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Caroline Thomas <[REDACTED]>

Mon 3/20/2023 6:54 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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I support our mayor's directive as quote below:

“Many of the recommendations outlined above will help facilitate faster construction of much needed affordable housing. Beyond making it easier to build affordable housing, we need to preserve our greatest existing stock of naturally-affordable housing: Mobile Home Parks. Residents of mobile homes are more likely to be lower income and older communities that have few other housing options. To protect these neighbors, the City Manager is directed to change the General Plan’s land use designation for the remaining mobile home parks not yet redesignated from multifamily residential to “mobile home” park, and begin allocating the funding needed.”

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Caroline Thomas

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# Support for the Arts - City Council Item 3.5 - March 21, 2023

Flora Moreno de Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Mon 3/20/2023 7:08 PM

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Flora Moreno, and I am an Arts Advocate. I am writing to you today regarding Item 3.5 on your agenda for Tuesday, March, 21, Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mayor's March Budget Message.

As an Arts Advocate, I believe that arts and culture are essential to the economic, social, and civic wellbeing of our city. I appreciate the Mayor's intention in his March Budget Message to explore additional funding to support our arts community and other initiatives to improve the vibrancy and quality of life in San José (p. 25).

In order to achieve the Mayor's goals and create a more sustainable arts and cultural community in San José, I call on you to take the following actions:

1. Direct the City Manager, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-2024, to reapportion the current General Fund allocation from the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) equally across the remainder recipients of TOT funding: the Office of Cultural Affairs — including Cultural Grants Programs — the Convention and Visitors Bureau (Team San José), and Convention and Cultural Facilities;
2. Direct the City Manager to work with local stakeholders including SJAA to identify budget policy strategies to guide the long-term investment of the TOT to better serve the arts, culture, entertainment, and hospitality industries — which play a large role in generating the TOT — and return to Council within the next fiscal year with strategies for consideration and implementation;
3. Direct staff from the Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs to develop a framework for a Private Percent for Art policy, common in other Bay Area cities, which has been on the City Council's priority list for more than three years; and
4. Direct staff to explore a pilot program to employ Artists in Residence within City departments to apply a creative, problem-solving lens to some of the City's intractable challenges and help build deeper civic engagement in the policy making process.

I am proud to stand with San José Arts Advocates to support these priorities for preserving, protecting, and promoting our creative community, which collectively generates hundreds of millions of dollars of economic impact for our city, creates thousands of jobs, inspires us to engage, and improves the quality of life for all of our residents.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration.

Regards,

Flora Moreno de Thompson

[REDACTED], District 3

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Helen Tindall <[REDACTED]>

Mon 3/20/2023 7:57 PM

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support parks and housing.

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Rachel Wuerstlin <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:32 AM

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Rachel Wuerstlin, and I am an Arts Advocate. I am writing to you today regarding Item 3.5 on your agenda for Tuesday, March, 21, Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mayor's March Budget Message.

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Regards,

Rachel Wuerstlin  
*in District 6*

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## FW: Support a San Jose budget for All!

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Catherine Roy <[REDACTED]@actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 4:32 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support a San Jose budget for All!

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please support the San José Budget for All asks — as put forth by many community organizations, including Silicon Valley Rising, the South Bay Labor Council, the Latina Coalition, the Asian Law Alliance, and Planned Parenthood (Mar Monte).

As a San José resident in District 4, I am writing to ask for your support in shaping a City Budget that prioritizes the needs of working families and upholds our values as a community. In order to properly address economic, racial, and social inequality, we need a budget that ensures we are building a City for every resident, family, and neighborhood.

I, like many others, was disappointed by Mayor Matt Mahan's budget message released on March 13th which pays lip service to multiple priorities, while still excluding a large number of residents — in particular Black, Latino, and AAPI communities as well as other immigrant and low-income residents whose neighborhoods are historically underfunded.

Moreover, the focus on "cleaning up" and other short term solutions such as using a large chunk of resources on interim housing that merely hides and postpones our housing crisis, raises questions regarding whose priorities are reflected in this message — the people of San José or the real estate interests aligned with the Mayor?

We cannot afford a San José budget that does not address the most urgent needs of our most vulnerable communities. I am joining together with my community to ask you to prioritize a City Budget that includes workers, parents and children, includes all neighborhoods, and our most vulnerable residents. A budget that goes beyond the surface, and addresses the root causes of inequality in our City.

Catherine Roy  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95131

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## FW: Agenda Item 3.5

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Uma & Suresh Rangarajan <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 4:39 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Uma Suresh <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.5

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Please do not reduce the funding for libraries and if feasible, increase it. Coming from a country where libraries were few and far apart when I was growing up, I was flabbergasted by the plethora of libraries in the U.S. and felt like a kid in a candy shop. I am convinced libraries are the backbone of a civilized society.

Best,  
Suresh Rangarajan

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## FW: Support a San Jose budget for All!

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Alison Frost <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 4:40 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support a San Jose budget for All!

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please support the San José Budget for All asks — as put forth by many community organizations, including Silicon Valley Rising, the South Bay Labor Council, the Latina Coalition, the Asian Law Alliance, and Planned Parenthood (Mar Monte).

As someone who works in San José, I am writing to ask for your support in shaping a City Budget that prioritizes the needs of working families and upholds our values as a community. In order to properly address economic, racial, and social inequality, we need a budget that ensures we are building a City for every resident, family, and neighborhood.

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Alison Frost  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95131

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**FW: Agenda item 3.5**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Pat Flanigan <pat.f[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 4:40 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda item 3.5

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Please let the City Council know that I believe the San Jose Public Library services are vital to the health and well-being of our community. The libraries serve our most vulnerable residents and build a more equitable, educated, and engaged community. In the upcoming budget decisions I think there should be NO cuts to the library budget, and if at all possible, the budget should be increased to allow for pre-pandemic staffing levels and hours of service.

Thank you for considering this request.

Pat Flanigan

Almaden Avenue, San Jose

Ps. During the pandemic closures the City service I missed the MOST was the library.

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**FW: "Agenda Item 3.5"**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** anna trinh <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 5:21 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** "Agenda Item 3.5"

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**FW: public library service**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Dale Garman <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 5:23 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** public library service

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please fully fund this service in the upcoming budget decisions!

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**FW: City Council Agenda Item 3.5**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Sandra Asher <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 5:29 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** City Council Agenda Item 3.5

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Dear City Council and Mayor Mahan,

My name is Sandra Asher. I'm a long time D10 resident, a member of the SJ RIPS committee and SCC ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration) Workgroup, and a member of SURJ at Sacred Heart.

I'm glad to see the Mayor supporting the RIPS and REAL Coalition recommendations on crime prevention and violence reduction solutions working with NextDoor Solutions and with a budget of \$400,000 to ensure a robust community-centric approach. I also agree that we should be doubling down on the City's investment in prevention and intervention of violence by adding \$5 million to the San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together City-Wide Appropriation.

However, I cannot support continuing to criminalize those with mental illness by expanding the PERT crisis teams instead of working with the County to expand TRUST in San Jose as recommended by the RIPS committee. The TRUST program data so far shows that the program is successful at resolving over 99% of the calls without the need for law enforcement. Providing an extra TRUST team for San Jose is more in-line with the County's efforts to provide community-based solutions and support.

As mentioned in the County's ATI workgroup report, "The decriminalization of homelessness, poverty and disability is literally one of the county's top priorities identified in its Alternatives to Incarceration process." So, while we desperately need more mental health beds and substance use treatment, the Mayor's proposal to spend affordable housing money to help the county build a new mental health jail heads in the exact opposite direction of the preventative and innovative approaches the County wants to invest in. Where is the common sense in that?

If the city wants to cooperate with the county, it should work with the county on implementing innovative and preventative up stream solution , including alternative cri i re pon e uch a TRUST, affordable hou ing, and community based noncarceral treatment options for people struggling with mental illness, disability or addiction.

Thank you,  
Sandra

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*Sandra Asher*  
*Director, Governing Board*  
*Community Solutions*



**FW: Prioritize Library, Agenda item 305**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Alan Nobler <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 5:37 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Prioritize Library, Agenda item 305

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Significant cuts to Library services in the previous years should now be fully restored to pre-pandemic levels and library hours expanded to include Sunday hours at all library branches.

Alan Nobler  
District 10

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**FW: Agenda Item 3.5**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Ryan Pham <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 5:48 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.5

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Dear San Jose City Clerk,

Please prioritize library hours in the budget.

Library hours allow for increased literacy, especially for poorer families who lack the resources to pay for academic materials. Generally speaking, these poorer families tend to be the most vulnerable families and contain a lot of immigrants and their kids who will go on to be first-generation college students. Giving these kids access to literacy resources early on in life will allow for them to contribute more meaningfully to the economy of America and San Jose later on in life. It truly makes a difference.

Thank you for reading.

Regards,  
Ryan Pham

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:39 AM

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**From:** Carmel Forte <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 7:03 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Item 3.5

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Good evening,

The public library is important to the community of San Jose. Please prioritize the Library in the Mayor's budget.

There is nothing more basic than the public's right to free access to knowledge, resources, and educational supports to level the playing field. It is important to basic democracy which ensures that all residents have access to literacy, citizenship, and workforce development support.

Please restore all open hours to Pre-Pandemic levels, maintain Sunday open hours and pay for critical staff positions

I know there are many problems to address, but let us not lose sight of what works well already.

Thank you!

Carmel Forte

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**FW: prioritize libraries agenda item 3.5**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** lisa feldberg <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 9:02 PM

**To:** District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> District4

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<[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** prioritize libraries agenda item 3.5

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I believe there is no city service that has a greater impact on quality of life for all residents than our San Jose Public Library. With branches in all neighborhoods supported by our Martin Luther King Library, there are educational and recreational materials as well as programs and services for all age groups (from babies to seniors and everything in between), and in the many diverse languages prevalent in our city. Libraries are especially important for our low income and minority communities who don't have the same access to and/or the ability to take advantage of educational opportunities and trainings, extra curricular activities, tutoring, cultural programs, etc. that often require significant financial resources. I also believe that public safety is enhanced not only by more police, but by programs that mentor our youth and give them alternatives and support.

Please do everything you can to ensure that the library is fully funded!

Thank you,  
Lisa Feldberg  
District 3 resident

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## FW: Support a San Jose budget for All!

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Celia Alvarez <[REDACTED]@actionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 9:51 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support a San Jose budget for All!

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Celia Alvarez  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95136

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**FW: Agenda item 3.5**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Janet Darrow <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 9:59 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agenda item 3.5

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I am writing to encourage the City to prioritize full library hours and services in the budget. Libraries provide so much for our community, including safe places to study and learn for children, literacy programs, and access to reliable information. Not to mention books and media! Community rooms allow groups to convene for meetings and classes.

The budget should support libraries as a basic City service. We are finally getting back to regular hours after the pandemic. It is not the time to cut hours and services to our citizens.

Sincerely,

Janet Darrow 95136

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FW: Public Comment for San Jose City Council Agenda Item #3.5 March 21, 2023

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:40 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Sarah Hollingsworth <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 10:23 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Public Comment for San Jose City Council Agenda Item #3.5 March 21, 2023

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Hello,

My name is Sarah Hollingsworth, and I am a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice Sacred Heart. I am also a local teacher and active voter in District 4. I know people personally who have experienced homelessness and who also live in RV's or encampments. It is appalling to consider the implications of criminalizing homelessness by criminalizing encampments. That is not a solution, that is cruelty on top of systemic oppression. It's naive to think that this will "deter" encampments. Most people have limited choices of locations that are safe or accessible to live when they are living on the streets. You can't make a "better" choice if you aren't given one to begin with.

**Do not** move forward language in the Mayor's Message that seeks to criminalize homelessness by creating no encampment zones or that seeks to give Measure E or other City funds to develop an additional locked psychiatric facility in San Jose. Instead, I ask that you work with the County to understand its inpatient and outpatient capacities, and focus on solutions that are less restrictive alternatives.

I ask that you **DO fund and move forward** with a planning process to implement a community-based interpersonal violence prevention and response pilot, and work with community members to design a plan, with a budget of \$400,000 to ensure a robust community-centric approach. I also ask that you double down on the City's investment in prevention and intervention of violence by adding \$5 million to the San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together City-Wide Appropriation.

Thank you for your time,  
Sarah Hollingsworth  
(she/her)  
District 4 Voter

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FW: Agenda Item 3.5

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Liza Letona <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:53 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]>

Subject: re: Agenda Item 3.5

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Dear Mayor Mahan, I applaud your efforts to work at solving the many issues plaguing San Jose, but please do not jeopardize resources that are working for the community. Please fully fund the Library Department to restore all open hours to pre-pandemic levels, maintain Sunday open hours, and pay for critical staff positions.

My 2 teenage daughters had the pleasure of meeting you during your campaign & were excited to learn you will probably be a candidate for re-election when they are of age to vote. Knowing the candidates being elected & the issues being voted on in this past election were greatly going to effect the city they will be adults in shortly made the election very real for them. They know your vision of San Jose & they are hopeful our city will remain a place they can proudly call home.

Sincerely,

The Letona Family

Liza, Augusto, Sasha, Nico, Ashley, & Natalia

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FW: Agenda Item 3.5

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:40 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Kristen Brown <kristen4educat[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:15 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.5

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Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

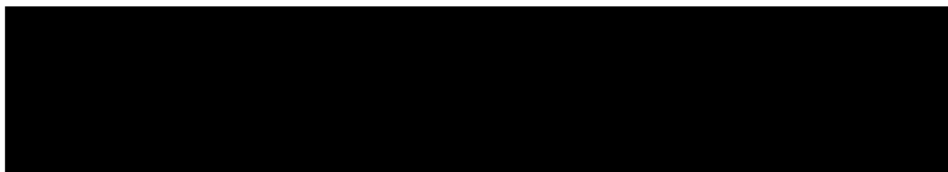
I am writing in support of funding for the San Jose Public Library that will restore all branches to pre-pandemic hours, fund critical staff positions including security, maintain Sunday open hours at 16 branches and lift fines for all.

I have seen your joy and pride when you speak of our San Jose Public Library system. I feel the same way. I was impressed as this system pivoted and was on task during the pandemic offering digital media right away, soon followed by opening to learning pods, and offering hot spots. Now that we are moving back to pre-pandemic options, I am eager to see that restoration momentum extend to our public library hours and staffing. The funding for digital resources must continue as our hot spot check out as this accessibility continues to bridge digital equity in San Jose. I also feel that recent events have altered the sense of safety, and San Jose Public Library had an unexpected incident that should inspire us to listen to the call for adding staff including security.

Finally, I would love the San Jose Public Library to join many library systems around the Bay Area by removing fines for all. I am personally humbled to know that Santa Clara County, San Francisco, Oakland Public, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Hayward Public and many others have already extended this grace as part of their public service. Waving fines aligns with the equity policy and practices of San Jose City.

I echo our Library Commission Chair, and ask you to "continue to support the Library's mission of providing every resident from childhood to adulthood the opportunity to attend programs, obtain career coaching, earn a high school diploma, learn to use technology, or do their homework with their family, regardless of where they live, their financial status, or the barriers they may face on a daily basis."

Thank you for YOUR service,  
Kristen Brown  
Education Seat 2 Commissioner



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## FW: Fully Fund the Library

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:40 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Gwendolyn S. <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:11 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Fully Fund the Library

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To Whom It May Concern:

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## FW: Support a San Jose budget for All!

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Tue 3/21/2023 7:41 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Emily Terrones <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:44 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support a San Jose budget for All!

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Emily Terrones  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95131

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**FW: Supporting the Mayor's Budget Message - City Council Item 3.5 (3/21/23)**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 7:41 AM

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**From:** David Noel <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:44 AM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1  
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**Subject:** Supporting the Mayor's Budget Message - City Council Item 3.5 (3/21/23)

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am writing in support of Mayor Mahan's budget message. I agree that we should focus on doing the basics well this year. That will pay dividends that enable us to do more in future years.

When faced with emergencies such as the 2017 flood, COVID-19, and recent atmospheric river events, our city has demonstrated that we can truly move the needle on pressing issues when we focus on them. This year, we need to treat public safety, homelessness and blight as the emergencies they truly are. This will mean making tough choices, but doing so will turn a downward spiral into an upward spiral that lifts all boats.

Regarding sheltering the unhoused, one of our toughest challenges is gaining neighborhood support for EIH and safe parking sites. Meanwhile, environmental destruction of our waterways is bad and getting worse. As we build new shelter capacity, it's time to extend current "no encampment zones" to include environmentally sensitive areas and neighborhoods that host housing solutions. This does not mean "criminalizing homelessness", it simply means managing it better while providing real shelter solutions.

I'm sure everyone reading this has had the experience of hosting an out-of-town guest and feeling embarrassed for what they saw. My vision is that, a year from now, I can host an out of town guest and be proud of San Jose's "curb appeal". We'll be a city with increased community pride and economic investment, with sustaining momentum to get even better. To that end, I ask that you approve the mayor's budget message.

Thanks for your consideration!

David Noel  
District 9 Resident and President of Erikson Neighborhood Association

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**From:** Charlotte Quinn <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

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Charlotte Quinn

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Thank you.

Gillian Claus

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Dalia Rawson <[REDACTED]>

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Dalia Rawson  
Artistic and Executive Director



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M E Cuykendall <[redacted]>

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Ellen Cuykendall  
Rose Garden neighborhood

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Regards,

Mariana Vega (she/her)



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## FW: Agenda Item 3.5

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 8:16 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Kathryn Hedges <biolart[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:00 AM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Webmaster Manager

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**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.5

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council Members:

I am a resident of District 3 in Downtown San José at Donner Lofts, and a registered voter and small business owner. I am also a member of SURJ, SHHAC, Catalyze SV, and a tenant union that hasn't voted on a name yet.

Prevention is common sense. Why allow people to lose their housing and suffer the trauma of eviction, then make them wait for years in traumatic and dangerous unhoused situations before they reach the top of a waiting list, instead of just helping them stay housed? Even those who lack compassion for people who face eviction should agree that prevention is less expensive than what it costs to "manage" the unhoused population.

- Cities with Tenant Right to Counsel found that they saved \$3 for every \$1 spent on tenant defense or mediation so they could stay in their homes.
- Mental illness is more easily treatable on an outpatient basis if diagnosed and treated in the early stages rather than after someone has decompensated to the point of being unable to stay housed.
- Diversion programs that provide alternatives to a criminal lifestyle save the cost to society of crime and the carceral system, and prevent people from falling into homelessness because they can't get jobs or housing with a criminal record.
- Intervention programs for low-level domestic or gender-based violence prevent these behaviors from escalating to a destructive level. This prevents victims from becoming homeless and perpetrators from entering the carceral system and exiting with barriers to jobs and housing.

We need to further public safety reform by advancing key achievable priorities identified in the RiPS report and investing in violence prevention and intervention, instead of incarceration.

- As described in the Mayor's Budget Message, fund and move forward with a planning process to implement a community-based interpersonal violence prevention and response pilot, and work with community members to design a plan, with a budget of \$400,000 to ensure a robust community-centric approach.
- Double down on the City's investment in prevention and intervention of violence by adding \$5 million to the San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together City-Wide Appropriation.

We also need to fund homelessness prevention, such as Tenant Right to Counsel and COPA.

Other ideas from the Mayor's Budget Message **should not** be advanced.

- Do not criminalize homelessness by creating no-encampment zones.
- Do not transfer Measure E affordable housing funds (or other City funds) to develop an additional locked psychiatric facility in San José. The County voted on January 25, 2022 to develop a NON-CARCERAL mental health facility. Instead, work with the County to understand their inpatient and outpatient capacities and focus on the least restrictive alternatives.

I am not a lawyer, but if Measure E funds were approved on the basis that they would be spent on affordable housing or directly preventing homelessness, spending any part of those funds on a mental health jail would be fraud. And it's a bad idea in the first place, so the City should not allocate other funding instead. System-impacted people all say that this approach would not have helped them.

Criminalizing homelessness when homes are not available is inhumane. It's also impractical; if you want unhoused people to get housing, you shouldn't be creating more barriers such as a criminal record and trauma from jail. Some people argue that this provides a framework for mental health treatment; however, it would be cheaper, more humane, and more effective to provide adequate outpatient and non-carceral inpatient mental health resources.

Individuals who are not on a legal mental health hold (5150/arrest) lack a safe alternative to arrest or involuntary hold where they could receive treatment before progressing to the point of being a danger to themselves or others. With insufficient capacity in the community for treatment and/or housing, how can we expect them to prevent the inevitable?

I am disappointed that the findings of the year-long, community-led RiPS program were disregarded in favor of creating a secret short-term committee to brainstorm "solutions" created primarily by people far from the "pain" of the situation they claim to solve.

**Please support the community-based interpersonal violence prevention pilot budget item for \$400,000, the San José BEST City-Wide Appropriation for \$5 million, the pilot program for Tenant Right to Counsel, and COPA.**

**Please oppose the no-encampment zones and allocating funds to a locked psychiatric facility in San José.**

Whether we're Black or white, Asian or Latine, Indigenous or newcomer, we want our families to be healthy and whole. We know what keeps us safe: living in communities where people of every color and background have homes, good jobs with fair wages, great schools, and affordable healthcare, where we address problems with proven solutions like social supports and preventative services instead of more jails (whether mental health jails or regular jails). We recognize when politicians want to divide and distract us by scapegoating our most vulnerable neighbors. This moment calls on us to go all in for all of us. We know what keeps us safe. Together we will make a place where everyone one of us can live full and healthy lives, no exceptions. It's time to rework public safety so qualified experts, like mental health and social workers based in the community, can give people the help they need to keep us all safe. That's why we need alternative crisis response. Also our whole community does better when everyone has good, safe housing options. That's why Measure E affordable housing money should be spent on affordable housing, not a mental health jail. Our communities have the power to move our money and fund housing, healthcare and community based treatment. We make the future and we choose one where all of us have what we need to get by and have Care First. Let's fund our futures.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hedges

San Jose, CA 95112

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## Support for the Arts - City Council Item 3.5 - March 21, 2023

Shannon Knepper <[REDACTED]>

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Regards,

Linh Mai Le. Director of the New Ballet School, in downtown San Jose, California.

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/21/2023 8:35 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Michael Fast <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:30 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda item 3.5

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Fund the libraries enough to staff them and keep them open on a full schedule, including Sundays.

Michael Fast

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**From:** Augusto <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:29 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District 10

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**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.5" in the subject line

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Very important we restore our City Libraries to 2019 levels.

I would rather have less Police if restoring libraries to 2019 levels I'll protect myself

Our children were the only "real" victims of covid.

Cowardly adults put their "safety" over our children's welfare.

Matt, I believe in you, please restore our libraries to 2019 levels and cut Adult related programs, including Police....but not Fire.

Thank you

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**From:** Liza Letona <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Mon, Mar 20, 2023, 11:01 PM

**Subject:** Fw: Call to Action by March 21!

**To:** Augusto Letona <[REDACTED]>

Not sure if you saw this or want to support it, but I think it is important for our community not to lose library resources. There is a lot of good stuff going on there that we have enjoyed through the years & continue to use.

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Liza

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**From:** San José Public Library Foundation <[REDACTED]>

**To:** "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 at 01:45:31 PM PDT

Subject: Call to Action by March 21!

Support Your Public Library

Call to Action!

Mayor Mahan has released his initial budget priorities (if you'd like to read the full budget message, you can find it right here) calling for a focus on basic necessities.

We contend there is nothing more basic than the public's right to free access to knowledge, resources, and educational supports to level the playing field. Nothing more basic to democracy than ensuring that all residents have access to literacy, citizenship, and workforce development support. And while there are many problems to address, we shouldn't lose sight of what works well already.

Join me this Tuesday, March 21st at 2pm to encourage the Council to fully fund the Library Department to restore all open hours to pre-pandemic levels, maintain Sunday open hours, and pay for critical staff positions.

There are three ways to let your voice be heard:



## #1 Send an Email

Email [REDACTED] by 10:00 a.m. March 21st and let them know you want to prioritize the Library in the Mayor's budget. Please put "Agenda Item 3.5" in the subject line of your email. Helpful talking points can be found by clicking below.

### Talking Points

## #2 Make an E-comment

Use the talking points above to make a comment directly on the agenda.

### Submit a Comment

## #3 Attend the City Council Meeting

Please attend in person at the City Hall rotunda (200 East Santa Clara St) on March 21st or call in via zoom at 2 pm: [link here](#).

Thank you for supporting the Library,

Dr. Dawn Coppin

Chief Executive Officer

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Samantha Hull <[REDACTED]>

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Regards,  
Samantha J. Hull

[REDACTED]

District 3 Community Member

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Chloe Shipp <[REDACTED]>

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