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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: 09/24/2019 – City Council Meeting
OPPOSE Item 4.3

Dear Mayor and City Council:

If the staff recommendation is adopted today, Item 4.3 will exempt 9 high-rise luxury towers from contributing any resources to build affordable housing or contribute to good jobs in the City of San Jose. We are asking the city council to reject the staff report and not gift taxpayer dollars to those that already make a hefty profit without requiring good jobs and affordable housing.

It was just a few weeks ago that the city council voted for workforce standards, paying workers the prevailing wage and supporting skilled apprenticeship programs on projects that receive a city subsidy. Now those same city councilmembers are poised to cast a vote that guts what they just approved. They want to hand out a \$67 million-dollar taxpayer subsidy so wealthy developers can increase their profit margin from 4.13% to 4.26% while simultaneously exempting these projects from the very workforce protections they just voted for.

We urge the city council to vote no on Item 4.3. There is a difference between feasibility and profitability. Increasing the profits for developers without requirements for good jobs and affordable housing isn't good public policy or a responsible use of city resources.

Sincerely,



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