

Re: Climate Emergency, Climate Crisis Code Red for Humanity

tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 11:10 AM

To: Blaire Beekman <[REDACTED]>; Charter Review Commission 10a <CRC10a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 10b <CRC10b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 1a <CRC1a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 1b <CRC1b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 2a <CRC2a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 2b <CRC2b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 3a <CRC3a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 3b <CRC3b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 4a <CRC4a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 4b <CRC4b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 5a <CRC5a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 5b <CRC5b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 6b <CRC6b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 6a <CRC6a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 7b <CRC7b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 7a <CRC7a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 8a <CRC8a@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 8b <CRC8b@sanjoseca.gov>; Charter Review Commission 9a <CRC9a@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Citizens of San Jose,

I wanted to make a few more comments on the critical reasons for having the CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION address our climate crisis:

*. The charter is the people's agenda and can truly meet the role of our government which is to protect the people from harm WHEREAS our politics are deeply connected with economic gain and thereby corrupted.

*. The current charter review commission climate crisis suggestions are to create and include the inputs from the scientific community and the public to create a Climate Crisis Action Team.... unlike the city's Environmental Services CLIMATE SMART this proposed Climate Crisis Action team will guide the policymakers to make necessary choices for our species survival to get our greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2030 or earlier the better.

*. We are NOT, SAN JOSE IS NOT, DOING ENOUGH AND WE must do MORE reductions in greenhouse gases and the charter review commission is looking at the more...ALL HANDS ON DECK IS what is needed to solve this Wicked Problem: CLIMATE AND PLANETARY CRISIS AND EMERGENCY:

*. Our Levels of climate-heating gases in the atmosphere hit record levels in 2020, despite coronavirus-related lockdowns, the UN's World Meteorological Organization has announced. The concentration of carbon dioxide, the most important greenhouse gas, is now 50% higher than before the Industrial Revolution sparked the mass burning of fossil fuels. Methane levels have more than doubled since 1750. All key greenhouse gases (GHG) rose faster in 2020 than the average for the previous decade and this trend has continued in 2021, [the WMO report](#) found.

*THE Bay Area AND SAN JOSE'S climate change event THIS WEEKEND that brought flooding AND MUDSLIDES after a megadrought are the issues that San Jose is NOT addressing enough or protecting the people enough so this is why we need INTENSE CLIMATE ACTION IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE... TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE... PEOPLE OVER PROFIT!

It is worth noting that this exact situation--an extremely strong atmospheric river bringing brief period of record rainfall in midst of severe and temperature-amplified drought--is what we expect to see in California with [#ClimateChange](#). [#CAwx](#) [#CAwater](#)

Warm REgards,

Tessa Woodmansee
President, Garden Alameda Village Association

On Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 10:21 AM tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear City Council, Charter Review Commission,

This letter is to vehemently oppose the recommendation by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and councilman Sergio Jimenez regarding their rules committee recommendation for stopping the inclusion of addressing our climate and planetary crises and ecological collapse as it affects the city of San Jose and how to use our charter to "get in front of these crises" and protect the people from harm due to their severely misguided belief that there is redundancy.

If in fact there is any Redundancy in the city of San Jose's immense challenge to address this climate and planetary emergency and efforts to protect the people from harm by building and supporting resiliency into our community this redundancy is a virtue when we are dealing with such immense challenges brought to us from our burning of fossil fuels and the climate and planetary crises that have come from this fossil-fueled based economy and lifestyles we have embraced for 300 years that needs to go to ZERO emissions by 2030. This crisis if not controlled could put an end to organized human societies and the sixth mass extinction causing ecological collapse.

We need all hands on deck to solve this WICKED PROBLEM. The Charter Review Commission is doing an excellent job to propose solutions to protect the people and it is not redundant but very necessary to address this Climate Crisis, Climate Emergency and Code Red for Humanity as stated in the sixth report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

In addition, it is the mission of the charter review commission and in commissions in general are designed for true democratic processes which give the people an ability to suggest and create policy and the politicians should have no restrictions or input after the commission has been formed with its mission to address ACCOUNTABILITY, REPRESENTATION

AND INCLUSION and SOLICIT THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY INPUT! and that is exactly what the charter review commission is doing.

So please city manager and politicians leave the charter review commission alone to do the work of suggesting policies and charter revisions for the people and by the people.

Warm regards.

Tessa Woodmansee
President, garden alameda village association

BELOW ARE links for videos on community leaders addressing the climate crises they see likely to affect San Jose and suggestions of how the City of San Jose can get in front of these crises and protect the citizenry... the people from harm.

Kathryn Matthewson, Born and raised and lives in the Rose Garden San Jose, CA.
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<https://youtu.be/pccgBCBAMwU>

Gladwyn d'Souza, BS Physics, UC Berkeley Chair, Conservation committee at Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club
<https://youtu.be/09Ruryjy3gw>

<https://youtu.be/t8eevHBEgBw>

Alrie Middlebrook, Founder and President of San Jose's Center for Urban Sustainability 76 Race Street San Jose, CA.

About Middlebrook Gardens

Award-winning sustainable garden design, build and maintenance company specializing in California native gardens, Middlebrook Gardens has evolved, since 1976, to specialize in garden landscape designs that reflect the natural beauty of California, conserve precious natural resources and link the urban landscape closer to nature.

Middlebrook Gardens is a full service landscape company with a focus on design, construction and maintenance. We specialize in ecology-based landscaping with the use of California Native plants, environmentally friendly products and water conservation techniques, all of which help build beautiful and sustainable gardens.

Located in San Jose, California, Middlebrook Gardens was founded in 1976 by Alrie Middlebrook. During the first ten years, Middlebrook Gardens specialized in interior garden design, installation and maintenance. The firm received more interior awards than any other California-based indoor landscaping firm.





In 1995, Middlebrook Gardens expanded its practice to include outdoor design. Middlebrook Gardens now has designed and built over 600 native gardens that reflect that natural beauty of the local ecology, conserve water and eliminate the use of pesticides.

Middlebrook Gardens has received the prestigious Acterra Business Environmental Award in Open Space and Habitat Preservation/Restoration category as well as the California landscape Contractors Associations' 2003 Sustainable Landscape Award for Contractors in the Design Category.

Alrie Middlebrook:
President and founder of Middlebrook Gardens, Alrie Middlebrook, co-authored the groundbreaking book "Designing California Native Gardens; The Plant Community Approach to Artful, Ecological Gardens". She regularly gives talks and lectures throughout California on sustainability in garden design.

ANDREW BOONE, MS Mechanical Engineering FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF I WALK, I BIKE, I VOTE
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FW: Correspondence to the Rules and Open Government Committee

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov> 2 attachments (226 KB)

Steering Committee Response (1).pdf; Letter from 30 Community Based Organizations Associated With Reimagining Public Safety Supporting Charter Changes to Policing Oversight.pdf;

From: Christopher Logan <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:37 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Correspondence to the Rules and Open Government CommitteeYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Hello,

May I submit these letters to you to deliver to the rules and open government committee from the Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee and the Race Equity Action Leadership Coalition?

Peace,

Chris Logan (he/him/his)
Organizing Manager for Racial Equity
Sacred Heart Community Service
[REDACTED]

Would you like to schedule a meeting? [REDACTED]

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To: Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and Councilmember Sergio Jimenez
From: The Steering Subcommittee of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee
RE: Charter Review Commission Workplan, i.e. The People's Business
Date: October 26, 2021

We are writing this correspondence to communicate our dissatisfaction with the ways in which City Council Members and staff have interfered with the work of the Charter Review Commission regarding public safety and community oversight. On September 7, 2021, City Manager Jennifer Maguire [issued a memo](#) to the Chair of the Charter Review Commission positing a conflict between the work The Commission is doing and the work of the Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee (RPSCAC). This memo was issued without the benefit of correspondence from anyone on RPSCAC. On September 13, 2021, many community leaders took time out of their busy schedules to voice their disagreement with the City Manager's assertion and urged the Charter Commission to continue their work on police oversight in their recommendations.

In a memo dated October 27, 2021, [a similar memo](#) was issued Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and Councilmember Sergio to the Rules and Open Government Committee, again without contacting anyone on the RPSCAC. We believe that this is a waste of government time and resources and disrespectful to the time that community members have spent on this process. This charter commission has already done the work, held public meetings, developed solid recommendations and received public input. It was not a secret, the council had time to make a clarification in scope, and doing it now makes it appear they are just trying to silence the public and commission on the issue of police accountability. You may be pleased to know that members of the RPSCAC have been following developments of the community oversight discussion within the Commission and have prepared input to present to Commission members. One of the members of our steering committee, Laurie Valdez, has already solicited feedback from families that have been impacted by police violence and have prepared recommendations to submit to commissioners regarding this process.

We are in a crucial moment within this country; An unprecedented opportunity to address the forms of systemic racism and oppression that have plagued people of color for centuries. Any undue outside disruptions to processes led by the community are disrespectful. Disruptions from elected officials and city staff are intolerable. We respectfully request that you stay out of the way of the people's business. Again, the efforts are not duplicative, we are reaching different audiences, and operating on different timelines. If there are procedural rules that are in question, we request that you view them in light of the overwhelming support of community members to get this done.

Respectfully,

RSPCAC Steering Committee Members Darcie Green, Jahmal Williams, Mica Estremera ,
Laurie Valdez, Kiana Simmons, Poncho Guevara , Tarab Ansari, and Tomara Hall

cc: Charter Review Commission
Rules and Open Government Committee
Mayor and City Council

Letter RE: Community Public Safety Oversight Commission

Poncho Guevara <[REDACTED]>

Mon 9/13/2021 7:26 PM

To: CharterReview <CharterReview@sanjoseca.gov> 1 attachments (38 KB)

Letter to Charter Review Commission re Oversight Commission.pdf;

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Charter Review Commissioners,

Please accept the following coalition letter in response to the City Manager's letter on the scope of the Charter Review Commission.

-Poncho Guevara

Member, Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee

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September 11, 2021

Charter Review Commission
c/o Office of the City Clerk
San Jose City Hall, 14th Floor
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Charter Review Commission,

On behalf of the undersigned community-based organizations, we are writing to express our support for the deliberations of the City of San José's Charter Review Commission (CRC) on the development of a Community Public Safety Oversight Commission.

We believe if properly designed, such a Commission may serve a constructive role in developing effective solutions to evolving public safety needs over time and may provide critical public oversight that could help communities regain confidence in law enforcement.

Moreover, we believe that a proposal for such a Commission is an appropriate role of the CRC as it works to make recommendations for key structural changes in City governance. Many of our organizations are directly involved in the Re-imagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee (RiPS), and have been engaged in the conversations with the CRC on this matter. We see the CRC conversations about structural changes as a complementary, timely, and helpful component to the policy and systemic reform focus of RiPS.

While we understand the concerns identified in the letter from City Manager Jennifer McGuire, we were not contacted by her, nor do we support her conclusion that "Conducting two separate public processes on police oversight could potentially confuse members of the public who want to engage on this issue." It is our collective responsibility to ensure community voices are heard and represented in these processes and we commit to maintaining contact and coordination to ensure there is alignment on a final proposal.

We understand that the necessity and opportunity to create effective change will not fall on any one committee's shoulders, but all of us as one community. Our organizations want to create a community where residents feel involved in addressing public safety concerns, and therefore we support the CRC's efforts to develop a proposal for a Community Public Safety Oversight Commission.

Sincerely,

Poncho Guevara, Executive Director, Sacred Heart Community Service

Gisela B. Bushey, CEO, Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen

Alison Brunner, CEO, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

Richard Konda, Executive Director, Asian Law Alliance

Sparky Harlan, CEO, Bill Wilson Center

Quency L. Phillips, Exec. Director, Building Back Better

Beth Leary, Executive Director, Family Supportive Housing

William Armaline, Director, SJSU Human Rights Institute;
Criminal Justice Chair, NAACP of SJ/SV

Quyen Vuong, Executive Director, ICAN

Rhonda Berry, CEO, Our City Forest

Nathan Svoboda, President, Project MORE

Yvonne Maxwell, Executive Director, Ujima Adult and Family Services

Philip Nguyen, Executive Director, Vietnamese American Roundtable

Wisa Uemura, Executive Director, San Jose Taiko

Jahmal Williams, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet of Silicon Valley

Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

Héctor Sánchez-Flores, National Compadres Network

Shawn Gerth, Executive Director, Educare California at Silicon Valley

Josh Selo, Executive Director, West Valley Community Services

Kiana Simmons, President, H.E.R.O. Tent

Raj Jayadev, Silicon Valley De-Bug

Aram James, Coalition for Justice and Accountability

Maritza Maldonado, Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment

Cayce Hill, Veggielution

Heather Cleary, Peninsula Family Service

Andrea Urton, HomeFirst Services

Victor Vasquez & Saul Ramos
Acting Co-Executive Directors, SOMOS Mayfair

Lavere Foster, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, African American Community Service Agency

Micael "Mica" Estremera, La Raza Roundtable of California

Climate catastrophe from global heating from OUR FOSSIL FUEL USE included in SJ CITY CHARTER

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Cc: Andrew Boone <[REDACTED]>; Blaire Beekman <[REDACTED]>; Chale Soto <[REDACTED]>; Demitrice Hedemann <[REDACTED]>

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Dear city clerk, charter chair Frederick 'Fred' Ferrer,

I was very disappointed that the issue of climate crisis was not fully addressed by the charter commissioners on September 13th meeting with the urgency it deserves and the people demand and a letter from another citizen (our city manager) re: policing took over the discussion of the people's agenda subcommittee.

So please let that precedent continue and let this letter from the public focus the charter committees attention on this citizen's demands.

The third leg of the charter that addresses accountability must address our climate crisis and include it in our charter as soon as possible.

Please address this issue ASAP and in depth and let the community know when the issue of climate crisis will be addressed by the commission to urgently include this critical issue in our charter and our steps to avoid climate catastrophe by reducing our greenhouse gases—CO2 emissions and fossil fuel use to zero ASAP.

Warm regards,

Tessa woodmansee

President, garden alameda village association