity.

Without adequate staff and resources, the city will fall short of its 2030 carbon neutrality goals.

Furthermore, the Climate Smart budget is already such a small percentage of the budget that cutting it further will not be of significant help to the budget deficit. Instead, preserving or preferably *increasing* the Climate Smart budget, both personnel and non-personnel funding, from what little it is now will make **an enormous impact on the health, safety, and prosperity of the City of San Jose**.

It may seem easier to ignore the problem now, but if we don't take action to protect our city from climate change now, **it will cost us many times more in the future**. Do not fail the citizens of San Jose who depend on you to keep our community safe and healthy, throughout our lifetimes—and longer. Do not make a decision that San Jose will regret.

Preserve the Climate Smart personnel and non-personnel funding for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Thank you,  
Daphne Zhu

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**FW: Maintain Full Climate Smart Funding - Budget Study Session 5/8**

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Mani Bekele, and I'm a highschool student from D3 and a co-lead of the San Jose team of Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action.

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**Our house is on fire. We have a hose in our hands. Cutting Climate Smart funding now is like arguing about whether we can afford the water bill. We will lose so, so much more - our very liveable home and planet - if we do not make this small upfront investment.** As the last generation of leaders that has it in your power to prevent the most catastrophic effects of climate change, we are counting on you.

Thank you,

Mani Bekele | Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

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**FW: I oppose Mayor Mahan's approach to criminalizing homelessness**

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**From:** Joan Howe <[REDACTED]>  
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Hello Toni Taber,

My name is Joan Howe and I am a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice Santa Clara county. I am a San Jose district 10 homeowner, and I make it a priority to vote in each election.

I grew up in the Bay Area in the '70's and '80's when mental health facilities were shuttered as a result the repeal of the Mental Health Systems Act by Ronald Reagan's administration. Over the past several decades we've seen the unhoused population grow exponentially throughout our city and surrounding suburbs, as a result of this long-term systemic lack of supported health services.

While a substantial solution is urgently needed, I stand firmly against the criminalization of homelessness, and feel we must focus on prevention efforts in addition to building more affordable housing. Do not approve Mayor Mahan's plan to arrest unhoused people for supposed "refusal of shelter", if for no other reason than having a criminal record makes it more difficult to get housing.

And if you want to focus on public safety, spend your resources funding TRUST instead, which can be paid for with opioid settlement funds and Medi-Cal, saving the city money. TRUST is public safety. Fund care, not cuffs.

Sincerely,  
Joan Howe

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**Fw: 5/12/25 Study Session, City Service Area: Public Safety: Against Responsibility to Shelter Implementation**

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Hello,

I'm a San Jose resident, in District 2. I'm furious at the mayor's plan to criminalize unhoused people for refusing housing! In my neighborhood, we are proud of the new facility on Branham and hope it will help many of our local unhoused neighbors. People will want to move into the shelter - the city doesn't need spend money forcing people to move in.

For the rare unhoused person who doesn't want to go into shelters, they usually have a very good reason - distrust of police, history of being assaulted at a shelter, fear of being indoors due to PTSD or other factors, etc. And if the government is forcing you to go somewhere, it's reasonable to fear that they might keep you there!

How big of a problem is this that you need to fund a special police team for it? Data from the city itself shows that less than ten percent of unhoused people refuse shelter. Spend money instead on creating more housing and making current housing more safe. Most unhoused people are waiting for beds, not refusing

shelter en masse. Plus this new police team will make it harder for people trying to help unhoused people - sowing distrust against census takers, garbage cleanup people, support groups, neighbors giving a hand. San Jose is brutally expensive to find housing, probably getting harder by new federal policies. Do not criminalize people becoming homeless - work to prevent it!

If San Jose really wants to help its most vulnerable residents, fund a 24/7 TRUST line for San Jose only. Unhoused people need help, not criminal penalties.

--Rebekah Jensen



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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Shannon Rooney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2025 12:01 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: E-letter: Mayor's Budget Message

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Hello.

My neighbor has filed for his permit here [REDACTED] It is a 2 story, 1200 sq ft ADU.

On Mar 18, 2025, at 10:42 AM, City of San Jose Mayor's Office <[mayor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:mayor@sanjoseca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Shannon,

My name is Vince and I advise the Mayor on housing and land use policy. The short answer is the the state of California heavily regulates the development of ADU's. For instance, 4 foot rear and side yard setbacks are dictated by state law.

Generally speaking the height limits and front setbacks for ADU's are the same as they would be for single family homes in the zoning code for that neighborhood. You can look up the ADU rules and regulations on the city website [here](#).

While the state does allow for very little discretion in approving ADU's 800 square feet or less, there is more discretion on anything over that size. Additionally, an ADU of 1,200 square feet is generally not allowed in San Jose.

Vince Rocha  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office of Mayor Matt Mahan

On Mon, 17 Mar at 4:05 PM , Shannon Rooney [REDACTED] wrote:

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Hello -

I would love to hear your stance on ADU's. We live in Willow Glen on decent size lots and in addition to new neighbors coming in and tearing down the houses to build huge out of place houses, they now are adding ADU's to the houses right next to the fence line.



Sadly it is too late for one of the sides of our house (which is located near Presentation High School) an ADU was added to a recently redone house and the ADU is along the fence line and has windows and a door which look right into our yard. It is not too late to stop the neighbors on the other side of us who want to put in a 1400sq ft 2 story ADU next to our other fence line.

As someone who grew up in the Willow Glen community and is now raising my kids in this community it is extremely unfortunate that these houses are able to get permits for this. It makes having our kids run around outside in the backyard feel more unsafe than ever knowing other people can easily peer into the back and watch them digging or running around in the sprinklers.

Thanks,  
Shannon

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**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Mulcahy, Michael <Michael.Mulcahy@sanjoseca.gov>; Salas, Carl <Carl.Salas@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Caroline Wallis, and I serve as a Board Member with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. I'm a San Jose resident (District 6). I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that.

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I first became involved with the GRPC as a volunteer 6 years ago, and saw firsthand the impact the COVID pandemic had

and continues to have on our park. I believe in our shared vision for stewarding our park, and am excited by signs of progress like the removal of the Ranger Station, clean up of Arena Green, and new programming like our Culture Night Markets that continue to attract new park goers. With [run clubs on the rise](#), our trails have the potential to bring our community together in a new, unique way. We can only do that with your continued partnership.

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Dan Kennedy, and I serve as a Board Member and on the finance committee with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. I have lived my entire life in San Jose and live in district 10. I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that.

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Annamarie Pilon. I serve as a Board Member with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and live in San José District 3. I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that.

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Since joining the Conservancy's Board, I have been continuously amazed and impressed by the work of this organization and its value for the people of San José, even through times of uncertainty. As a neighbor of Guadalupe River Park for over eight years, I have seen and experienced firsthand the positive impact of this resource and the irreplaceable role of the Conservancy in connecting our communities to nature, culture, and each other.

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Sincerely,

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My name is Jared Lewis, and I serve as a board member with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that.

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Sincerely,

Jared Lewis

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**Jared Lewis** | Manager, Environmental Planning and Natural Resources | San Jose Water Company | 18300 CA-17 | Los Gatos, CA 95033  


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**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2025 5:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Jason Su [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Sharon Erickson, and I am a volunteer in the Guadalupe River Park Historic Orchard who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice concern about the proposed reduction in funding for the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. Since retirement, I have personally volunteered 2 to 3 times every month in the historic orchard, and can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through difficult economic times in 2024, the Conservancy remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose. Staff whose hours were reduced in 2024 have only just recently had their hours restored. Reducing funding for the Conservancy now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how much the city values public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current level of funding and continue to honor its long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Erickson  
GRPC volunteer

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From: Jay Thompson [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 5:35 PM

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Jay, and I am a San Jose Resident as well as a GRPC Employee who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally hosted 3 worm composting workshops this year alone, planned a project to plant 16 new native landscape trees in the PlayGarden parking lot and along Vendome, hosted the Master Gardener's public workshops and classes out the in the Historic Orchard, and I have fielded countless questions from visitors and residents alike about the state of the park and all I can say is that I am the only Horticulturist on staff so we have to rely heavily on volunteerism, fundraising, and City/PRNS support, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

I worry constantly about the +6 acres of 5ft tall thistle in the meadows across from the Rotary Play Garden, Historic Orchard, and Heritage Rose Garden. They are an extreme fire hazard, especially as the weather warms and the thistle dries out and goes to seed to spread even more thistle. Last year alone we had at least 6 fires in those meadows. The same meadows that our public walk and bike and run their dogs through. The same meadows that the unfortunate unhoused live, along the Anita path near the river. These meadows are under city jurisdiction and they haven't been mowed or treated with pre and/or post weed emergent in well over a year. PRNS keeps telling me they don't have the money to take care of it and now the budget is going to be cut by almost 50K? I hope SJFD's budget has increased

because they will be very busy this fire season. I don't mean to sound flippant, I am just passionate and protective about our park and the people we are here to serve. Our park, our people.

Reducing our funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

**Jay Thompson** *(they/them)*

Horticulturist 🌱

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Sheryl Ehrman, and I serve as Secretary and Board Member with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. I am a resident of the Buena Vista neighborhood in San José, close to the Guadalupe River Park, Council District 6. I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that.

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The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. Formerly, I was a Program Director at GRPC, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

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I have personally witnessed the work of the Conservancy that was contracted by the City to implement a State-issued grant totaling more than \$235,000. Through this grant, it was clear **that the services of GRPC were vital for the City of San José to further large-scale goals and objectives, and that these services could not be completed by the City itself.** This was done in support of the City, given the longstanding partnership. There was time, collaboration, and measurable impact that resulted from this project that is still in place to this day. Hundreds of volunteers hours, 11 medium to large-scale events for activation purposes, a mural installation, and countless others. The City, itself, recognized and celebrated these accomplishments as imperative for success and completion of this grant. This was only possible due to the continued funding by the City both within this grant, **as well as for normal operations.**

In addition to supporting larger San José goals and objectives, the Conservancy continues to offset work for the City with regular clean-ups and maintenance projects, in addition to providing continued programming for

our city's youth.

This consistent funding has been essential for normal operations for the Conservancy and park. Removal of this funding will drastically impact the existing programs in place, and negatively impact already difficult circumstances. I implore all reading to consider the inevitable negative repercussions on our environment and community. The Guadalupe River Park needs all of the support it can receive, and GRPC is the only organization continuing to advocate for the continued preservation, maintenance, and positive community impact our City's central park can provide. I am confident that reducing these funds will have rippling effects that will disrupt and degrade the park in a short amount of time, and the longstanding impacts are frightening to think about.

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Mel Sarmiento

San José Resident, and GRPC Supporter

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**From:** Alberta Straub [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2025 7:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Council members,

My name is Alberta Straub and I am a garden volunteer and San Jose voter who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally spent many hot hours volunteering in the garden and walking the lovely paths, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings. I love to see the support for CA native plants and wildlife that the Conservancy supports and teaches about. Think of it as a little oasis of learning, state pride, and positivity in an increasingly run down riparian area. It brings value to the surrounding neighborhoods and preserves history and a place for free recreation.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

I have personally spent my blood, sweat and tears—I even got heat stroke working there and came back joyfully—weeding, pruning and encouraging the growth of native gardens there as a volunteer. Please see that its an important place for an under represented population of park visitors to have a space to learn and enjoy.

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.



Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alberta Straub

Guadalupe Conservancy Volunteer

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From: Molly Copeland <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 8:01 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: jason <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Molly Copeland, and I am a San Jose resident and supporter who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I personally attended their functions and have enjoyed the Heritage Rose Garden, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

The Heritage Rose Garden previously mentioned has different kinds of roses that date back to the founding of the city of San Jose. Walking the rows of roses some have the fond messages of past patrons, like a living memory book. It's a public space for everyone to enjoy their quiet beauty and legacy. There are over 3,000 species of roses, some not existing anywhere else on this continent! Roses require care and resources. Without those they will not be around for future generations to enjoy.

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Molly Copeland

San Jose Resident and Staunch GRPC Supporter

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**From:** Carolyn Kameya <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2025 11:08 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** Jason Su <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Public Comment: CSJ Budget Study Session - Neighborhood Services Re: Oppose Funding Reduction to Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Contract Agreement

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Carolyn Kameya, and I am a volunteer in the Guadalupe River Park Historic Orchard who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally volunteered in the Guadalupe River Park for more than 13 years, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose. The GRPC staff has been able to make many positive things happen in the Historic Orchard, the Rose Garden, and the Rotary Play Garden that really benefits residents of this city. Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kameya

San Jose resident & GRPC volunteer



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**From:** JoEllen Victoreen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 6:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayer@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Jason Su [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is JoEllen Victoreen , and I am a San Jose resident who volunteers for and supports the GRPC. I care deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally walked the trails, participated in activities to clear the paths and waterways and enjoyed the beauty of the Heritage Rose Garden. I have also been a long-time volunteer for the Heritage Rose Garden, an urban treasure inside the Guadalupe River Park and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings to San Jose.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

We need the GRPC to continue to foster and develop this natural open space within the greater urban area of San Jose. We need to not only protect this space, but to be sure it is integrated into the urban life of San Jose residents which can only be done by organizations such as GRPC, whose stated mission is to provide stewardship for the Guadalupe River, its park areas, and its trails which helps guarantee a welcoming and healthy experience for the public

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,



JoEllen Victoreen

Volunteer, resident and supporter of the GRPC

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**From:** Corey Barnes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:13 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** jason [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Corey Barnes, and I am a San Jose resident who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I personally walk and cycle the trails, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Corey Barnes  
San Jose resident

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**From:** mcclewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:41 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Jason Su' [REDACTED] 'Ash Namdar' [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Public Comment: CSJ Budget Study Session - Neighborhood Services Re: Oppose Funding Reduction to Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Contract Agreement

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose.

I, and other residents of our community, have personally supported and advocated for the Guadalupe River Park as a members of the Mayor's Guadalupe River Park Working Group, and as participants in City of San Jose and private agency clean up events. Our neighborhood association and the Conservancy work closely together forwarding the mission of the Guadalupe River Park as the City of San Jose's Grand Park.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our park clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose. There are a number of GRP initiatives that are at critical points. Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Mark Lewis  
Downtown Resident  
AXIS Condominiums Resident  
Mayors Guadalupe River Park Working Group Participant

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**From:** Kayla Cuvelier <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 11:22 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Councilmember Ortiz,

My name is Kayla Cuvelier. I live in D5 and I'm a member of SURJ Santa Clara County. **I stand against the criminalization of homelessness.**

San Jose is an expensive city and **many folks are one emergency away from being unhoused**. I know I could end up in that situation if I missed a month's worth of paychecks or had a medical emergency. Arresting unhoused people is not a solution. It will only cause harm. Folks will have a criminal record, which will make it harder to get housing in the future. We should be offering help and resources, not punishment when someone is at a low point.

We must focus on prevention efforts, in addition to building more affordable housing. If you want to focus on public safety, spend your resources funding TRUST. **Do not approve Mayor Mahan's plan to arrest unhoused people for supposed "refusal of shelter".**

Thank you.



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**From:** Scott Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 11:58 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Mulcahy, Michael <Michael.Mulcahy@sanjoseca.gov>; Salas, Carl <Carl.Salas@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Jason Su <[REDACTED]>; Elizabeth Loretto <[REDACTED]>; Cicirelli, Jon <Jon.Cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov>; Yotam, Avi <Avi.Yotam@sanjoseca.gov>; O'Reilly, Torie <Torie.O'Reilly@sanjoseca.gov>; Arreola, Kiara <Kiara.Arreola@sanjoseca.gov>; Lomio, Michael <Michael.Lomio@sanjoseca.gov>; Castro, Karina <Karina.Castro@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Scott Miller, and I serve as a Board Member with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that.

Like many nonprofits in our region, the Conservancy faced significant challenges in 2024, including economic pressures that impacted revenue and staffing. Despite these setbacks, our team remains deeply committed to supporting San Jose's core priorities:

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- Stewarding and maintaining our beloved parks and trails
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- Fostering community safety through activation, volunteerism, and
- inclusive programming
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- Advancing environmental health and beautification efforts in our
- downtown core
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Key initiatives currently underway include:

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- **The reimagining of Arena Green,**
- with expanded gathering spaces, improved lighting, and cultural programming — all in anticipation of 2026 special events and future downtown growth.
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- **The development of a new urban farm at Guadalupe**
- **Gardens,** located under the airport flight path. Backed
- by federal appropriations and in collaboration with six other local nonprofits, this project is a key component in San Jose's FAA compliance goals.
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The Conservancy is not only a steward of green space but a trusted city partner, uniquely positioned to mobilize community engagement, secure philanthropic investment, and deliver on public priorities. Cutting our funding risks undermining years of collaborative progress at a time when San Jose needs strong, resilient partnerships more than ever.

I respectfully ask the Council to maintain the management agreement fee and recommit to working with the Conservancy in a spirit of mutual respect and shared vision.

Sincerely,

Scott Miller

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From: Elizabeth Loretto <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 12:50 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Mulcahy, Michael <Michael.Mulcahy@sanjoseca.gov>; Salas, Carl <Carl.Salas@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Jason Su <[REDACTED]> Cicirelli, Jon <Jon.Cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov>; Yotam, Avi <Avi.Yotam@sanjoseca.gov>; O'Reilly, Torie <Torie.O'Reilly@sanjoseca.gov>; Arreola, Kiara <Kiara.Arreola@sanjoseca.gov>; Lomio, Michael <Michael.Lomio@sanjoseca.gov>; Castro, Karina <Karina.Castro@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Elizabeth Loretto, and I serve as the Board President of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, I am a resident of San Jose living in District 2. I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that. This budget adjustment doesn't just reduce dollars, it effectively ends the working agreement for community benefit between the City and the Conservancy.

Like many nonprofits in our region, the Conservancy faced significant challenges in 2024, including economic pressures that impacted revenue and staffing. Despite these setbacks, our team remains deeply committed to supporting San Jose's core priorities:

- Stewarding and maintaining our beloved parks and trails
- Fostering community safety through activation, volunteerism, and inclusive programming
- Advancing environmental health and beautification efforts in our downtown core

Key initiatives currently underway include:

- **The reimagining of Arena Green**, with expanded gathering spaces, improved lighting, and cultural programming — all in anticipation of 2026 special events and future downtown growth.
- **The development of a new urban farm at Guadalupe Gardens**, located under the airport flight path. Backed by federal appropriations and in collaboration with six other local nonprofits, this project is a key component in San Jose's FAA compliance goals.

The Conservancy is not only a steward of green space but a trusted city partner, uniquely positioned to mobilize community engagement, secure philanthropic investment, and deliver on public priorities. Cutting our funding risks undermining years of collaborative progress at a time when San Jose needs strong, resilient partnerships more than ever.

The Guadalupe River Park is celebrating milestones of community benefit this year, with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Heritage Rose Garden and the 10-year anniversary of the Rotary Play Garden. The upcoming year ahead presents numerous opportunities for the local community and visitors to San José to engage in this vital public space. The City and partners are investing in this space with the improvements at Arena Green and larger Master Plan for Guadalupe Gardens. This investment represents a shared vision for our city. With each project, we're proving what's possible when the community and the city come together to invest in our public spaces. The ability to deliver on this work requires a working partnership between the City and the Conservancy.

I respectfully ask the Council to maintain the management agreement fee and recommit to working with the Conservancy in a spirit of mutual respect and shared vision.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Loretto

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From: Ash Namdar [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 12:57 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; district3@sanjose.gov; mayoremail@sanjose.gov

Cc: jason [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Council members,

My name is Ash Namdar, and I am an employee of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, which is aware of and supports staff participation in civic and public process. However, I am providing comments as a member of the public who frequents District 6, and the views expressed in this comment are my own and do not necessarily represent the official position of my employer.

I care deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally participated Window on the River Park, brought my family to Pumpkins in the Park, and visit the Rotary PlayGarden on weekly basis with my differently abled niece for the better part of seven years, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

The Rotary PlayGarden was one of the first inclusive play spaces in San Jose, and is a prime example of what it means to be a community. This site brings together an average of 80,000 community members a year to participate in enjoying green space, and allows everyone the opportunity to enjoy that space together. Reducing The conservancy's funding now would not only put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work, but also inhibit the conservancy's ability to effectively manage the Rotary PlayGarden, and properly engage with the community we have worked so hard to foster.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Ash Namdar

Ash Namdar

Operations Manager

Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

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From: Kathryn Hedges <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 1:03 PM  
To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>  
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Councilmember:

I'm Kathryn Hedges, a downtown resident, voter, and activist in D3 for 8 years. I've been a member of SURJ SCC for over 5 years, and formerly advocated for affordable housing and tenant rights with PACT and Catalyze SV. I know many representatives of the unhoused community, many of my neighbors were unhoused, and I'm familiar with the County and City reports on demographics of our unhoused population.

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Hedges  
Sole Proprietor, Splendid Colors  
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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Kathryn Hedges <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 1:13 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 1:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** jason [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Public Comment: CSJ Budget Study Session - Neighborhood Services Re: Oppose Funding Reduction to Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Contract Agreement

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Megan LaCore, and I am a San Jose resident who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally spent many days with my family enjoying the parks and gardens and cannot imagine our community without it, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

I have been bringing my son to the Rotary Play Garden and the Rose garden since he was old enough to walk. We have spent many days as a family in the parks and have made many memories in San Jose in these precious locations. I have friends who dedicate their time, lives, and careers to the non profit to keep these resources open to the community, and a decline would impact thousands of families in San Jose, where I have been a resident for 20 years and a home owner for 12 years.

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Megan LaCore

San Jose Resident and GRPC Supporter

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**From:** Deborah St. Julien - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 1:22 PM  
**To:** District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; district4@sanjoseca.gove; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Councilmember Campos, other Councilmember and Mayor Mahan,

I am a District 2 resident, a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice Santa Clara County, and Co-president of Board of Directors of Urban Sanctuary.

Housing experts agree that criminalizing unhoused people is not a successful path to addressing the needs of our unhoused brothers and sisters. Lack of affordable housing is what creates homelessness, not the refusal to be taken to a shelter.

It is disingenuous for the Mayor to say people are refusing treatment. There are not enough treatment placements available. You can bemoan this reality, but you cannot act like it is not true! If you cannot offer someone treatment, you are actually offering them incarceration.

I was recently at a gathering of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. There I met someone who had been on Mayor Sam Licarrdo's staff. He was voicing deep concerns about Mahan's approach to the problem of inadequate housing. I asked him what he thought should be done. He said, "Everything they are suggesting has already been proven not to work. They need to focus on prevention: rent control, tenant's rights, and basic guaranteed income. They need to help people in danger of losing their homes. They need to fund truly affordable housing."

Arresting our unhoused neighbors for the "refusal of shelter" is not a rational response to this complex situation. It is a simplistic, fantasy-like, wishful thinking. "If I scare people, make them move, get them out of the public's eye... it will get better." Listen to the housing experts. Everyone says you need to fund overall affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, not special police taskforces to target the unhoused.

Do not approve Mahan's plan to arrest our unhoused neighbors because of supposed "refusal to shelter."

Budgets are documents that reflect our values and morals.

Sincerely,

Deborah St Julien  
D2 resident  
SURJ SCC organizer  
Co-president BOD, Urban Sanctuary

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**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 2:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** jason [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EMAIL SUBJECT: Public Comment: CSJ Budget Study Session - Neighborhood Services Re: Oppose Funding Reduction to Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Contract Agreement

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Raquel Welch, and I am a volunteer, supporter and San Jose resident for over 70 years who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the city to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally participated in events, community programs, volunteered, walked the trails, brought my family to GRPC and have adopted many heritage roses in memorial of beloved family members that have passed as well as many other families have adopted heritage roses at the GRPC. I can attest to the value and serene beauty the Conservancy brings to the community.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024-2025, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all the community.

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

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Sincerely,

Raquel Welch

San Jose Resident / Volunteer / GRPC Supporter

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**From:** Sandra Asher <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 6:20 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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My name is Sandra Asher, George Casey represents my district, D10. I'm a member of the REAL Coalition and SURJ SCC. I reject Mayor Mahan's Big Lie that the homeless problem is being caused by mentally ill, drug addicted people who refuse shelter.

Everyone deserves a safe place to live. The Mayor talks about accountability. But what he's missing are the fundamental principles of personal autonomy, self-determination, and the rights of disabled individuals to decide what accessible, appropriate housing is for them.

The mayor's plan assumes all shelters meet these needs, which is untrue. Many shelters, including tiny homes, fail to provide appropriate accommodations for disabled individuals, forcing them to refuse shelter for their own safety and dignity. Furthermore, the city's own data show that fewer than 10% of unhoused people refuse shelter

The Mayor's solution? Arrest them – echoing SF's 1867 Ugly Laws, which banned "street begging" and restricted "certain persons from appearing in streets or public places" because they were "diseased, maimed, mutilated or in any way deformed". This law, like Mayor Mahan's proposal, was used to incarcerate disabled individuals. The only "crime" many had committed was being a disabled person in public.

We demand that:

All shelter and safe sleeping sites must meet minimum basic standards of health and human dignity, and must be safe, accessible, livable, and attractive enough that people will move there voluntarily. And

The City must be held accountable for funding BOTH interim and permanent affordable housing to address the crisis.

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*Sandra Asher*  
*Director, Governing Board*  
**Community Solutions**  
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***Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. (author unknown)***

**Member,**  
**Safety for All Disability Justice Coalition**  
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**FW: Please save free dental for seniors program**

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**From:** Health Mobile <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 8:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Please save free dental for seniors program

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Honorable Mayor Mahan, Councilmembers

Imagine you are retired on a fixed income, in pain having a toothache, your insurance (Medicare) does not cover dental services, you cannot afford to see a dentist, you have transportation challenges, you have language and cultural barriers.

Health Mobile with a \$140,123 grant from Senior Health and Wellness (SHW) or less than \$95 per procedure provides 1500 dental procedures to 330 seniors at 14 community centers throughout the City of San Jose. This is a god sent service, please do not cut the free dental care for seniors.

Seniors are in dire need of dental care services due to years of neglect and aging. Oral health care is essential to seniors because toothache leads to tooth loss resulting in malnutrition and social isolation both are detrimental for seniors.

On behalf of all the seniors we serve, we sincerely ask you not to cut the free dental services for seniors. If need be, you may reduce the grant amount but please do not cut the free dental services. We need to apply to foundations for supplement grants. Without the SHW grant we do not have any chance of raising funding for free dental service for seniors.

We provide free, comprehensive dental care services in our state-of-the-art fully self-contained mobile clinics, with a multilingual, multicultural professional team. We go where they congregate. We provide free dental services at the 14 community centers listed below.

**Location: Alma Community Center**  
**Address:** 136 W. Alma Ave  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95110  
**Location: Alviso Senior Center**  
**Address:** 5050 N. First St.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95002

**Location: Almaden Community Center**  
**Address:** 6445 Camden Ave  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95120  
**Location: Berryessa Community Center**  
**Address:** 3050 Berryessa Rd.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95132



**Location:** Camden Community Center  
**Address:** 3369 Union Ave.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95124  
**Location:** Evergreen Community Center  
**Address:** 4860 San Felipe Rd.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95135

**Location:** Cypress Community Center  
**Address:** 403 Cypress Ave.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95117  
**Location:** Gardner Community Center  
**Address:** 520 W. Virginia St.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95110

**Location:** Mayfair Community Center  
**Address:** 2039 Kammerer Ave.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95116  
**Location:** Roosevelt Community Center  
**Address:** 901 E. Santa Clara St.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95116  
**Location:** Southside Community Center  
**Address:** 5585 Cottle Rd.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95123

**Location:** Northside Community Center  
**Address:** 488 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95110  
**Location:** Seven Trees Community Center  
**Address:** 3597 Cas Dr.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95111  
**Location:** Willow Glen Community Center  
**Address:** 2175 Lincoln Ave.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95125

Sincerely,

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Mike Reza  
COO  
Health Mobile

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**From:** Jacqueline Martin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 9:58 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Hello,

My name is Jacquie Martin.. I am a member of SURJ Santa Clara County and a San Jose Voter in District 2.

As an educator, I have students who are currently unhoused. Mayor Mahan's plan to criminalize homelessness in San Jose would directly harm their ability to complete their degrees, find stable housing and achieve their goals.

According to [research done at Johns Hopkins](#), criminalization or involuntary displacement of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness harms their mental and physical health and encampment sweeps do not promote neighborhood safety, security, and public health.

For the good of our community and our unhoused neighbors, I am asking you not to implement the so-called Responsibility to Shelter policy and its criminalization of homelessness.

Sincerely,  
Jacquie Martin  
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Jacquie Martin  
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**FW: Fund Older Adults Health and Wellness**

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**From:** Jennifer Masuda - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:40 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Quevedo, Matthew <Matthew.Quevedo@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Jane Kawasaki [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fund Older Adults Health and Wellness

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Senior Center to respectfully urge your continued support for the Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) programs.

Since 2012, Yu-Ai Kai has received City funding through the OAHW program to deliver bi-cultural, linguistically appropriate services to older adults in San José's Japantown—90% of whom reside in the city. Many of our clients face significant barriers to care, including limited English proficiency, low income, and social isolation. We are currently the only organization in the region providing these essential services in Japanese and/or bi-culturally, and for many of our seniors, we remain their only trusted and accessible source of support.

Our programming includes health education, chronic disease prevention, culturally tailored day services, fitness and wellness classes, peer support groups, and senior empowerment workshops. These services are not just activities—they are life-changing supports that promote physical health, mental well-being, and a critical sense of community. They are also evidence-based and proven to reduce isolation, prevent chronic disease, and strengthen the overall support system for our most frail seniors and their families. According to recent participant surveys, over 98% of our seniors reported improved well-being, increased social connection, and a stronger sense of belonging as a direct result of our OAHW-funded programs.

Unfortunately, due to rising costs and increased demand, Yu-Ai Kai is forecasting a budget deficit in the coming year. Without continued support from the OAHW grant, we will be forced to reduce or eliminate many of the services our community members depend on.

We respectfully ask that you prioritize continued and stable OAHW funding so San José's low-income, limited-English proficient seniors can continue to receive the culturally competent care and connection they need to live safe, healthy, and dignified lives.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to the well-being of San José's older adult population.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Masuda** | Executive Director | Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service  
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*Yu-Ai Kai promotes healthy aging, successful independent living and to advocate for all seniors while embracing the Japanese American tradition.*

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**FW: Oppose "Responsibility to Shelter" San Jose City Council Study Session 05/12/2025**

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**From:** Valerie Niles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 7:37 AM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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To the San Jose Mayor & City Council,

My name is Valerie Niles and I am a voter in San Jose District 3 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

I am writing in opposition to Mayor Mahan's plan to criminalize homelessness and establishment of a specialized police unit for this purpose with his so-called "Responsibility to Shelter" policy.

If someone had a heart attack, would we arrest them for not being able to run a mile the minute they left the hospital? No. That would be inhumane.

The same goes for this "Responsibility to Shelter" policy—we need to meet people where they are at and attack the root cause of homelessness, which is the severe lack of affordable housing.

For every 1 unhoused person in this county that gains housing, 2 more become unhoused. Unless we focus on prevention, no matter how many people we take off the streets, we will be falling short.

When people refuse shelter, there are reasons. They may have an abuser at the shelter offered. They may have been attacked in a shelter and feel safer in an encampment. The shelter may not be accessible to their disability. It may not accept pets. It may separate them from their loved ones. The hours may be restrictive for their ability to hold a job. They may have to get rid of their belongings. And shelter is temporary, so unless they are guaranteed an exit into permanent affordable housing, taking shelter can be disruptive to their own process of getting back on their feet. There are countless reasons why someone would refuse shelter offered, and they are all valid.

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Sincerely,

Valerie Niles

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My name is Rhonda Lakatos and I am a voter in San Jose District 6 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County and a person of faith.

I am writing in opposition to Mayor Mahan's plan to criminalize homelessness and establish a specialized police unit to arrest those with no homes with his "Responsibility to Shelter" policy.

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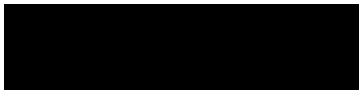
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To the San Jose Mayor & City Council,

My name is Andrew Siegler and I am a voter in San Jose District 3 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

I am writing in opposition to Mayor Mahan's plan to criminalize homelessness and establishment of a specialized police unit for this purpose with his so-called "Responsibility to Shelter" policy.

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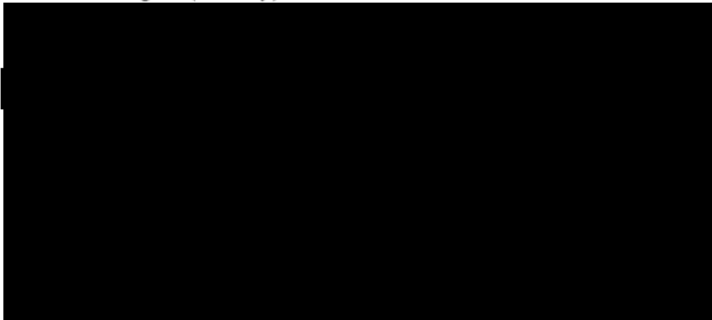
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Sincerely,

Andrew Siegler (he/they)



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**FW: Please save free dental for seniors program**

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**From:** Health Mobile [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 8:00 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Please save free dental for seniors program

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On Sun, May 11, 2025 at 8:40 PM Health Mobile <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Honorable Mayor Mahan, Councilmembers

Imagine you are retired on a fixed income, in pain having a toothache, your insurance (Medicare) does not cover dental services, you cannot afford to see a dentist, you have transportation challenges, you have language and cultural barriers.

Health Mobile with a \$140,123 grant from Senior Health and Wellness (SHW) or less than \$95 per procedure provides 1500 dental procedures to 330 seniors at 14 community centers throughout the City of San Jose. This is a god sent service, please do not cut the free dental care for seniors.

Seniors are in dire need of dental care services due to years of neglect and aging. Oral health care is essential to seniors because toothache leads to tooth loss resulting in malnutrition and social isolation both are detrimental for seniors.

On behalf of all the seniors we serve, we sincerely ask you not to cut the free dental services for seniors. If need be, you may reduce the grant amount but please do not cut the free dental services. We need to apply to foundations for supplement grants. Without the SHW grant we do not have any chance of raising funding for free dental service for seniors.

We provide free, comprehensive dental care services in our state-of-the-art fully self-contained mobile clinics, with a multilingual, multicultural professional team. We go where they congregate. We provide free dental services at the 14 community centers listed below.

**Location: Alma Community Center**  
**Address:** 136 W. Alma Ave

**Location: Almaden Community Center**  
**Address:** 6445 Camden Ave



**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95110  
**Location:** Alviso Senior Center  
**Address:** 5050 N. First St.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95002  
**Location:** Camden Community Center  
**Address:** 3369 Union Ave.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95124  
**Location:** Evergreen Community Center  
**Address:** 4860 San Felipe Rd.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95135

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**Location:** Berryessa Community Center  
**Address:** 3050 Berryessa Rd.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95132  
**Location:** Cypress Community Center  
**Address:** 403 Cypress Ave.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95117  
**Location:** Gardner Community Center  
**Address:** 520 W. Virginia St.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95110

**Location:** Mayfair Community Center  
**Address:** 2039 Kammerer Ave.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95116  
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**Address:** 901 E. Santa Clara St.  
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**Address:** 3597 Cas Dr.  
**City, CA Zip Code:** San Jose, 95111  
**Location:** Willow Glen Community Center  
**Address:** 2175 Lincoln Ave.  
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Sincerely,

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Mike Reza  
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Health Mobile

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Daphne Crane <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 8:25 AM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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To the San Jose Mayor & City Council,

My name is Daphne Crane and I am a voter in the 17th Congressional district, a resident in Sunnyvale, and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

I am writing in opposition to Mayor Mahan's plan to criminalize homelessness and establishment of a specialized police unit for this purpose with his so-called "Responsibility to Shelter" policy.

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Daphne

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**FW: Reconsider Elimination of Senior Health Services Budget**

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**Date** Mon 5/12/2025 7:43 AM

**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Tanya Payyappilly [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 5:57 PM

**To:** District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** city.manager@sanjoseca.gov; Rigüero, Petra <Petra.Rigüero@sanjoseca.gov>; Goulet, Maribel <Maribel.Goulet@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members,

Please see attached the letter from Breathe California regarding the proposed budget completely eliminating the vital senior health and wellness services that is the foundation of thriving San Jose Community economy.

I hope you will reconsider this proposal so that this vulnerable population of older adults do not suffer and receive preventative care appropriately. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Warmly,  
Tanya Payyappilly, MD, MPH  
CEO



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May 9, 2025

**The Honorable Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council Members**

**RE: Reconsider the Elimination of Older Adult Health & Wellness Services Budget**

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and esteemed City Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent notification of the proposed elimination of the Older Adult Health and Wellness Grant Program in the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Breathe California is a community-rooted nonprofit organization, dedicated for over a century to the fight against lung disease in all its forms and committed to fostering lung health within our communities.

The seniors served by this grant program are particularly vulnerable, often lacking prior access to vital preventive information and care for serious health conditions, notably lung disease, which significantly affects this demographic. They encounter substantial obstacles such as language barriers, limited financial resources, lack of transportation, and other systemic health inequities.

Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast has long recognized and applauded the City of San Jose's commitment to enhancing the lives of older adults and providing crucial support over the years. This very grant program has been instrumental in safeguarding vulnerable seniors from the burden of lung diseases through vital pulmonary health screenings, instruction in breathing exercises, provision of essential air purifiers and medical equipment, and informative sessions on lung health and related topics.

Furthermore, it plays a significant role in reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations, while also mitigating social isolation among these individuals. Investing in preventive care is paramount to preventing individuals from experiencing homelessness, and continued funding for this program is crucial. Its discontinuation could unfortunately lead to an increase in homelessness, further exacerbating the existing crisis.

I sincerely urge you to reconsider the proposed elimination of this vital funding, as it has a profound impact on the overall health and well-being of our San Jose community.

A member of the  
**Breathe America™**  
Alliance



A healthy population is foundational to a thriving economy. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Tanya Payyappilly, MD, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer

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**FW: Public Comment - Budget Study Session 2025**

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Gillian Naegele <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2025 11:10 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** jason@grpg.org

**Subject:** Public Comment - Budget Study Session 2025

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Dear City of San Jose Staff,

I am respectfully sending in my Public Comments for the 2025 Budget Study Session taking place on Monday, May 12th. Please see the attached document. I implore you to reconsider the funding reduction to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's management agreement given the numerous positive social benefits that this invaluable organization provides for our community.

Have a wonderful day, thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Gillian Naegele, Former Project Manager of Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

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**EMAIL SUBJECT:** *Public Comment: CSJ Budget Study Session - Neighborhood Services Re: Oppose Funding Reduction to Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Contract Agreement*

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Gillian Naegele, and I am a previous Staff Member of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and park user of the Guadalupe River Park who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in San Jose. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the City to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally led over 50 volunteer events at the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, have utilized the trails for active transportation purposes throughout the Downtown core, and have cherished the park as an urban greenspace serving as a valuable addition to the urban fabric of San Jose. As a former Staff Member and member of the community who has cherished the Guadalupe River Park as my neighborhood park, I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy is an invaluable organization in the preservation, programming, and enhancement of the Guadalupe River Park. You would be hard-pressed to find a group of people more dedicated to San Jose's Civic Infrastructure than the team at the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and that shows in the tireless hours that the GRPC dedicates to park maintenance, educational programming (for San Jose's youth and adults alike), community engagement, park beautification, park programming, and the countless other ways that the GRPC Staff steps up for our public green spaces every day.

Beyond the day-to-day efforts of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Staff, the GRPC facilitates countless opportunities for the community to serve as stewards for public spaces. In my time running the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's volunteer program, I saw hundreds of folk, from students, to retirees, to families wanting to instill civic pride in their children, come to the Guadalupe River Park to give back to their community. In a world where no amount of Staff Capacity (non-profit or City Staff) is enough to keep on top of all the work that needs to be done to keep our civic greenspaces looking and feeling their best, the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy is able to facilitate community engagement in a way that creates tangible results, saving on countless hours of maintenance time that might otherwise need to fall on City Staff or other contracts.

Urban greenspaces on the magnitude of the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens are hard to come by, especially in proximity to large Downtowns, and San Jose should feel extremely grateful to have such an incredible asset serve as the neighborhood park for Downtown residents. While we can reap some of the benefits of parks from the mere existence of these green spaces (cooling urban heat islands, helping to minimize water runoff, cleaning our air with trees), none of the social benefits of parks (promoting community engagement, fostering social connection, improving public health) work unless people engage in these public spaces. The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's programming, volunteer opportunities,

and educational events are a driving force to get people into the Park, allowing San Jose residents to capitalize on the green infrastructure that is available to them. The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's stewardship and maintenance efforts help to maintain the park as an inviting space, and allow for greater eyes on the park than would otherwise be unavailable due to limited capacity. The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy is the lifeblood of the Guadalupe River Park, and their presence in this public space is critical to ensuring that this critical greenspace can be well-utilized and well-loved by Downtown Residence and visitors alike.

Reducing funding to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work. More than ever, San Jose needs organizations such as the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy to help facilitate civic engagement and to create safe, comfortable public spaces for the community to enjoy.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Gillian Naegele

Former Guadalupe River Park Conservancy Staff Member

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**From:** Joan Howe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 8:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**From:** Cassandra Staff <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 8:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Mulcahy, Michael <Michael.Mulcahy@sanjoseca.gov>; Salas, Carl <Carl.Salas@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Jason Su <[REDACTED]>; Elizabeth Loretto <[REDACTED]>; Cicirelli, Jon <Jon.Cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov>; Yotam, Avi <Avi.Yotam@sanjoseca.gov>; O'Reilly, Torie <Torie.O'Reilly@sanjoseca.gov>; Arreola, Kiara <Kiara.Arreola@sanjoseca.gov>; Lomio, Michael <Michael.Lomio@sanjoseca.gov>; Castro, Karina <Karina.Castro@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Cassandra Staff and I serve as a board member with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. I am a San Jose resident in Council District 1.

I am writing today to express strong opposition to the proposed reduction in the Conservancy's management agreement fee and to urge the City to continue good-faith negotiations that reflect our longstanding, productive partnership of over 15 years — and decades of community service before that.

Like many nonprofits in our region, the Conservancy faced significant challenges in 2024, including economic pressures that impacted revenue and staffing. Despite these setbacks, our team remains deeply committed to supporting San Jose's core priorities:

- Stewarding and maintaining our beloved parks and trails
- Fostering community safety through activation, volunteerism, and inclusive programming
- Advancing environmental health and beautification efforts in our downtown core

Key initiatives currently underway include:

- **The reimagining of Arena Green**, with expanded gathering spaces, improved lighting, and cultural programming — all in anticipation of 2026 special events and future downtown growth.

- **The development of a new urban farm at Guadalupe Gardens**, located under the airport flight path. Backed by federal appropriations and in collaboration with six other local nonprofits, this project is a key component in San Jose's FAA compliance goals.

The Conservancy is not only a steward of green space but a trusted city partner, uniquely positioned to mobilize community engagement, secure philanthropic investment, and deliver on public priorities. Cutting our funding risks undermining years of collaborative progress at a time when San Jose needs strong, resilient partnerships more than ever.

The GRPC supports community connection, environmental preservation, and a through line connecting the region to each other for pedestrians and cyclists.

I respectfully ask the Council to maintain the management agreement fee and recommit to working with the Conservancy in a spirit of mutual respect and shared vision.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Staff

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Councilmembers,

My name is Erika Laguna, and I am a San Jose Resident and Supporter who cares deeply about the future of the Guadalupe River Park and its role in our city. I'm writing to respectfully voice my concern about the proposed reduction in the management agreement fee to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and to urge the city to continue working in partnership with this vital nonprofit.

The Conservancy has been a constant and positive force in our community for decades — providing green space, programs, and public art that enhance our quality of life and connect people from every part of San Jose. I have personally seen the work done by this project as I work with Downtown Streets Team and have worked with volunteers on this site, and I can attest to the value the Conservancy brings.

Even through the difficult economic climate of 2024, the organization remained active and dedicated — helping keep our parks clean, safe, and welcoming, and advancing efforts that benefit all of San Jose.

Reducing their funding now would put important progress at risk and send the wrong message about how we value public-private partnerships and community-driven work.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at its current funding level and continue good-faith negotiations that honor the long history of collaboration and public benefit.

Sincerely,

Erika Laguna  
Director of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties  
Downtown Streets Team  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:17 AM  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:23 AM  
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Our names are Amy & Bill Guzules and we are voters in San Jose District 2 and Amy is a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

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**From:** Celine Janelle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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To the San Jose Mayor & City Council,

My name is Celine DinhJanelle. I'm a San Jose homeowner, mom & a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ-SCC). I'm strongly against the criminalization of my unhoused neighbors.

Having a criminal record is a big deal. I know because I'm an attorney. For immigrants, a minor misdemeanor conviction can lead to swift ICE detection, detention, and deportation, especially under the Trump administration. And for citizens, a criminal record can close doors to future jobs and housing - and possibly other programs, as Trump continues to target the poor and working class.

**DO NOT approve Mayor Mahan's plan to criminalize homelessness and establish a specialized police unit to arrest unhoused neighbors.** This plan will ruin lives, waste public resources, and hurt our community. We don't need more arrests and criminal records for our neighbors - we need real homeless prevention, affordable housing, and systems of care.

I am counting on your vote, and will be at City Hall tomorrow. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Celine DinhJanelle

P.S. And if public safety is important to you, vote to extend the TRUST pilot (Budget Addendum #8), **AND** fund the team for 24/7 coverage!

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**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:38 AM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**From:** Sigrid Jacobsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 11:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 11:52 AM  
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My name is Michele Coleman and I am a voter in San Jose District 6, and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

I am writing in opposition to Mayor Mahan's plan to criminalize homelessness and to establish a specialized police unit for this purpose with his so-called "Responsibility to Shelter" policy.

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Sincerely,

Michele Coleman

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**FW: Oppose "Responsibility to Shelter" San Jose City Council Study Session 05/12/2025**

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**Date** Mon 5/12/2025 12:09 PM

**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Tatyana Foltz, LCSW <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 12:04 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Leesa Lovelace [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 11:27 AM  
**To:** District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; mayor@sanjoseca.gov; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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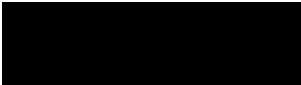
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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Serena Myjer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 12:52 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Sincerely,

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**FW: Neighborhood Services Study Session re: Senior Wellness Grants**

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**Date** Mon 5/12/2025 1:47 PM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Fred Buzo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 1:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** 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 Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Fred Buzo and I am writing on behalf of Catholic Charities to voice opposition to the proposed elimination of the Senior Health and Wellness Grants. As you consider this and other budget proposals impacting seniors/older adults, please keep in mind that age IS an equity factor.

This \$526,000 cut may seem minor in the context of a citywide budget, but for over 2,000 seniors in San José, it could mean the difference between access and isolation—between staying connected and falling through the cracks.

These grants support nonprofit organizations that offer health workshops, legal and tax assistance, and one-on-one counseling—services that are trusted, culturally responsive, and often reach seniors the City's own programs do not. Perhaps more importantly, each program also creates meaningful opportunities for older adults to socialize and stay connected.

In 2023, the U.S. Surgeon General declared an epidemic of loneliness in this country. The health effects of social isolation are real and well-documented—comparable to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Isolation increases the risk of dementia, heart disease, and premature death. And it's costly—adding an estimated \$6.7 billion a year to Medicare expenses.

If the goal is to support aging in place and reduce pressure on emergency services, cutting these grants moves us in the wrong direction. I urge you to maintain this funding and show our seniors that San José sees them, values them, and supports their health and dignity.

Thank you.

Fred Buzo, Director of Advocacy & Community Engagement  
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County  
[REDACTED]



"Do not be afraid to continue being 'protagonists of history,' working together 'body to body, person to person' as part of the 'great human family.'" Pope Francis

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**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** John Burk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 4:08 PM  
**To:** District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Sincerely,

John Burk

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**FW: Please reject the responsibility to shelter plan - it creates more problems than it solves and it is immoral**

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**Date** Tue 5/13/2025 7:42 AM  
**To** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Laurie Stewart <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 5:01 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Sincerely,

Laurie Stewart  
Resident, Downtown

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**From:** Siena Watson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 10:29 PM  
**To:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 11:04 AM  
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3. No arrests of unhoused people, especially
4. while the mayor and city council are not held accountable to provide housing and shelter,
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8. No encampment sweeps without safe,
9. clean, welcoming, and accessible alternative places to go, and
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13. Fund both temporary shelter and permanent
14. housing to address the crisis.
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Do not move forward with the so-called "Responsibility to Shelter" policy, and instead focus on prevention of homelessness, funding affordable housing, and creating systems of care.

Sincerely,

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