

**From:** Ken Pyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** San Jose Council Meeting 6-17-20 Agenda Item G.6

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It is important to have experienced commissioners in place to deal with these issues and that they have enough time to deal with them before the end of their respective terms.

In Community,

Ken Pyle  
D1 Airport Commissioner (comments in this email are mine)

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Ken Pyle  
Managing Editor

**From:** Gary Cunningham  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:28 PM  
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Extending the terms for one year to June 30, 2021 would provide an effective and efficient means for the SJ Commissions to get up and running and deal with the COVID-19 after effects and the quality of life issues within the scope of their responsibility.

Gary Cunningham  
San Jose Neighborhoods Commissioner District 1

**From:** Smita Garg

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:20 PM

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

**Subject:** Ref 6/17 meeting agenda item G6

Hi,

I am San Jose City arts commissioner, Smita Garg, district 1. I am submitting this comment on Item G6, regarding extended terms for Art Commissioners. I would like to request that terms be extended by a year, to June 2021. This is because due to COVID 19, there is no guarantee that commissioners are going to be able to do any work or accomplish anything this year. Also, the set of commissioners terming out are familiar with the arts budget which a large number of brand new commissioners would not be if they joined mid-year.

Thank you!

Smita Garg, Ed. D.

Smita Garg

Arts Commissioner, District 1, City of San Jose

From: Tamiko Rast  
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:58 AM  
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Subject: Agenda Item G.6 in support of extension of commission terms

[External Email]

To whom it may concern,

I recommend extending the terms of San Jose City Board Commissioners terming out on June 30, 2020 – by one year – to June 30, 2021.

The referenced memo extends the current Commissioner terms by six months from June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

These Commissions have not met in-person since the COVID-19 shelter in place order, and nearly all have not even convened through virtual meetings. When the Commissions do reconvene, there will be considerable planning, adjustments, and changed focus to accommodate the new COVID-19 landscape in regards to their responsibilities.

Extending the terms for one year should provide an appropriate amount of time for seasoned Commissioners to address these issues, responsibilities, and properly transition their roles to incoming Commissioners.

Best,  
Tamiko Rast  
Downtown Parking Board Commission, At Large Representative

**From:** Lynne Brown

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:35 AM

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

**Subject:** Reference: Agenda Item G.6 on the 6-17-20 Rules and Open Government Committee

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The referenced SJ Commissions have not met since the COVID-19 shelter in place order. The date for the commissions to reconvene has not been announced. When the commissions reconvene, there will be a great need for experienced Commissioners to assist in dealing with the effects of COVID-19 in our community. In the same way the Mayor has recruited knowledgeable and experienced business leaders to assist with economic recovery efforts, it is vitally important to retain those Commissions with the most knowledge and experience to assist in their respective areas of expertise to effectively find solutions for the significant issues resulting from the SIP. It is not a time to rely on those with good intentions, but little training and experience. to make decisions that will impact the City for years to come.

Extending the terms for one year to June 30, 2021 would provide an effective and efficient means for the SJ Commissions to get up and running and deal with the COVID-19 after effects and the quality of life issues within the scope of their responsibility.

I am a continuing member of the San Jose Arts Commission representing D10. As a concerned resident of the City, I want the best people engaged in formulating how we move forward from this unprecedented situation.

Please support extension of current commissioner terms to June 30, 2021.

Thank you,

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Lynne H. Brown, Ph.D.

**From:** acsarmored  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Extending Commission Terms

Dear Members of San Jose City Council

Although, the commission I serve upon does not have appointments slated for this year. I am writing to recommend extending the terms of those commissioners who would term out on June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

The memo extends the current commissioner terms by six months from June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Currently there are City commissions that have vacancies over and above those whose terms are expiring and with COVID-19 an adequate candidate search may not have time to be completed. Additionally, most of our residents are dealing with COVID-19 issues, whether it be related to work, family, child care, education, or health and safety. I don't believe that people are even thinking about San Jose Commissions or their interest in applying for a volunteer position on a commission.

Since the referenced SJ Commissions have not met since the COVID-19 shelter in place order and the date for the commissions to reconvene has not been announced. When the commissions do begin to meet there will be considerable planning to be done on dealing with the effects of COVID-19 in those areas of the SJ Commissions responsibility and the transition to new replacement commissioners. It is important to have in place experienced commissioners to deal with these issues and that they have enough time to deal with them.

Extending the terms for one year to June 30, 2021 would provide an effective and efficient means for the SJ Commissions to get up and running and deal with the COVID-19 after effects and the quality of life issues within the scope of their responsibility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan L. Connolly

(A member of San Jose Airport Commission)

**From:** Leanne Lindelof

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:33 AM

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

**Subject:** council mtg 6/17, agenda item G.6

Dear San Jose Council members,

I'm writing in regards to the possible extension of San Jose commissioners' terms.

SJ Commissions have not met since the COVID-19 shelter in place order, and the date for the commissions to reconvene has not been announced. When the commissions reconvene, there will be considerable planning to be done around understanding and dealing with the effects of COVID-19 in the areas of specific commissions. It is important to have in place experienced commissioners to work with these issues and to give commissioners enough time to deal with the possible damage brought about by COVID-19.

Extending the terms for commissioners terming out to June 30, 2021 would provide an effective and efficient means for the SJ Commissions to get up and running and to deal with the effects of COVID-19 on each sector of the city.

Thank you for considering this issue.

Best,  
Leanne Lindelof

**From:** Roma Dawson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 3.6, June 30, 2020

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## June 30 Agenda, Item 3.6

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I ask you to extend terms of all board and commission members expiring on June 30, 2020 that are otherwise **not** eligible for re-appointment; and, I ask you to extend the terms of all Neighborhoods Commission members to June 2021. This involves equity and fairness.

I am a member of Arts Commission. As part of the commission streamlining process several years ago, four Arts Commissioners were given terms of 6 years rather than the 8 years approved by Council. COVID-19 shortened our terms by another 4 months resulting in actual terms of 5 years 8 months. Please note that of the four Commissioners ineligible for re-appointment, **three are people of color.**

During Art Commission's 2019 budget discussions, several members expressed the desire to have more information and asked to form an ad hoc committee. The OCA Director pointed out that we were talking about **equity and access.** That is what we named the ad hoc committee I have chaired for the past months. I want time to complete that work and report out to my fellow Arts Commission members.

You are all painfully aware of the collapse of the hospitality industry with no idea when or if it will fully recover. Currently, most all of the funds that Arts Commission advises City Council to adopt during the annual budget process (Transient Occupancy Tax) are generated by the convention business. As you stare into a potential financial abyss, why not retain experienced commission members?

When many Arts Commissioners first requested an extension, there were no names brought forward publicly for appointment. I acknowledge that those nominated may feel great disappointment if not allowed to assume office on July 1. Many of us waited years so we understand. I pledge to do everything in my power to ease their transition regardless of any decision you make today.

I submit that an extension of our term date is a good trade-off during these challenging times. It benefits the City and allows incoming appointees a unique opportunity to observe Arts Commission meetings via Zoom. Currently, Commission meetings are not videoed with only action minutes available online. Thank you for your consideration during a very hectic time.

Respectfully,  
Roma Dawson

Arts Commission member



**From:** Gary Cunningham <[REDACTED]>  
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Gary Cunningham  
San Jose Neighborhoods Commissioner District 1

**From:** Empire Seven Studios <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 3:08 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** June 30th -Item 2.22 Commissioner extensions

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Mayor and Council,

Hope you are all well and safe during these difficult times.

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Please feel free to reach out to me for any questions.

Warm Regards,  
Juan Carlos Araujo

Empire Seven Studios

**From:** Arts Commission 3 <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Letter of support

June 30th -Item 2.22 Commissioner extensions

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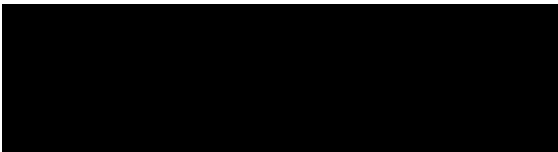
Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

Since March of this year our various Commissions have not been able to meet due to the shelter in place orders placed out of an abundance of caution due to the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus throughout our fair city. This has deprived our City Council members with valuable community feedback on a considerable range of issues as we have done our very best to conduct business during this pandemic.

As you well know, our Commissioners are a passionate group of dedicated citizens who work diligently during their last term to button up any last minute items they have poured their energy into. To cut their efforts short would be a dis-service to the community spirit we all seek to inspire during this highly unusual time.

With this in mind, I would like to recommend that you kindly consider extending the terms of those Commissioners that are scheduled to term out this June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 so that they may finish up their work interrupted by the pandemic this year.

Respectfully,

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Rudy A. Flores, Jr

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From: mazyar lotfalian [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:18 AM

To: Taber, Toni < [REDACTED] > City Clerk < [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: 6/30 council meeting - Agenda item 3.6 - Commissioner extension

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of extending the term for the arts commission.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, arts commission's meetings and activities have been disrupted since February 2020. The commission needs to resume its democratic procedures such as regular meetings (online or otherwise) and discussions over tasks at hand in order to be a functioning body.

The extension will enable the commission to regain its capabilities, lost due to the pandemic disruption.

Please consider this extension!

Mazyar Lotfalian, PhD

Arts Commissioner - District 4

**From:** Ramona Snyder <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 6/30 council meeting- Agenda item 3.6 Commissioner extension



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Hello Mayor and Council,

I would like to show my support for Councilmember Khamis memo to extend commissioner terms to June 2021.

Commissions have not met since Feb and as result four months of meetings were lost.

Commissions do not meet in July or December so extending to December as the Mayor states in his memo is not giving much additional time to continue the work that is going to be needed in the aftermath of Covid-19. The Arts commission has been decimated by the loss of our TOT, which will be almost non-existent in the foreseeable future.

Allowing extension of commissioner terms until June 2021 will also keep commission onboarding consistent with the city clerks current practices of commissioners terming out in June and new commissioners beginning in August.

A few of us tried to get this memo to council prior to the appointment of any new commissioners. There were no names that had been brought forward when we started the process of requesting an extension. In the past two weeks since rules committee the seats have now been slated. I know those that have been appointed will be disappointed to not begin their terms July 1st and I completely understand as I too had to wait for my seat on the Arts Commission. However it is not uncommon to wait up to a year to get on a commission.

We talk a lot about equity lately and I'd like to share my equity story.

When I was appointed to the Arts Commission my first term was for two years instead of a four. I was appointed during the streamlining of commissions.. As a result I was given a total of six years instead of eight. Now due to Covid-19 I am only serving 5.5 years. I lost 2.5 years as a commissioner, which is not fair to me, but unfortunately that's how it is. I could be angry and bitter about this, but I am not. If we hadn't entered into a pandemic and budget recession I would of gladly resigned my seat this month.

I realize not everyone on this list might want an extension, but for those of us that do I ask that you please extend terms to June 2021 and not shorten my term even more.

Sincerely,

Ramona Arellano-Snyder  
Arts Commission Vice-Chair

From: Tamiko Rast  
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:31 AM  
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Best,  
Tamiko Rast  
Downtown Parking Board Commission, At Large Representative

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of San Jose  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, California 95113

June 30, 2020

Re: Arts Commission term extension

Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers—

Thank you for the way you continue to guide our city and her people through this time of economic recession and hardship. It is a time of anxiety and uncertainty.

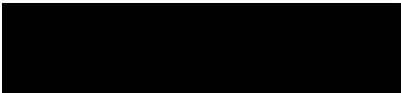
Many of those greatly affected by the fallout of the pandemic include our already vulnerable artists and arts organizations. Arts-based businesses of all kinds – theatres, choirs, symphonies, operas, museums, galleries, dance schools – are all trying to assess their next move, stay alive and open in some form, and employ anyone they still can.

The San Jose Arts Commission plays a vital role in providing City Council with advice and recommendations on City policies and programs that affect public access to a wide variety of arts and cultural opportunities. I am asking you to support Mayor Liccardo's memo and extend the terms for those Arts Commissioners who are termed out. The Arts Commission - like all commissions – has not been able to meet since February. You are no doubt aware that TOT, which funds the cultural grants awarded to San Jose arts organizations, has fallen off a cliff. The four Commissioners who this extension affects had their terms artificially shorted to six years instead of the standard eight (Council policy).

During my years as Arts Commissioner I learned that the best work truly happened in collaboration with relationships built outside of City Hall. Arts Commissioners give voice to so many artists and institutions without a platform for their own voice. By extending the terms, you offer those Commissioners the opportunity to complete their service to our city and solidify advocacy efforts in the community.

Thank you for your support on this no-brainer extension. This should be the easiest things you discuss today.

Respectfully,



Nicholas E. Adams,  
president & ceo, NINICO Communications  
San Jose Arts Commissioner, 2009 – 2017