

Blair Beekman. San Jose city council. August 4, 2020. Item 4.1.

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Mon 8/3/2020 3:40 PM

To:

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

With item 4.1. police body cam footage, and overall policing ideas.

As we were all brave, and uncertain, in the first days, of the protests.

And to respect, a certain amount of early restraint, SJPd may have had.

At this point, I can't say enough, in my dismay, how SJPd, could have handled the situation differently, both tactically, and with everyday individuals.

It should make clear, the job of police chief Eddie Garcia, should no longer feel as secure, as the DoJ understandings, of 2015-16, that have been developed in San Jose, and elsewhere.

Is SJPd, San Jose city govt, and ourselves, ready to take, the next steps, in how to better handle protest, and day to day relations, with everyday community ?

A possible, simple example & microcosm, of San Jose, as a whole, is the sometimes, hostility & fear, SJPd, and even city govt., can offer to the public, who try to speak at, city council meetings.

I hope it can be noted, the usually decent intentions of public speakers, compared with, a sometimes surprising hostility & prejudices, of SJPd, and city govt., at sj public meetings.

This may have important learning lessons, to understand, the current state, of human interactions in San Jose.

And as part of, long-term problems & attitudes in policing, and in local city govt itself, that needs to be addressed.

This is with apologies, in the current work, of trying to develop good relationships, in San Jose.

As I do feel, for the past few years, San Jose govt., has been trying to work on, it's own problems, of a very narrow set, of educational & class prejudices, it has had, of everyday community.

With the ideas of cooperation, on all sides, I hope SJP, can understand, these recent better efforts, by San Jose City govt., to address these problems.

I think it can be of help, to the review process, SJP needs, at this time.

I feel this line of thinking, can help teach, and work towards, fewer arrests & less harassment of people, at protests.

And teach, better day to day to day community relations, as well.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

I feel, the practices of a local community democracy, that tries to work towards & listen to, the voice of each individual.

compared with local democracies, that try to develop it's ideas, more as, a body of voices, like a republic -

Can be an important way, to understand & address, the ideas of demilitarization, defunding, reform, and restructuring, at this time, of both, a police dept, and a city govt.

I hope the upcoming questions, of what can be public access, to police dept. body camera footage, during the recent protests, can also help develop,

How everyday people, can eventually have better access, to police body camera footage, in realistic, day-to-day needs, as well.

The January 22, 2020, Rules and Open Government meeting, RaOG, had a public hearing -

Can a person, from San Jose, who is currently making a court appeal - have body camera footage, to help his defense case.

It was ruled, at the RaOG public hearing, that day, that he could not have, the body camera footage.

It was a fairly standard judgment. It also felt, in the room, this standard, could be questionable.

To bring out these questions, into the open - of what can be, the public's right to body cam footage - seemed the intention of San Jose City government, to have this Jan. 22, public hearing, in the first place.

So this is an issue, that is already on people's minds. In San Jose.

The question is, what do we want to do about it, at this time.

And how can the public, be allowed the right, to see body camera footage, to prepare for, their own court trials.

Along with, similar, important needs & reasons.

This should make for, some decent, good connections, with the current public ask, of police body camera footage, from the protests.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

Fw: 4.2 Release of body cam footage

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Tue 8/18/2020 11:55 AM

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Hello Council Members,
AB 1421 the California Public Records Public Act requires state and local agencies to make public records available for inspection. Body cameras are expensive technology and outfitting our police with body cams costs millions of dollars. Body cameras are worn in order to help police with investigations, to support police testimony in court. Body cams are also worn to hold police accountable for their actions. When the footage is not made available for public review, body cams become an expensive technology that promises accountability, but does the opposite. [AB 1069](#) also requires that public records be available for public inspection. It does not serve the public interest to hide body cam footage from the George Floyd protests. San José police department resists accountability and transparency at every step. Do not allow SJPd to hide their protest crimes. The IPA must have the power to investigate police, and body camera footage worn by the police during the protests is in the public interest and must be made available for the public to view. Thank you for your time,
Brian Parkma
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Re: Public comment of Ladoris Cordell for San Jose City Council Meeting

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Thanks Paul, it will be posted.

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Good evening

Judge Cordell wanted to speak tonight but was having connection issues likely related to the rolling power outages. She asked to submit this dfor the record on her behalf as part of public comment for Agenda items 4.1 - 4.4

Thank you

Paul Pereira
Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

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PUBLIC COMMENT OF Ladoris Cordell FOR SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 18 AUGUST 2020

While I address my brief comments to the proposal concerning the IPA office, I want you to know that I am enthusiastically supportive of all of the recommended actions.

During the five years that I was the IPA, the office did the best it could to hold officers accountable for misconduct, but we always had our hands tied because when complaints were made, the police investigated themselves and made their own findings.

With this proposal, accountability for police misconduct takes a giant, and long overdue leap forward. It will be the IPA office, and only that office, that will investigate all complaints of misconduct ---courtesy, neglect of duty, bias-based policing, force, procedure, search & seizure, and conduct unbecoming--- all of them. And as importantly, the IPA will make the findings for all allegations of misconduct. No longer will the police police themselves in San Jose.

Here's just one example of what happens when the SJPD investigated complaints of misconduct: Of the 430 complaints alleging bias-based policing between 2010 through 2018, only one based on race was sustained, with the great majority of the complaints labeled "unfounded" by the Department.

So, this one change, if approved, will do a great deal to build the community's trust in holding police accountable.

I urge the council members and the community to support this proposal. It is not anti-police; quite the contrary, it is pro-accountability, which benefits us all.

Thank you.

REMARKS OF LADORIS CORDELL FOR SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 18 AUGUST 2020

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