

FW: voting

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 1/13/2025 8:13 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Peggy Tanger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2025 6:12 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: voting

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Good evening

Is San Jose operating on Ministerial rule and authoritative government? I've lived here all my life and can't believe what's taken place in the city&he county in the last few years

I am opposing actions undermining Proposition 13 and lowering voter thresholds for taxes. Most important Item in 3.4 thank you, Peggy TangerFord Royce Ford

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FW: Lowering voter thresholds for taxes and undermining prop 13

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From: Raluca Abrahami [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2025 6:36 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>
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I am a San José resident and a senior citizen. I am opposed to lower the voter threshold for approving property taxes and undermining Prop 13. This will be devastating for most of the seniors and force them out of their homes making them homeless in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Raluca Abrahami
[REDACTED]

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From: Rob [REDACTED]
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Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) 2025

Please vote no to lowering voter thresholds for taxes, item 3.4

Thanks,
Rob LaNoce

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From: Angela Elsey [REDACTED]
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Good evening

I am writing to express my strong opposition to decreasing voter thresholds for passing taxes. I think the voters were quite clear in the November election with the defeat of proposition 5 that they are against lowering voter thresholds for taxes. It seems that the City Council is not respecting that expressed desire.

I'm hoping that you will in fact listen to what the voters have shown at the ballot box.

Thank you.

Angela Elsey
[REDACTED]

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.
It's about learning to dance in the rain.

FW: IGR lobbyists petitioning Sacramento to lower 2/3 threshold to raise taxes

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Ruth Callahan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 9:58 AM
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We strongly urge you to stop making it more expensive to live here. This is a gross overstep.

The failed leadership of this state and the fiscal mismanagement is appalling.

DEI & sanctuary city's expensive social services to support illegal immigration must end. Common sense should inform you that the politics on the ground have changed. Stop extorting the middle class for your Marxist agenda.

We will not tolerate our tax dollars being spent to drain our resources for our families.

We are watching and we will remember.

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FW: SVCN Letter re Item 3.4, Legislative Program and Priorities

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

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SVCN Letter re Legislative Program & Priorities 01.13.2025.pdf;

From: Angel Aliano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 5:06 PM
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Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Fruen, Joseph <Joseph.Fruen@sanjoseca.gov>; Kiyomi.HondaYamamoto@sanjoseca.gov; Arreola, Kiara <Kiara.Arreola@sanjoseca.gov>; Nguyen, Lam <Lam.Nguyen@sanjoseca.gov>; Moreno, Brisa <Brisa.Moreno@sanjoseca.gov>; Roth, Chris <Chris.Roth@sanjoseca.gov>; Fleming, Jonathan <Jonathan.Fleming@sanjoseca.gov>; Adera, Teddy <Teddy.Adera@sanjoseca.gov>; Hughes, Scott <scott.hughes@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: SVCN Letter re Item 3.4, Legislative Program and Priorities

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and City Council,

Please see a letter from the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) regarding **Item 3.4, Legislative Program and Priorities**. We look forward to your discussion on this matter.

Thank you,
Ángel Aliano | Policy & Advocacy Associate
Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits
Web: svcncn.org | Twitter: [@SVCN](https://twitter.com/SVCN)
Pronouns: he/him

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January 13, 2025

San José City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: Item 3.4, 2025 Legislative Program and Legislative Priorities

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and Councilmembers,

I write to you on behalf of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), an alliance of community-based organizations working to support thriving and equitable communities in Santa Clara County.

Comprised of nonprofits that provide vital services for immigrants, SVCN strongly supports the City's expanded advocacy for undocumented community members and their families at the state and federal levels. We are particularly grateful for the City's opposition to immigrant detention and the administration's promotion of policies that defend against racial profiling; expedite permanent residency applications and work-authorization backlogs; reform asylum law; and advance immigrants' rights to counsel. As undocumented individuals face renewed threats under the incoming federal administration, San José must defend its legacy as a sanctuary for immigrants.

Aside from the City's updated immigration priorities, SVCN thanks the administration for supporting protections for transgender people, expanding efforts to achieve a living wage, and exploring 911 response models. Silicon Valley's nonprofit community has long advocated for local policies that advance racial, gender, and economic justice—and SVCN's members have repeatedly identified these issues as core priorities. In 2025 and beyond, San José must take preventive—not just defensive—action to promote the safety and security of community members targeted by the federal administration.

Sincerely,

Angel Aliano
Policy & Advocacy Associate

About SVCN

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) advances the role, voice, and capacity of the nonprofit community in Santa Clara County, driving positive social change and fostering equitable, vibrant, and thriving communities. SVCN is committed to being a change agent and a model of possibility by centering racial justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in everything we do, both internally and externally. A key strategic priority is to support the nonprofit ecosystem by serving as a trusted source and hub of information, resources, and connections for Silicon Valley nonprofits, facilitating collaboration and collective impact. We also leverage our power, position, and access to partner with, amplify, and support the community, influencing decision-makers to address the biggest challenges facing nonprofits and the communities they serve. SVCN's nonprofit membership is 170+ strong.

Public Comment - Item 3.4: 2025 Legislative Program and Priorities - Council 1/14

From Jordan Moldow 

Date Tue 1/14/2025 12:36 AM

To Zarate, Sarah <Sarah.Zarate@sanjoseca.gov>; Barnes, Zane <Zane.Barnes@sanjoseca.gov>; Stamos, Steve <Steve.Stamos@sanjoseca.gov>; Ochoa, Nicholas <Nicholas.Ochoa@sanjoseca.gov>; Ristow, John <John.Ristow@sanjoseca.gov>; Zenk, Jessica <Jessica.Zenk@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please include the following in the legislative program:

State funding for the Active Transportation Program (including Vision Zero) faced massive cuts in the 2024 state budget, and state funding for public transportation operations has never been high. Improvements to transportation are important for equity, Climate Smart, physical health, and happiness. Please advocate for state funding shifts towards active and public transportation:

- Reallocate significant money from SHOPP and other Caltrans highway programs.
- When California needs to plug budget deficits, it should prioritize maintaining active and public transportation funding, and make large cuts from highway funding instead, especially highway capital funding.
- Significant amounts of funding for 2026 events should go towards street safety infrastructure improvements, light rail investments, and BayWheels expansion. These investments will make 2026 better for all, and these investments will live on beyond 2026. Securing funds for one-time expenditures is not going to be nearly as advantageous.
- Push the MTC and Governor Newsom to follow the example of other states, and flex a much higher percentage of our federal highway funds to transit [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
- Change state law to allow express lane revenues to be used for any bus and rail operations, not just transit along the corridor of the express lanes.

In addition to all the usual targets for expanded funding for active transportation, please also support funding and legislation that would enable VTA to create the [Central Bikeway in San Jose](#) [1] and the rest of its Bicycle Superhighway Network [2] [3].

At the federal level, if there are any attempts to limit or forbid "flexing" highway funds to transit, this should be advocated against.

Unlock funding for VTA operations that would allow it to [return to 2001 service levels](#).

Advocate for a state-level department for supporting transit mega-projects (such as Diridon Station, BSVII), so that each individual transit agency / city doesn't need to build expertise from scratch.

Thanks,
Jordan Moldow (speaking on his own behalf)
District 3, Japantown, 95112

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Date Tue 1/14/2025 11:53 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Helen Blain <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:53 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Patty & Gary Fishburn <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.4

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I have been informed through Nextdoor of the following:

On Tuesday, 1/14/2025, the City Council is voting on the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) 2025 recommendations. One major item being supported is "Decreasing Voter Threshold" for passing property taxes.

As you know, Proposition 5 was defeated in November 2024 in the State and Santa Clara County. Proposition 5 would have undermined Proposition 13 and lowered voter thresholds for increasing property taxes. In spite of the people expressing their will, the IGR team and City Council members are on track to use our tax dollars to "Decrease Voter Thresholds."

I oppose any actions to lower voter thresholds. Californians are already bearing the burden of high taxes and do not see positive use of these taxes. Our police departments and fire departments are understaffed and underfunded. Our streets and neighborhoods continue to be impacted by homelessness, roads in need of repairs, street racing and sideshows, graffiti, litter, and more. We are still experiencing theft of cars, possessions, and other criminal activity. With Los Angeles burning, the Governor is spending \$50 million to "Trump proof" California when he needs to address the issues of forest and water management, illegal immigration, over regulation of industry, including the insurance industry, and more. Please, San Jose, use our money appropriately and stop wasting it. VOTE AGAINST decreasing voter threshold in San Jose.

Helen Blain
[REDACTED]

FW: Item 3.4 to be discussed during City Council meeting 1/14/25

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 1/14/2025 12:53 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Pat Blevins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 12:28 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 Leadership <[REDACTED]>
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Proposition 5 was overwhelmingly defeated in November 2024 in the state and Santa Clara County. Proposition 5 would have undermined Proposition 13 and lowered voter thresholds for property taxes. In spite of the people expressing their will, the SJ IGR team and City Council members are on track to **use our tax dollars to “Decrease Voter Thresholds for passing taxes.”**

Given the majority rejection of Proposition 5 in the last election at the county and state level--as well as substantial opposition to Prop 5 by the residents of San Jose, this priority clearly has no citizen mandate and does not reflect a broad consensus among local residents, which be the basis for any citywide recommendation from Council.

May you be reminded the residents of San Jose PAY YOUR SALARIES and voted you into office to respect and follow the will of the people of San Jose and NOT special interests. For once do the right thing and support issues the residents support and VETO all issues, like lowering voter thresholds, that San Jose residents do NOT support!
Patricia Blevins

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Council Members:

Please do not approve lobbying or spending of our tax dollars on efforts to "Decrease Voter Thresholds." This was already decided in the state and in the county when Proposition 5 was defeated.

Our city should learn to live within the funds we already provide, just like I have to live within my income.

Please see the following articles:

[☆ "We speak for ourselves:" Community leaders call for SJ City to stand down from taking positions on ballot initiatives — OPPORTUNITY NOW](#)

[SJ business group calls for changes to city's lobbying priorities — OPPORTUNITY NOW](#)

Thank you for working to "stay in your lane" and to "stop lobbying for positions" that your residents have already decided.

Also, public outreach on IGR items is necessary. Public outreach does **NOT** include NGOs -- especially those that receive any government funding!

With Respect,
Sandra A. Delvin, PE