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**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, MMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
May 7, 2026 – May 14, 2026

**DATE:** May 20, 2026

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## **ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD**

### **Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

#### **Letters from the Public**

1. Letter from Steven Simon, dated May 13, 2026, regarding: Abandon Speed Camera Program.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Toni J. Taber".

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Toni J. Taber, MMC  
City Clerk



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**Fw: Abandon Speed Camera Program**

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**From** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Date** Wed 5/13/2026 8:23 AM**To** Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>**Office of the City Clerk | City of San José**200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

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**From:** Steven S [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 6:49 AM**To:** District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Abandon Speed Camera Program

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Dear Councilmember Rosemary Kamei,

As a resident of your district, I urge you to vote against allocating the \$2.125 million local matching funds for the AB 645 speed camera pilot program. We are facing a \$50.3 million deficit, and while I understand that forfeiting a federal grant may be a bitter pill to swallow, I believe the city's other projects are more important, like the Police Training Center and the Fire Station.

I request that you reject this camera match and instead split the saved \$2.125 million to maximize immediate safety, protect privacy, and reduce the budget shortfall for this year.

- **Reject the Surveillance State:** Automated license plate tracking and speed cameras create a permanent surveillance network. This system locks San José into massive data-storage obligations, complex third-party vendor reliance, and ongoing digital privacy liabilities. Municipal data collections are prime targets for cyberattacks, creating unbudgeted legal risks for the city.
- **Fund Low Cost Civil Engineering Instead:** Surveillance does not stop a speeding car; physical design does. A portion of the saved funds should go toward immediate, cost-effective physical traffic-calming. High-visibility crosswalk paint, quick-build bulb-outs, and reflective pedestrian islands protect our streets without profiling residents or creating regressive financial burdens.

- **Build a Fiscal Bridge for Next Year:** Roll the remaining saved funds directly into city reserves. Holding back this cash right now allows us to protect core municipal operations like neighborhood library hours and public safety personnel.

Please choose more pragmatic options than an intrusive, high-overhead surveillance experiment.

Sincerely,  
Steven Simon



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