
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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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

From: Mayor Matt Mahan <mayormatt_at_sanjosecagov_ccsend_com_gd72bt2ds68efm_91br5714@icloud.com>

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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.

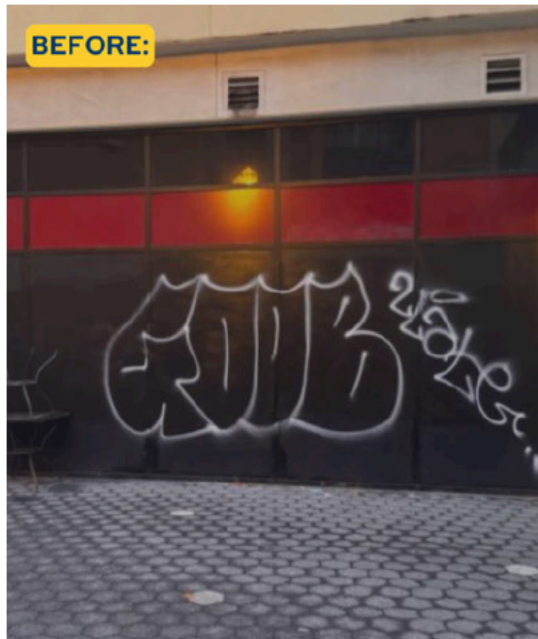
San José is doing its part. It's time Sacramento demands every city and county does theirs too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Mahan".

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**

NBC  **BAY AREA**

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

NBC  **BAY AREA**

**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: Please vote NO on Item 3.3 on May 13

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Diane McNutt - [REDACTED]

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We ask that you vote NO on item 3.3 concerning the usage of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues. See our attached letter which explains our position.

Thank you for your service to the residents of San Jose.

Diane McNutt, President, League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara
lwvsjsc.org

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P.O. Box 5374
San Jose, CA 95150
May 8, 2025

To: Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley and Councilmembers Kamei, Campos, Salas, Cohen, Ortiz, Mulcahy, Doan, Candelas and Casey

cc: City Clerk

RE: Agenda Item 3.3 – Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2025-2026 Proposed Fees & Charges for the City of San Jose including a Revision of the Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara wrote previously to oppose the recommendation in the Mayor's March Budget to reallocate Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax revenues. The League now urges you to **VOTE NO** on the Administration's proposed change in Council Policy 1-18, Section 22 allowing most of Measure E revenues to be spent on temporary homelessness sheltering and support. The League asks you to direct the City Manager to **conduct a full cost-benefit analysis where the long-term taxpayer costs are shown.**

Impact on Housing Element

In a letter dated June 18, 2023, the League supported forwarding the Housing Element to HCD for compliance review. San Jose, after multiple revisions, now has a state-certified, 8-year housing plan to build some 60,000 homes. The Housing Element requires building at all levels of affordability. However, the Administration recommends removing specific percentage allocations for the development of new affordable housing by area median income.

The League is concerned that the use of all Real Property Transfer Tax revenue for only temporary, interim housing could lead to de-certification and subject the City to potential liability. The following seem most in jeopardy: P-2, P-3, P-18, P-21, R-2, R-13 and N-5. R-13, Soft Story Retrofit had a grant plus matching funds from Measure E. With 1.7 individuals becoming homeless for everyone (1) that is housed, a Preservation NOFA seems badly needed along with P-2 which would provide Permanent Supportive Housing for our most vulnerable.

Fiscal Responsibility

The manipulation of funds in Measure E in the current budget, and the suggested policy changes do not appear to have the basis of a full analysis including the long-term costs and benefits of the requested changes for taxpayers. There is no data on whether the shift of Measure E funds over the last couple of years has yielded the purported benefits in the short term. The Budget Office notes that in a few years the impact on the Operating Budget will reach \$92 million. Reaching functional zero results in annual operating costs of \$234 million

by the Housing Department's own estimate. There appears to be no long-term plan to sustain the fiscal impacts of a shelter-first approach rather than investing in more aspects in the continuum of care. There is no discussion of the lost opportunity costs of shovel ready projects that leverage the City's contribution. While it may cost close to \$1 million per door to construct affordable housing, the impact on the Operating Budget funding city services is far less. Currently it is \$200,000 plus.

Criminalization of Homelessness

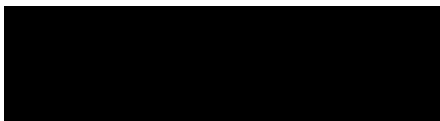
The League of Women Voters California has a Homelessness Action Policy that prohibits policies, practices, regulations and laws that criminalize, penalize, or permit the harassment of people experiencing homelessness. The League expresses extreme concern regarding policies currently under consideration that may lead to costly, ineffective incarceration of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Good Governance

The League worked very hard to pass Measure E in 2020. We were fully aware of the meaning of a General Purpose tax. It was stated clearly in the ballot measure which also listed a number of uses for any revenues generated.

Guardrails were created well before the vote by the creation of Council Policy 1-18, Section 22. Such an extreme change in adopted council policy should not be relegated to the budget appropriation process. Lack of faith and confidence in governmental institutions has reached a crisis level. To keep faith with those that voted on Measure E, the **League recommends that you postpone a permanent decision on Section 22 until a robust community engagement process can be conducted where stakeholders and the general public are granted more than one or two minutes to comment.**

Respectfully,



Diane McNutt, President
League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara
president@lwvsjsc.org

FW: May 13th City Council: Agenda Item 3.3: Against Responsibility to Shelter Implementation, For Expanding TRUST field team to 24/7

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Hello,

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

As an educator, I work with students who are currently unhoused. Mayor Mahan's proposed policy to criminalize homelessness would directly undermine their ability to complete their education, secure stable housing, and build a better future. This approach is not only ineffective—it is also inhumane and an irresponsible use of public resources.

I also want to ensure that my students and neighbors have access to the support they need if they find themselves in a mental health or substance abuse crisis. The TRUST program provides a compassionate and effective alternative, especially for people of color and disabled folks who have been most harmed by defaulting to a police response for every situation.

For the good of our community and our unhoused neighbors, do not implement the so-called Responsibility to Shelter policy and its criminalization of homelessness. Instead, prioritize true public safety by fully funding the TRUST program so we can have a 24/7 response team available to meet the needs of our community.

Thank you,
Jacquie Martin

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Jacquie Martin
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Dear Council Member Campos, other Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

I am a D2 resident, volunteer organizer with Showing Up for Racial Justice SantaClaraCounty, and Co-president of the BOD of Urban Sanctuary.

I sent a letter yesterday detailing why I, along with many housing, mental health and public safety experts, disagree with Mayor Mahan's disingenuous shell game around criminalizing our folks who are struggling with housing and mental health issues.

Today I am focusing on the positives. What will assist our neighbors who are experiencing mental health and housing issues? We are fortunate to have the TRUST program, that can keep folks who are experiencing a mental health crisis from being harmed or killed by an armed responder. Research from other regions that have civilian response fir behavioral health crisis is more cost effective over the long run.

Unfortunately, I am in an East coast airport after visiting my grandson with only my phone, but I will forward some links about said research later.

Housing insecurity, historical and current racial discrimination, behavioral health challenges all intersect. I want to re-imagine what healthy communities look like. One thing is that housing would truly be affordable. Housing just IS NOT AFFORDABLE in SanJose. We need to commit to funding permanent affordable housing. Another thing is, real help for those facing behavior health or substance issues. Instead of shifting blame to the County, work with them. Funding one 24/7 TRUST Team is a rational step in this direction.

Fund TRUST. Preserve part of the Measure E funds for permanent affordable housing. Do not criminalize being unhoused. Do not pretend that adequate alternatives to incarceration framed as "rehabilitation" placements exist. They do not. [Check the County Behaviour Health Board, updated daily.] Because of this REALITY, The Responsibility to Shelter mandate

will increase the incarceration of our unhoused brothers and sisters, whether you mean it to or not. Do not approve this poorly thought out item.

It is complicated. Thank you for your careful consideration of all the facts and unintended consequences.

Sincerely,
Deborah St Julien
D2 Resident
Volunteer organizer, SURJ SCC
Co-president, BOD, Urban Sanctuary

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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 support of the recommendation in Manager's Budget Addendum #8 to extend the TRUST pilot through June 30, 2026, but also wish to see San Jose fund a 24/7 TRUST team in this year's budget.

Civilian crisis response is the optimal response for behavioral health crises. Data from Los Angeles County shows that over time, co-responder teams with police are "significantly more costly, while not as effective, as civilian teams that are comprised of a BH [Behavioral Health] clinician and a peer support specialist" (p. 35).

While it is a step in the right direction for San Jose to be funding a TRUST team for 40 hours a week to aid in public safety, the reality is that crises don't always occur during business hours. We wouldn't expect someone to only call for emergencies like heart attacks, fires, or robberies between 11 AM to 7 PM, so it's only fitting that we wouldn't expect the same of people suffering in crisis. Public safety is a 24/7 necessity.

We also know that TRUST can be reimbursed by Medi-Cal, and that opioid settlement funds can be used in part to pay for the service.

Please accept the recommendation in Manager's Budget Addendum #8 to extend the pilot, but also fund the team for 24/7 coverage.

Sincerely,

Valerie Niles

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

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Andrew Siegler (he/they)

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: brlakatos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 7:59 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>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>
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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.

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From: Joan Howe [REDACTED]
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My name is Joan Howe and I am a voter in San Jose District 10 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Emily hendon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 9:39 AM
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My name is Emily Hendon and I am a voter in San Jose District 6 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

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Emily Hendon

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FW: Library funding is important to us! - Agenda Item #3.3

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: jeanhz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:15 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Library funding is important to us! - Agenda Item #3.3

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Dear City Council Members,

Thank you for your thoughtful work on the 2025–26 Budget. I know it's no small task to balance our city's many needs while facing such a significant shortfall. I'm writing as a resident who deeply values our libraries and the role they play in making San José a stronger, more connected community.

Our libraries do so much more than lend books—they offer safe spaces, learning opportunities, job resources, and digital access for people of all ages and backgrounds. As visits rise and more neighbors turn to the library for support, preserving full funding is more important than ever.

With one of the lowest per capita library budgets in the Bay Area, even small cuts would have a big impact—especially on seniors, students, families, and job seekers who rely on these vital services. Keeping our libraries strong supports everything from economic opportunity to community safety and wellbeing.

Please continue to invest in our libraries—they're a lifeline for so many and a cornerstone of what makes San José such a vibrant and caring city.

Warmly,

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Jean Hsueh - resident in San Jose

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Leslie Zeiger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:20 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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My name is Leslie and I am a local voter and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

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Sincerely,
Leslie

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 10:31 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Amy Guzules [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:27 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,

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.

We are writing in support of the recommendation in Manager's Budget Addendum #8 to extend the TRUST pilot through June 30, 2026, but we also wish to see San Jose fund a 24/7 TRUST team in this year's budget.

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 10:44 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Celine Janelle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:41 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Mayor Mahan,

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 12:09 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Michele Coleman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 12:00 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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To the San Jose Mayor & City Council,

My name is Michele Coleman. I am a voter in San Jose District 4 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.

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Sincerely,

Michele Coleman

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FW: Please Support and Expand TRUST Services

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 12:10 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Barbara Doheny [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 12:09 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; supervisor.lee@bos.sccgov.org; staff@bos.sccgov.org
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

California lacks accessible mental health care, and it will take years to build one out. Meantime, we can prevent some of the heartbreak to families and police officers alike that comes with the unnecessary death of mentally disturbed individuals by improving and expanding crisis response units.

I live in Sunnyvale but have frequently worked in San Jose and volunteered with people feeding the unhoused within the city. I have also personally called the TRUST unit via 988 for a man who was at the driveway to my Sunnyvale apartment complex, threatening a woman he believed to be inside. They did not have enough teams to reach him until he ambled away, after more than an hour of loud and obscene shouting on his part. Luckily, no one called the police, whose mere appearance would have escalated the situation and despite Sunnyvale's excellent training, possibly still resulted in a tragic outcome.

Expanding funding of TRUST will improve their training opportunities and personnel. It will perhaps allow them to dispatch more experienced teams to harder cases, while allowing newer teams to learn by attending to less dangerous situations.

I urge you to expand the TRUST teams to 24/7 hours permanently. I have no comment one way or the other on the effectiveness of the other crisis intervention teams in use in the county, but I have a little experience with TRUST and I have recommended them to my neighbors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Doheny
[REDACTED]

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 12:59 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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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Serena Myjer

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FW: May 13, 2025 City Council Meeting, Item 3.3: Vote NO on Responsibility to Shelter and shifting funds to temporary housing

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 3:03 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kim Guptill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 3:00 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>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>
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Mayor and Councilmembers:

As a 33-year resident of District 6, and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice Santa Clara County, I continue to be appalled by the attempts by the mayor and his cronies to:

- ignore the will of Measure E voters -- as well as literally every local housing-support organization -- and redirect funds from permanent to temporary housing;
- claim that it is the will of the people to sweep people off the streets like so much garbage;
- arrest people that refuse what everyone knows are horrific "shelter" options;
- have the gall to use your devious rhetoric to hoodwink people into thinking you actually care about our fellow San Joseans;
- and now, propose we assign 7 cops to enforce your evil plan to criminalize people for being poor.

This is not "Public Safety;" this is the mayor's way of making a name for himself. I call him a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Sincerely,

Kim Guptill

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FW: SJ Chamber Support - Items 3.3, 7.2, and 10.2

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Date Mon 5/12/2025 3:07 PM

To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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SJ Chamber - Comments for City Manager's Budget 050925.pdf; SJ Chamber - Comments for PBCE Operational Assessment 050725 (4).pdf; SJ Chamber Support 10.2 Sharks Way 050925 (1).pdf;

From: Lomio, Michael <Michael.Lomio@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 3:07 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Fw: SJ Chamber Support - Items 3.3, 7.2, and 10.2

FYI



Michael Lomio (he/him)

Sr. Land Use & Economic Development Policy Advisor

Office of Mayor Matt Mahan

 e: Michael.Lomio@sanjoseca.gov

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From: Kat Angelov <

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 3:04 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>

Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Burton, Chris <Christopher.Burton@sanjoseca.gov>; Leah Toeniskoetter

<leaht@sjchamber.com>

Subject: SJ Chamber Support - Items 3.3, 7.2, and 10.2

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, we are submitting support letters for the following items at Council tomorrow:

- 3.3: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget
- 7.2: Code Enforcement Operational Assessment Report
- 10.2: Street Renaming of Street Segments West St. John Street, North Almaden Boulevard, and Santa Teresa Street, to “Sharks Way.”

Please find letters outlining our positions and comments attached. Thank you for the consideration of our comments.

Kind regards,
Kat



Kat Angelov

Policy Manager

San Jose Chamber of Commerce



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May 9, 2025

City of San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113

RE: Item 3.3: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget

Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our support for the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. We believe the City Manager's office and the Finance Department put together a pragmatic budget that avoids staff and service reductions in a down cycle while uplifting necessary infrastructure for upcoming events.

We are pleased to see that the proposed budget includes allocating Measure E funds for Interim Housing Construction and Operations, which satisfies a large portion of the budget deficit. The Chamber maintains that this allocation supports our much-needed sheltering program. Further, we are pleased to see affordable housing still prioritized in the budget as the Housing Department identifies funds for two "Notice of Funding Availability," or NOFAs, this year. Interim housing supports those who are already on our streets while affordable housing prevents residents and community members from falling into homelessness.

Further, we are pleased that several important items for the Chamber have been included in this budget including:

- \$1.5 million for citywide expenses related to the 2026 Sporting Events
- \$250,000 for Sports and Entertainment District Preliminary Development
- \$300,000 for 2026 Sporting Events Destination Marketing and Support at the San Jose Mineta International Airport
- \$120,000 for Small Business ADA Legal Support
- \$250,000 for CEQA Process Improvement within Planning, Building and Code Enforcement
- \$150,000 for Enhanced Vacant/Dangerous Downtown Building Inspection

The San Jose Chamber of Commerce appreciates the efforts made by the city to bring forward a thoughtful and balanced proposal that meets the wide-ranging needs of its residents and businesses.

Sincerely,



Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO
San Jose Chamber of Commerce

FW: Support MBA #8 on TRUST for Agenda Item 3.3 City Council Meeting 05/13/2025

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John Burk

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CATALYZE SV

Re: Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues

Dear City Councilmembers & Mayor,

First off, we embrace efforts in the budget memo mentioned in this section: "To partially mitigate this impact, the Housing Department is working to make available ... sources to support new affordable housing development in the near term and helping to move forward previously committed affordable housing projects."

Catalyze SV members — many of whom are San Jose residents — meet once a month to evaluate and score housing developments. We support projects that score 3.5 or higher out of 5 among our members. Most affordable housing projects we review score above 3.5. And we won't be able to score, nor see built, as many affordable housing projects if we don't ensure they receive public funds.

Measure E has been one of *the best and only* ways for the City of San Jose to fund affordable housing. This is especially true now that the City is reducing or waiving Inclusionary Housing Ordinance fees. And especially important because after withdrawing a 2024 ballot measure, we have no regional effort to raise new fund for affordable housing in San Jose until 2026/2027.

As such, we urge the Council to continue directing more Measure E funding to building long-term affordable housing and less to interim or emergency housing. We believe the allocation should return to the amount agreed upon by the Council in 2023. Outside of a NOFA, Measure E has traditionally been the only way to fund affordable housing, whereas services to reduce homelessness can come from multiple other sources.

This is the same position Catalyze SV took last year. And the year before that.

No new year or new argument can change the facts underpinning the whole, hard truth: building housing is the best way to solve homelessness. Housing that is long-term. Housing that is sustainable. Housing that is affordable. Housing that is not operated by — and thus not paid for every year by — the government.

Unfortunately, as long as the housing shortage continues and income inequality keeps rising, we anticipate homelessness will rise. And the Measure E reallocation will, as the cliché goes, only treat the symptoms and not the cause of the disease.

We hope we are wrong and that all these public dollars spent on interim housing will in fact reduce homelessness and human suffering.

Yet in case we're right, it's important we stand up and continue to speak out.

Thank you for considering our perspective — Alex

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Alex Shoor

Executive Director | Catalyze SV

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San Jose Mayor & City Council:

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Hedges
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My name is Siena Watson and I am a voter in San Jose District 9 and a member of SURJ Santa Clara County. I am writing in support of the recommendation in Manager's Budget Addendum #8 to extend the TRUST pilot through June 30, 2026, but also wish to see San Jose fund a 24/7 TRUST team in this year's budget. Civilian crisis response is the optimal response for behavioral health crises. [Data from Los Angeles County](#) shows that over time, co-responder teams with police are "significantly more costly, while not as effective, as civilian teams that are comprised of a BH [Behavioral Health] clinician and a peer support specialist" (p. 35).

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Sincerely,

Siena Watson

FW: Item 3.3 Letters from the Public

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers,

My name is Darcie Green, and I serve as the Executive Director of Latinas Contra Cancer and am a member of the REAL Coalition. I am writing to urge you to take several critical actions to ensure this year's budget truly reflects the needs and priorities of our community.

1. Honor the commitment to survivors of intimate partner violence.

In 2023, the Council voted to fund a pilot project focused on transforming how our city responds to intimate partner violence. As a survivor myself, and as someone who worked hard to elevate this issue during that budget cycle—including supporting the RFP process and engaging with the consultant team—you can imagine how deeply personal and urgent this issue is to me and to many others in our community. The City has not yet delivered on that promise. I urge you to fully invest in a pilot and demonstrate that San José is serious about transforming harm through creating alternatives and survivor-centered solutions.

2. Invest \$1.5 million in immigrant defense and rapid response.

With over \$45 billion in new federal investments toward immigration enforcement, San José must

be prepared. Please commit \$1.5 million to fund legal protection, rapid response, and community-based measures to protect immigrant families in our city.

3. Continue funding the TRUST program.

The TRUST program plays a critical role in protecting the safety and dignity of immigrant residents. With opioid settlement funds available as a source, there is no excuse not to sustain this vital investment.

4. Protect prevention funding under Measure E.

At least 15% of Measure E funds should be preserved for prevention—as originally intended by voters. With so many cuts to prevention already on the table, this commitment is more important than ever. Additionally, any unforecasted revenue from the measure should go toward its core purpose: affordable housing.

These are not abstract policy choices—they are about protecting lives, preserving dignity, and honoring commitments made to our community. I urge you to lead with courage and compassion.

Thank you for the leadership, the thoughtfulness and the work I know you are putting into this budget cycle.

Sincerely,

Darcie Green

Executive Director, Latinas Contra Cancer

Member, REAL Coalition



Darcie Green

Executive Director

She/Her/Ella

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Fred Buzo, and on behalf of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, I am here to express deep concern about a policy decision that success hinges on resources and oversight outside of the City of San José. Once someone is arrested, the City has no authority over what happens next. Using legal remedies will lead more individuals being cycled through the criminal justice system without receiving the needed treatment, housing, or support—only to return to the streets, often within 24 hours. District 3, where the main jail is located, and neighboring District 6 are likely to bear the brunt of this policy.

The City of San José would be better off partnering with and further investing in public health and behavioral health interventions. These are systems that will better help individuals to move out of poverty versus increase the likelihood of building criminal records connected to being unhoused.

Implementing a policy that punishes people for refusing shelter—when that refusal is often based on real safety concerns, accessibility issues, or mental health conditions—will not reduce homelessness. It will only make it harder for people to stabilize their lives. Investing in permanent housing, wraparound services, and public health-based responses is not only more humane—it's more effective.

At a minimum, this proposal warrants careful study before any action is taken. Adopting this kind of enforcement-based policy without a clear plan for care, coordination, and accountability is not just shortsighted—it risks deepening the crisis.

We cannot arrest our way out of a housing crisis, but we can deepen housing, services, and outreach. Unfortunately, the proposed policy is a step in the wrong direction.

Thank you.

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

"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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