

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

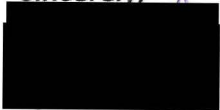
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Sincerely,

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Bill Harrington

From: David Buchholz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:30 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> District1

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<[REDACTED]> District5 <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> District7

<[REDACTED]> District8 <[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]> District 10

<[REDACTED]> Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Better Government Reforms

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David Buchholz

From: Daniel Glaessl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:50 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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Daniel Glaessl

From: Mike Benkert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Sincerely,

Mike Benkert



June 23, 2020

Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

RE: Accountability & Better Government Reforms – Rules Committee Agenda Item G.9

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of The Silicon Valley Organization (The SVO), I am writing to support Mayor Liccardo’s memorandum to implement **Accountability & Better Government Reforms** for the City of San José. By way of background, we are the Silicon Valley’s premier business advocacy organization representing nearly 1,200 local companies that employ nearly 300,000 local workers. We represent our membership as the region’s largest Chamber of Commerce.

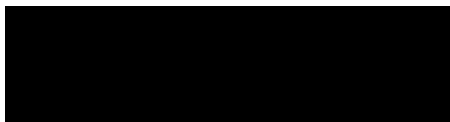
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These good government reforms will be transformative for San José. Local government works better when accountability lines are drawn straight to elected representatives and it is transparent that the community is driving the political priorities of the city. For these reasons and more, we strongly urge you to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo’s memorandum to implement city charter amendments for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

If you have any questions about The SVO’s position on this policy issue, please contact Eddie Truong, Director of Government & Community Relations, at (408) 291-5267.

Sincerely,



Matthew R. Mahood
President & CEO

Executive Committee

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Casey Quisol

From: Lalia Neira <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Sincerely,
Lalia Neira

From: frank deturris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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From: Jerry Strangis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Jerry Strangis

From: Liann Walborsky <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Liann Walborsky

From: Michael Turpin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Michael Turpin

From: Michael Ryan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Being born and raised here, Los Gatos, SJSU, and small business owner / operator the past 30 years in and around San Jose... The lack of consistency and relevance is horrible.

From the homeless issue, NIMBY push back, and they have more rights than I do..

to housing with code enforcement a beast with absolutely no place to challenge them..

Shall San Jose continue to be termed a 'cowl-town' or become a homogenous, welcome City of Industry and culture. I hope for the later.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Michael Ryan

From: Nathan Perez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Nathan Perez

From: Shawn Milligan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:51 AM
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Shawn Milligan

From: Arash Firouzjaei <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Arash Firouzjaei

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Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Matthew Mahood

From: Neil Collins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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We need better accountability more than ever to drive results in a post COVID-19 world.

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Neil Collins

From: Jane Santos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:07 AM
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From: Rick Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:07 AM
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No other city of San Jose's size operates this way, this reform is badly needed.

Sincerely,

Rick Smith

From: Monique Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Joel Graham

From: Huong Truong <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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From: Terrence Reilly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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This is long overdue, we need to align the mayor's office and responsibilities, with those of the voters that put the Mayor in office. Many believe the Mayor runs the City. It's time we make that happen.

Sincerely,

Terrence Reilly

From: Monique Nou <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Monique Nou

From: Rick Beatty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Sincerely,

Rick Beatty

From: Lieu Bach <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:38 AM
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From: Ryan Yamamoto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Ryan Yamamoto

From: Lisa Riggs <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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It is important that our elected officials make the decisions for our city so the voices of the voters are heard. Covid-19 has highlighted a massive break in that structure where unelected officials are making decisions that affect the health, wellness, and economy of our city. We can't let this happen again if we want our city to grow and businesses to continue to operate in San Jose.

Sincerely,
Lisa Riggs

From: Daniel Mata <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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The time to act is now. Discussion is worthless.

Sincerely,

Daniel Mata

From: Collin Forgey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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Thank you for your consideration!

Best,
Collin Forgey

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From: Shannon Hare <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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Shannon Hare

From: Tim Beaubien <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:34 PM
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Tim Beaubien

From: Bettie Owen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:42 PM
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Bettie Owen

From: Patrick Adair <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:23 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
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**SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN
ASSOCIATION**

June 23, 2020

Rules and Open Government Committee
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

RE: Accountability & Good Government Reforms – Rules Committee Agenda Item G.9

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

San José Downtown Association (SJDA) supports Mayor Liccardo's Accountability & Good Government Reforms for the City of San José.

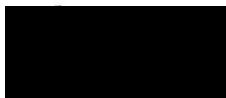
San José is the 10th biggest city in the United States with more than one million residents, however, the status quo of our government structure reflects a city charter established in the 1960s when the city's population was 200,000. The current Council-Manager form of government does not support the required response our citizenry now demands -- and deserves. We need the responsive decision-making from a Mayor-Council structure that will be more conducive to our city's future, and more in line with the vast majority of large U.S. cities.

This global pandemic reflects the epitome of how governments need to evolve and quickly shift the paradigm to serve their communities. San Jose's only citywide elected leader, its Mayor, should be in a position to lead our city with the efficacy suggested in this proposal with increased authority over the city manager and department heads.

The proposal would also apply sensible campaign finance reforms fairly and create a citizen committee to suggest additional charter amendments to further improve our city's governance.

We highly recommend you advance this proposal before the City Council for consideration on the November ballot.

Sincerely,



Scott Knies
Executive Director



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June 24, 2020

San Jose City Council

City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Accountability and Better Government Reforms-Rules Committee Agenda Item G.9

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS® (SCCAOR) and our 6,000 members, I write in support of Mayor Liccardo's memorandum to implement Accountability and Better Government Reforms for the City of San Jose.

San José is the 10th largest city in the United States, yet it still operates under an outdated 20th Century structure best suited for cities far smaller than San Jose. As we are all facing one of the worst crises in many decades, a global pandemic and subsequent deep economic recession, we must provide the people's choice of our elected Mayor the tools to help the public. SCCAOR has seen the reasonable demands from the public for the Mayor to act and respond to this crisis in a more hands-on approach. Under our current archaic form of government, the Mayor is unable to do so and does not have the ability to affect immediate change. In times of crisis, we need the government to be nimble, responsive, and accountable to the community for results. It is time for San Jose to join other major diverse U.S. cities with a Mayor-Council form of government.

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These structural changes will provide San Jose Mayors the modern tools desperately needed to act quickly and effectively in a modern era of constant change. These changes empower our community to have more control over the decisions affecting their lives daily. SCCAOR urges the Council to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo's memorandum to implement city charter amendments for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient City Hall.

Regards,


Sandy Jamison
President, Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS®

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*SCCAOR exists to meet the business, professional and political needs of its members
and to promote and protect home ownership and private property rights.*

From: Jarrod Jenkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Agendadesk [REDACTED]
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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i think this makes a tremendous amount of sense for our city. our firm has been downtown since 1951 and we have watched the city grow to be the 10th largest in the country, yet our form of government has not grown with us. please support the mayors proposal.

Sincerely,

marc parkinson

From: Serena Alvarez [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:35 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>
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<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: VOTE NO on Rules Committee Item G9: Reject Racist Power Grabs



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Dear Councilmembers,

A major change to the city charter must be preceded by a real and substantial process for community engagement -- something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the rules committee today.

The proposed charter amendment of Item G9 is nothing less than a power grab in response to the public outcry related to white supremacy in this valley and nation, supported by the very corporate interests that benefit from the white supremacy yet again exposed by scholarly research this week, rightly named a *Pain Index*. The proposed amendment grants power to silence representation of people of color to the office of the mayor. It would diminish the voices of people of color -- who would find their council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor, particularly the current mayor. We are deeply concerned about changes that would give the current mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly. The mayor himself, in his proposal, states that his leadership has been widely criticized and controverted, challenged -- and yet, he again fails to see that it is his patriarchal, domineering mode of operation that must be amended. He continues to disregard the voices of others and lives up to his reputation of believing he is the smartest person in the room who alone knows better than the rest of us. We have shared these concerns privately with the mayor and regret we are now cornered to raise them publicly.

Given that there has only been one person of color to ever hold the office of mayor, the net effects of moving even greater power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose. This proposal is a stark example of white supremacy at work in this valley, and again communities of color are traumatized, left to push back knees from our necks because we dare to speak truth.

We **demand** that Council swiftly **reject** Rules Committee Item G9 as it will vastly deepen the racial divide in this city and will lead to worsened unrest.

LISTEN. NOW.

/s/ Serena Alvarez, Esq.
Executive Director, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*, and
Executive Board Member and District 14 Director, *California LULAC* (Member, Council #3090 Santa Clara County)

/s/ Sylvia Alvarez, J.D.
Senior Latinx Fellow, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*,
Former Trustee, *Evergreen Elementary School District Board of Trustees* (2002-2018), and
Deputy Director, *California LULAC District 14* (Member, Council #3270 Meadowfair)

/s/ Michelle Pelayo-Osorio, M.P.A.
Senior Latinx Fellow, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*, and

Executive Board Member/Deputy Director for Women, *California LULAC* (Member, Council #3262 Silicon Valley Young Professionals)

/s/ Salud Barragan

Senior Latinx Fellow, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*,
Former Community Assistant, *Katherine Smith School* (95122), and
Council President, *California LULAC Council #3270 Meadowfair*



June 24, 2020

Honorable Members of the Rules Committee
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Rules Committee Members,

We write to support the memorandums from Vice Mayor Jones and Councilmember Jimenez to place the “Inclusion, Accountability, and Better Government Reforms” charter amendment on the November 2020 election.

Our democracy works best when more people participate. By aligning the mayoral election with the Presidential election, we will increase the number and diversity of voters who participate in selecting our city’s mayor. Doing so provides a stronger connection, and accountability, between the community as a whole and San Jose’s highest elected office.

Further, the proposal by Vice Mayor Jones and Councilmember Jimenez, will help limit potential undue influence by lobbyists and special interests on our elected officials as well as city commissions. This provides an added safeguard to ensure that the interests of the public are protected against the interests of the powerful and wealthy. Strong campaign finance and influence laws create strong and publicly responsive governments.

Finally, as supporters of the Fair Elections Initiative, we are pleased to see that thoughtfulness and collaboration prevailed at City Hall, allowing election and campaign finance reform to move forward with a limited expansion of Mayoral authority.

Sincerely,

Steve Flores, Business Manager
UA 393, Plumbers and Pipefitters

Dan Rodriguez, Business Manager
IBEW Local 332

Cc: Rules and Open Government Committee

From: Janet Holt <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:51 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Opposition to Mayor Liccardo's Strong Mayor Charter Amendment Proposal

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Janet Holt
San Jose, CA

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Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 1:21 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio

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Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya

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Tom Paramo

From: Dylan Boldt <dylan@sprinklerfitters483.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:04 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 6-24, Rules Committee Agenda Item 9



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Dear Rules Committee:

My name is Dylan M. Boldt and I am a representative of the Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 483

I am speaking in support of the recommendations by Council members Jimenez and Jones.

For over a year, thousands of San Jose residents sign a petition, which many council members supported for the Fair Elections Initiative. If passed will increase voter participation by aligning the Mayor's election with presidential years and limiting campaign contributions from special interests.

The recommendations before you today will help us achieve our shared goals of increasing the number and diversity of voters who participate in selecting our city's mayor.

There are no guarantees that a Fair Elections measure will be placed on any future ballot so we must act now.

Thank you for your support.

From: Steven Meneses <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

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Dear Clerk City Clerk,

I am writing to share my support for Mayor Liccardo's memorandum for Better Government Reforms in the City of San José.

San José is the 10th largest city in the United States, yet it is stuck in the 1980's with a management structure more suited for small cities. In times of crisis, we need government to be nimble, responsive, and accountable to the community for results and to bring local government into the 21st century. As we face the greatest series of crises in our lifetime – a global pandemic and the deepest economic recession since the great recession – we must have the people's choice, an elected Accountable Mayor, be directly responsible for the city rather than unelected bureaucrats. The public must have confidence that their elected officials are the ones driving the community's priorities.

The proposed measure would also curb the influence of powerful special interest groups, who have dominated San José politics for far too long. The measure would implement a strict conflict of interest provision that would require City Councilmembers to recuse themselves on a vote that would benefit their special interest donors. Furthermore, professional lobbyists would be banned from making contributions to a politician's campaign.

I strongly urge you to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo's good government reforms for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

Sincerely,

Steven Meneses

From: Jill Alter <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:51 PM

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