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Dear Mayor & Council,

Please find attached letters of support for items 3.7, 3.8, 3.10, 3.11, and 3.12. We appreciate the opportunity to share our comments for your consideration.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
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June 9, 2025

City of San Jose City Council
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Re: Support for Item 3.7: Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocation of Measure E Real Property Transfer Taxes and Item 3.8 - June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, **we urge your support for the Mayor's June Budget Message and the proposed allocation of Measure E funds.** The Chamber supports this balanced, focused, and forward-looking budget that takes seriously the City's fiscal constraints while making critical investments in San Jose's long-term economic health.

We are particularly encouraged by the alignment with several key priorities that matter deeply to the business community:

Leveraging 2026 Sporting Events for Long-Term Economic Growth

Next year, San Jose will help host a remarkable lineup of sporting events: Super Bowl LX, the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, and six FIFA World Cup games. These aren't just moments of pride—they are catalytic opportunities for long-term economic impact.

We applaud the City's investments in:

- Developing a sports and entertainment district near SAP Center
- Funding a feasibility study for the expansion of the San Jose Convention Center
- Activating downtown with watch parties, live music, and fan experiences in 2026

These are foundational steps toward establishing San Jose as a premier destination for major events. Events bring not only tourism dollars but sustained investment in hotels, restaurants, retail, transportation, and local hiring.

We recommend further coordination between the City's Office of Economic Development and regional tourism and business organizations to create a comprehensive legacy strategy around these events—one that ensures long-term ROI through infrastructure improvements, private investment attraction, and branding San Jose as a world-class host city.



Supporting Small Business and Fixing the Permitting Process

Small businesses are the backbone of San Jose's economy. We strongly support:

- The Manager's Budget Addendum (MBA) #22: Long-Range Planning and PBCE staffing improvements
- Investments in ADA compliance for small businesses
- Efforts to address commercial corridor blight and vacancy

Fixing the permitting process and unlocking stalled real estate potential is a top concern for our members. Long delays and inconsistent standards in PBCE continue to constrain growth. We appreciate that this budget begins to address that challenge.

We applaud the ongoing oversight of PBCE reforms and regular performance reporting to the Council and the public to ensure accountability and improved outcomes.

Embracing the AI Economy and Infrastructure Modernization

San Jose must be at the forefront of the AI-driven economy. We commend the City for:

- Leveraging PG&E funds to support infrastructure modernization for large-load users
- Continuing funding for the AI Innovator Meetup Series

The Chamber believes that San Jose can lead the region in attracting AI firms, but only if we invest in energy, permitting, and real estate readiness now. We would further support the creation of a formal AI and Advanced Industries Strategy that aligns infrastructure, land use, and workforce development to prepare for the next wave of innovation.

Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness with Urgency

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis—and a significant economic one. Unsafe sidewalks, encampments near businesses, and diminished public confidence affect commercial vitality. We strongly support:

- Allocations of Measure E for Interim Housing Construction and Operations

We also urge the City to maintain or increase investments in prevention, which is critical to reducing future inflow into homelessness. A strategy focused only on shelters misses the full arc of need. Supporting small to large businesses so they can grow, create jobs, and contribute to local economic stability is a vital form of prevention.

This budget message takes meaningful steps toward restoring public confidence, improving the conditions for local businesses, and investing in San Jose's future economy. From sports tourism to AI innovation, small business support to homelessness solutions—this proposal reflects a serious and strategic approach.

We urge adoption of the Mayor's Budget Message and Measure E allocations as proposed. The Chamber stands ready to support implementation and partner on shared economic development goals.



**San Jose
Chamber of Commerce**

Sincerely,



Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO
San Jose Chamber of Commerce

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

Please see the letter from the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition regarding the FY26 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, 3.12 (June 10). We look forward to your discussion on this topic.

Thank you,

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June 9, 2025

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Sent via electronic mail

Re: City of San José FY 2025-2026 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, & 3.12 (June 10)

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, Members of the City Council, City Manager Maguire, and Budget Director Shannon: This letter is being submitted by 40 organizations, members of the REAL Coalition and allies, that represent thousands of San Jose residents. Please consider these comments regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Preservation of Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Funding

The REAL Coalition urges the City Council to allocate 15% of Measure E funds toward cash assistance programs that prevent eviction, housing instability, and homelessness. With the federal government planning to eliminate Section 8 and end emergency housing vouchers in Santa Clara County—putting thousands of families at risk—San José must be prepared to respond proactively. Preventing homelessness through targeted financial assistance is significantly more cost-effective than helping individuals exit homelessness once displaced. We support the memorandum from Councilmembers Campos, Salas, and Doan, relating to Item 3.7, to reallocate Measure E funds with more emphasis on prevention and family homelessness and revert allocation changes after 2 years.

REAL supports a balanced and comprehensive approach to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis—one that includes both shelter solutions and the construction or preservation of permanent housing. We also recommend that the City return to the original Measure E allocation model within two years, allowing

time to evaluate outcomes and assess changes in federal funding before determining future allocations.

We are hopeful that adding a fifth focus area to build more housing will indeed lead to increased investment in housing for people on the lower end and bottom of the income spectrum. As we build market-rate housing we must remain watchful that we're not in turn displacing our lower-income neighbors.

Avoid Criminalization of Homelessness

The REAL Coalition strongly opposes any budget allocation to implement the proposed Neighborhood Quality of Life Unit within the San José Police Department. As outlined in our recent letter to the City, we continue to have serious concerns and unanswered questions about both this unit, the expanded Code of Conduct, and the Enhanced Engagement Program, including the lack of transparency and clarity regarding their scope, purpose, and implementation. Establishing a new police unit that targets unhoused residents risks leading to more arrests and further criminalization of poverty—approaches that have consistently proven harmful, traumatic, and ineffective.

Policing is not a solution to homelessness. Arresting, punishing, and incarcerating our most vulnerable community members will only deepen their hardship and increase long-term costs for the City. This truth was recognized in two separate votes against the plan by the Housing & Community Development Commission. Rather than funding punitive measures, San José should invest in proven strategies that focus on prevention, supportive services, and housing solutions. Consistent with REAL's earlier letter, we urge the Council to reject this proposal and reallocate resources toward approaches that uphold dignity, equity, and lasting impact.

We support the memos from Councilmember Campos to defer this policy and delay some ordinance changes until there is far more clarity on how this work will be operationalized.

Stop Enforcement Against People Living in Vehicles

The REAL Coalition opposes the proposed increase in spending on parking enforcement against people forced to live in their vehicles, particularly as the City simultaneously cuts essential community programming. It is fiscally irresponsible to expand punitive enforcement while failing to invest in supportive resources. The City should not impose additional penalties on individuals living in their vehicles without first providing adequate safe parking options. Penalizing residents for outdated vehicle registration effectively punishes poverty and drives people deeper into crisis and debt.

For many unhoused individuals, a vehicle is a vital lifeline—offering shelter, mobility, and a degree of stability. Stripping people of this lifeline through enforcement actions will only exacerbate hardship and lead to higher public costs associated with street homelessness. A more compassionate and fiscally sound approach is to support residents in maintaining this form of temporary shelter while investing in long-term housing solutions.

Continue Investment in TRUST

REAL supports the outreach and communication strategies outlined in MBA #8 to supplement the County's public awareness campaign for the 988 crisis line. Survey results from 2024 show that approximately 75% of San José residents are unaware of the services available through 988. A targeted public education campaign by the City, designed in collaboration with the County and providers, is critical to increasing awareness and driving greater use of this life-saving resource.

We also commend the recent collaboration between the City and County to implement new protocols that will expand the diversion of appropriate calls from 911 to 988. Continued investment in public education and service infrastructure is essential to realizing the full potential of 988. Additionally, we support the expansion of the TRUST program and appreciate City staff's efforts to identify opioid settlement funds to sustain and grow this vital, non-policing response to

mental health crises in our community.

Community-based Prevention and Intervention of Violence

The REAL Coalition asks that the City Council make a \$80,000 investment in moving forward towards a community-designed interpersonal violence prevention and intervention program, consistent with the Reimagining Public Safety recommendations and Council's previous direction. This community-driven idea was acknowledged and approved two budget cycles ago, and we encourage the Council to keep its promise to the community to move forward with an innovative pilot.

REAL also acknowledges the importance of additional DV and BEST services, which were presented as alternatives by staff, and encourages the City to find resources for these important services. REAL has a longstanding request to the City to significantly deepen its investment in BEST services as alternatives to policing and incarceration.

Expand Immigration Services Funding

The REAL Coalition supports the request from Amigos de Guadalupe, numerous allies and the memo from Councilmember Ortiz for \$1.5 million for immigration services. This is a small investment relative to the \$45 billion being invested by the federal government for mass deportation infrastructure, about ten times what the government had been spending in this area. It is inevitable that the ICE activity we're seeing in Los Angeles will come to San José. The City has a responsibility to protect all residents, and it is not ready for what is about to happen. This funding will provide the services and resources necessary to protect its immigrant residents and the stability of families and our neighborhoods.

Support Investment in Community-Driven Services at MACSA

In solidarity with SOMOS Mayfair, the Sí Se Puede Collective, and other allies, REAL supports the Mayor's direction to use \$500,000 in Community Development

Block Grant funds to facilitate the revitalization of the Mexican American Community Services Youth Center (MACSA). Data from the Latino Health Assessment showed the harsh realities impacting Latino youth and their families, particularly in East San José. Investment in children, youth and our families in disinvested communities should be a priority. MACSA can serve as a multi-hub center for Latino youth, providing cultural services, leadership development, and healing.

Older Adults Health and Wellness Funding

We stand in solidarity with the nine providers and almost 150 organizations and community members who signed the letter in support of restoring the full \$526,434 in funding for the Older Adults Health and Wellness program. These critical services support thousands of San José's older adults—especially those who are low-income, non-English speaking, isolated, and medically vulnerable.

Racial Equity Staffing in City Departments

The REAL Coalition opposes the proposed cuts to racial equity staffing in several departments in the City of San José's FY26 budget. These positions are essential to ensuring that equity is not just a stated value, but a lived practice across city services and decision-making. Slashing these roles undermines years of progress and community trust, particularly among Black, Latine, Asian, and Indigenous communities that continue to face systemic disparities. This move also runs counter to the priorities advanced by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), which emphasizes the need for sustained institutional commitment, infrastructure, and leadership to embed equity into governance. GARE's framework makes clear that cutting dedicated equity roles threatens the long-term structural change necessary for just and inclusive communities. In a moment when racial equity work must be deepened—not diminished—we urge the City to protect and strengthen these vital positions.

Families and Children

REAL also supports the proposal by Councilmember Doan, Campos, Casey, and Mulcahy, relating to Item 3.8, to maintain support for the Family, Friend, and Neighbor Early Education Program and incorporate direction from BD #45.

Support for childcare advances racial equity by reducing barriers to economic opportunity for families of color, who are disproportionately affected by high childcare costs and limited access to quality early education.

Please consider this letter signed by 40 organizations as you decide what action to take on June 9 and 10. You can reach us by emailing IselaR@sacredheartcs.org.

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Dear Mayor Mahan and San José City Council Members,

As a resident of District 3, I am writing to oppose Mayor Mahan's "Responsibility to Shelter" proposal. This plan violates core human rights principles, including those outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Though the United States has not ratified the CRPD, its principles reflect universal standards that should guide our local policies.

Article 12 of the CRPD guarantees equal recognition before the law and the right to legal capacity — in plain terms, this means disabled people have the same right as anyone else to make their own decisions about treatment and where they live, even if others disagree. Article 14 protects people from being locked up or forced into treatment just because they have a disability.

Mandating treatment through mental health courts for people who refuse shelter breaks these rights by targeting people based on disability and forcing them into coercive legal processes.

In San José, disabled people are a large and growing population — 27% nationally, and more than 40% of seniors. These are not edge cases; these are our neighbors. Any policy impacting unhoused residents is a disability rights issue. People of color are also disproportionately affected by disability, making this a racial equity issue as well.

The Mayor continues to miss the human rights violations embedded in this proposal. When a person's autonomy and right to make decisions about their own body and life is stripped away, that is not care — it is control. This approach hides people away to avoid confronting the visible consequences of income inequality — a crisis driven by rising rents and stagnant wages. Rather than confront this reality, many choose to look away.

Forced treatment is not a solution to homelessness. It is a carceral response to poverty, trauma, and disability that punishes people for surviving in the only ways they can. Real care requires trust, dignity, and voluntary support — not coercion backed by the threat of detention.

This approach fundamentally lacks input from the very people it targets. Where are the voices of unhoused San José residents in shaping these policies? Instead, the Mayor's framing minimizes the perspectives of those most affected, portraying those who advocate for community care as defenders of a "failed status quo." This view reduces people with lived experience to obstacles instead of valuing them as essential partners in crafting real solutions.

[The Mayor's recent statement](#) that those who oppose this plan 'cannot in the same breath call themselves compassionate' reveals the fundamental flaw in this approach. True compassion doesn't pit community members against each other or suggest that protecting civil liberties somehow victimizes others. Compassion means recognizing that forced treatment traumatizes vulnerable people while doing nothing to address the housing crisis that created visible homelessness in the first place. The Mayor claims a 'moral obligation to intervene,' but real moral obligation means intervening in the systems that create homelessness — not criminalizing the people those systems have failed."

This plan does not address the root causes of homelessness — it avoids accountability for failed housing policies, decades of disinvestment in voluntary mental health care, and the ongoing criminalization of poverty. Even the City's "affordable" housing options are out of reach for many disabled residents: SSI provides income at just 25% of the Area Median Income (AMI), while most housing developed under Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs requires tenants to afford rents at 50% AMI or higher. This affordability gap structurally excludes people with disabilities from housing, yet the Mayor's response is to criminalize their survival instead of addressing systemic barriers.

As a disabled resident myself, I've experienced how even accessible housing is limited and unevenly distributed. Structural scarcity forces marginalized communities into competition with one another — a failure of systems, not individuals.

I urge the Mayor and City Councilmembers to abandon this rights-violating approach. I understand that many residents are distressed by the visible suffering of our unhoused neighbors — who are themselves deeply traumatized by the conditions they're forced to endure. But displacement, forced treatment, and institutionalization are not solutions. If we truly care about our community, we must value the dignity and autonomy of all residents — housed and unhoused — and hold systems, not just individuals, accountable.

Instead of relying on enforcement and coercion, the City should listen to the many community groups, advocates, and impacted residents who have long been offering solutions grounded in care, dignity, and human rights. Effective approaches already exist — the City must be willing to invest in them and be led by those with lived experience.

While there are many deeply concerning issues in the Mayor's proposed budget, this is the one I had capacity to respond to — and I hope it receives the attention and reconsideration it deserves even at this late stage in the budget process.

San José can lead on homelessness — but only through approaches that center human rights, not strip them away.

Sincerely,
Michele Mashburn
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Mayor & City Council,

As a faith-based organization rooted in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County stands in firm opposition to the proposed budget cuts to Senior Wellness Grants and to policies that seek to penalize or marginalize individuals experiencing homelessness.

We recognize and appreciate the proposed compromise to restore a portion of the original Senior Wellness funding. While this is a step in the right direction, it still falls short of meeting the demonstrated and growing need in our communities. At the heart of Catholic Social Teaching is the inherent dignity of every human person. We are called to uphold this dignity by caring for the most vulnerable among us—especially the elderly, the poor, and the marginalized. Reductions in senior wellness funding ignore the reality that our older adults are not a burden, but a blessing. These programs offer more than physical care; they foster belonging, reduce isolation, and honor the life experience of our elders.

The needs of our senior population are only increasing, as San José—like much of the country—faces a rapidly aging population. Investing in wellness and connection for older adults is not just compassionate, it is a practical response to demographic realities.

Likewise, policies that treat homelessness as a punishable offense contradict the commitment to prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Homelessness, a crisis rooted in injustice, unaffordable housing, and systemic inequity, is not an offense. Addressing this crisis with punishment instead of empathy harms the collective well-being and weakens the ethical principles of our community.

Moreover, any effort to penalize or detain unhoused individuals without the cooperation of Santa Clara County—who oversees the public hospital system, courts, and jail—risks creating a revolving door of instability. Without coordinated services, this approach could unintentionally result in District 3 bearing a

disproportionate burden, with encampments and unhoused residents returning in greater numbers due to lack of long-term solutions and appropriate care.

Finally, in light of the constitutional crisis playing out in real time in our own state—where federal immigration enforcement is reportedly circumventing due process and local protections—we express our strong support for Councilmember Ortiz's call for increased funding for immigration legal services. These services are not only vital to upholding the rights and dignity of immigrant families, but also ensure that San José remains a welcoming and law-abiding city that defends due process for all.

We urge our elected leaders to reflect on these values and adopt policies that affirm human dignity, support healing and inclusion, and build a San José where all people can thrive.

Fred Buzo, Director of Advocacy & Community Engagement
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"Do not be afraid to continue being 'protagonists of history,' working together 'body to body, person to person' as part of the 'great human family.'" Pope Francis

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Honorable Councilmembers:

As a member of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, I urge you to restore current levels of funding for the Climate Smart program. Specifically, I ask that you add \$300,000 for non-personal costs to the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.

I was living in Santa Rosa at the time of the Tubbs Fire, which destroyed over 5,600 buildings. It was at the time the most destructive wildfire in California history.

I moved to San Jose a year later. And the skies were dark orange from smoke from miles away both from the small town of Paradise which was wiped from this earth in the north, and from the fires raging in Southern California.

As a climate activist, I am keenly aware the fires will continue to grow in ferocity and destructiveness, fueled by ever worsening drought.

“When natural disasters strike, people with the fewest resources are most likely left without a place to live. **The worsening climate crisis will disproportionately impact marginalized communities, communities of color, and people living in poverty — and will therefore result in increased homelessness.**” — Community Solutions

Given accelerating climate impacts—from wildfires to flooding to heat waves to food shortages due to ever increasing drought—and the elimination of federal climate programs, now is NOT the time for backsliding on our vital climate goals. In fact, Silicon Valley leadership worldwide on climate is more important than ever.

For a city of its size (nearly a million residents), San José's funding for climate action is relatively small. If this funding is reduced, as proposed, it's unlikely that San José will be able to achieve **its commitment to climate neutrality by 2030**. This would be a betrayal of the young people and vulnerable residents who are counting on you to protect our climate safety.

Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, Mothers Out Front, parents and allies urge you to do everything in your power to preserve a livable climate for all children. **Keep your promise.**

Thank you.

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Food as Climate Action: Changing how we eat, how we farm, and reducing food waste are some of the FASTEST and easiest ways to REVERSE climate change.

#WeCanSolveThis (playlist - fun & interesting videos!):
[The diet that helps fight climate change](#)
and more

Now on Netflix! [KISS THE GROUND](#) - movie based on the bestseller.
A climate solution full of hope!

Support [statewide and local/regional public banks](#) that reinvest profits in the public interest. This can include pandemic relief & recovery, AND climate solutions. And it's a way to divest our public institutions from fossil fuel investments!

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FW: Increase Climate Smart funding by \$300K; 6/9 Budget Hearing and 6/10 Council Meeting Item 3.8

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From: Catlan Tran [REDACTED]
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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and Honorable Councilmembers:

As a supporter of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, I urge you to restore current levels of funding for the Climate Smart program. Specifically, I ask that you add \$300,000 for non-personal costs to the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.

Given accelerating climate impacts—from wildfires to flooding to heat waves—and the elimination of federal climate programs, now is NOT the time for backsliding on our vital climate goals. In fact, San José leadership on climate is more important than ever.

For a city of its size (nearly a million residents), San José's funding for climate action is relatively small. If this funding is reduced, as proposed, it's unlikely that San José will be able to achieve its commitment to climate neutrality by 2030. This would be a betrayal of the young people and vulnerable residents who are counting on you to protect our climate safety.

Please heed the urgent call of local youth, parents and allies who ask you to do everything in your power to preserve a livable climate for all children.

Thank you,

Catlan Tran, San Jose 95139

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FW: No Support - Mayors Criminalization of the homeless

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I do not support the criminalization of the homeless population.

I also am concerned about the potential inconsequential affects on "accountability" of folks and what this looks like; we are not at will employers.

Regards,

Rebecca

Rebecca Ann Gallardo
Intero Real Estate Services
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Silicon Valley Women of Influence, SJ Business Journal, 2018
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California Association of Realtors Director, 2002-2003
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FW: Budget Comment

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

Date Tue 6/10/2025 7:39 AM

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From: Debbie Degutis [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 7:31 PM

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From: Debbie Degutis <[REDACTED]>

Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:21 PM

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

Subject: Budget Comment

Thank you to city staff!



Debbie Degutis

Managing Director, Christmas in the Park
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June 9, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

We support this year's budget, and appreciate the challenges faced by our elected officials and city staff. On behalf of Santa, our staff and board of directors, thank you for allocating \$72,000 from the ESR to our organization.

This budget allocation, along with a grant from District 3, is crucial for us to continue to produce the largest event in San Jose. Christmas in the Park has a \$200,000 deficit going into this season.

I've shared this before, but it's worth repeating: we are not the ice rink, the food trucks, or the amusement rides that surround our festival. We make no money from those activities, nor do we have any control over them.

Our event drives nearly \$20 million into the downtown economy. On top of that, parking fees and taxes generate close to \$1 million dollars for the city treasury. And yet, WE struggle to break even. That's why the funds in this budget are so crucial.

The holiday town square we create each season is where everyone can connect, collaborate, and celebrate.

Christmas in the Park is San Jose.

And on behalf of Santa, our staff and board, I thank the mayor and council for this financial support and for a thoughtful budget.

With gratitude,

Debbie Degutis
Managing Director, Christmas in the Park

1120 Bird Avenue Unit F #234 San José, CA 95125

Christmas in the Park is a 501c3 non-profit organization.
Our Federal EIN is 77-0046955 and your donation is deductible

City Council 6/10/2025 - Item 3.8: Mayor's June Budget Message

From San José Arts Advocates 

Date Tue 6/10/2025 7:50 AM

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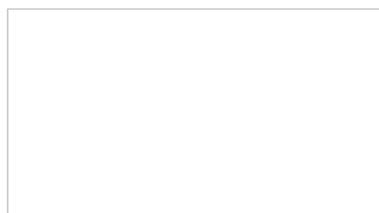
Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Please find attached a letter from San José Arts Advocates and our creative community for your consideration related to Item 3.8 on your agenda for June 10, 2025, Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mayor's June Budget Message.

Thank you as always for your service.

Regards,
San José Arts Advocates

cc:
City Manager
City Budget Director
Interim Director, Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs
Director of Cultural Affairs
San José Arts Commission



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From: Wanda Wong [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 8:58 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@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 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; rosemarie.kamei@sanjoseca.gov; Campos, Pamela <Pamela.Campos@sanjoseca.gov>; Salas, Carl <Carl.Salas@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Mulcahy, Michael <Michael.Mulcahy@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Casey, George <George.Casey@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Dang, Tara <Tara.Dang@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,

Born and raised in District 2, my husband and I raised our own family in the district, our kids went through the Oak Grove School District and East Side Union High School District and we still make our home here.

I write to urge you to support the Mayor's June budget message, especially if you've heard your constituents speak in support of it this evening. I watched from Atlanta in support of my Neighborhood Leadership Council board members and Neighborhood Association board members. YOU have the ability to make a change.

Help support the Mayor's budget on accountability, sheltering the unhoused, pay for performance. We need accountability from City of San Jose departments and the departments need to work together instead of pointing fingers at each other. As a neighborhood leader, I do not enjoy hearing about the finger pointing. And this includes internally within the city, across organizations such as the county, non-profits, etc. Sheltering the unhoused via the Mayor's plan is not an act of criminalization as long as the city works with the county and respective organizations, profit or non-profit, towards the end goal - solving the unhoused crisis. Partnering with the appropriate county services to provide the next steps to support the unhoused or provide the mental health services needed makes sense. Pay for performance is how workers are rewarded for completing their deliverables. Does it make sense to provide pay raises if you can't complete the responsibilities of your role? It appears that this happens at the Animal Care Shelter and now animals are dying due to mismanagement. I signed up to volunteer there 2 years ago but had to leave due to a parvo outbreak. During my training time, dogs were lucky to get out of their kennel on a 15 min walk in 24 hours due to lack of volunteers and as a result kennels were not sanitary.

Please don't push the status quo because it isn't working. Show that you care for the city you serve, the constituents you support and are not afraid to look outside of the box for solutions. I've seen the city deteriorate over the years but it hasn't been until the last few years with Mayor Mahan in office that there has been a visible effort to clean up our city. Help support the Mayor's June budget message as we can't afford to go backwards or stay with the status quo.

Respectfully,

Wanda Wong
District 2 Resident
Basking Ridge Neighborhood Association Treasurer
District 2 Neighborhood Leadership Council Treasurer

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FW: Additional Comments and Questions

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From: E A [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 11:04 AM

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Dear Mayor City Council

I attended and participated in the public hearing yesterday/night with regards to the budget that will be voted on today.

I'd like to emphasize that not all unhoused people are violent. In fact, there have been 3 instances in which I've been unfortunately physically assaulted by folks who were stably housed. That unhoused folks and engaging in activities for the purpose of survival.

Not all folks who are unhoused are experiencing health issues such as addiction or mental illness. Question, how many beds or facilities for these issues does SCC have? What is the vacancy? Is it easy for folks to walk in and get the support that they need? Is there a current waiting list?

How many Domestic Violence shelters/housing opportunities exist for men fleeing DV? For women fleeing DV? (in both City and County)

How many shelters and housing for folks within the LGBTQIA+ exist both City and County?

How many shelters and housing specific for youth exist?

How many shelters and housing for Veterans?

How many shelters and housing for Seniors exist?

There are approximately 1400 people on the waiting list for the Here 4 You Hotline and counting. The majority of unhoused folks desperately want some form of housing. I am deeply disturbed by the fact that a hundred people were forcibly swept and not provided any resources including a number I've memorized the Here4You Hotline (408)-385-2400. That is the very least that could have been done. Is this not a part of a code of engagement that the City is supposed to follow? Hold yourselves accountable to being solutions for this crisis. How would you feel if you were swept with no place to go, not even a number to call for help?

As a Christian, I believe strongly that we are all God's children. And that what you do to the least of us you do to God because we are all reflected in his image and God loves all of his children.

For decades HUD has not invested sufficiently in this community and across the nation.

For decades, the City of San Jose has failed to meet its Housing Element and RHNA goals for low and very low income housing.

So much money goes to the police budget do not allocate another \$2.1 million to them. Instead invest in virtually anything else:

We need money for homelessness prevention in the form of rental assistance, we need money to fund TRUST 24/7, we need money for deeply affordable housing, we need money to hire more folks to work in code enforcement, we need more money to repair and upkeep our parks, and the animal shelters need more money to run the TNR program for the kittens.

Does it make sense year after year to provide the police so much of our budget? Can for once we put housing first? That would make a tremendous difference in our homelessness crisis.

Black and Latinx folks that are disproportionately represented in the unhoused population do not feel safe around the police.

Fund trained social workers that are experts in trauma informed care and harm reduction to do outreach within the Housing Departments EEP

Additionally all current encampments should be provide with trash can, trash removal, and bio waste removal, and water and fire extinguishers

We cannot say that all fires by Guadalupe river trail as shown on the slide deck were started by folks who are unhoused. However, they might be the first on the scene to help prevent if from spreading. Additionally, the City should do it's part in cutting and removing tall dry grass and bushes. There are people all throughout this community who have sent in requests for areas to be cleared, it is the responsibility of the city to do so. Are there not common areas with repeated problems that are not identified and monitored and maintained closely? We could use more money from the police budget for that!

Let's focus on measures and initiatives that indeed keep our community safe for everyone, not a select few.

Thank you!

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Thank You!

Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano

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FW: Shereen Jarrett 6/9/25

From Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/10/2025 11:26 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Please publish as a letter from the public

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Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:31 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Shereen Jarrett 6/9/25

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Hello Toni Taber,

I appreciate your assistance getting this message to our city decision makers.
(As you're aware, although I waited until nearly the end of the meeting for my public comment card to be called, and then my name was called...
I was not permitted to make my public comment.
I'll send a follow up communication regarding my complaint.)

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

San Jose City Hall 6/9/25
Agenda Item 3.1

Shereen Jarrett
With LEAC, URG, Destination Home, Poor People's Campaign, Freedom Church of the Poor, CFJ, SF Bay F4A, and additional professional organizations.

Public comment:
Honorable Mayor and Council members,

As an educator, I believe: more exposure to more information will solve most issues in society... There's not a lack of resources and solutions!

I know we can do this, together,
and make advocates of this entire chamber; even those currently opposing the new budget...
I know we can set an example for other cities, how to respond to the governor's ignorant homeless sweeping orders...

Forget the flawed, "responsibility to shelter"...

I strongly recommend existing EEP, and not a new NQOL, handle this new direction. This is the most logical, as well as will cost a lot less!!!

Reality:

NO ONE IS REFUSING THE SHELTERS, THAT DON'T EXIST!

Stop this false narrative!!!

We all want the homeless crisis solved!

But, it's time for less noise from all these ignorant voices!!!

Regrets y'all.

But,

ONLY employ solutions based on existing accurate research, evidence, and data provided by actual experts on this issue!!!

The experts all agree, there are not enough beds for the ever increasing need. These near future proposals, need to happen first...

[Mayor Mahan, and I, keep trying to bring up some points, even our own supporters aren't hearing...

Including, a needed strategy for preventing an influx of other towns' people in need...

So, my personal recommendation is (an alternative to) section 8 vouchers, as the county hasn't reopening ours since the early 2000s; despite dire need, and cost effectiveness in comparison to new developments.]

Although our police spokespersons will always support the Mayor... silently, the many individual officers I've listened to, strongly oppose police priority being diverted away from violent crimes and emergencies!

They don't want the unhoused to be their issue!

Turning police against our impoverished, harms public relations!

As a small woman of mixed ethnicity...

I will never feel safe in these mass, coed temporary shelters, where I can't attend to my medical needs nor keep my late, supply heavy jobs...

Homelessness can happen overnight to a large percentage of our paycheck to paycheck local residents:

Victims of crimes,

Survivors of DV, abuses, and crisis,

Veterans with PTSD, elderly, disabled, etc.

Don't force us into inappropriate temporary sheltering experiments!

Don't cause legal problems for us!

Don't incarnate us!

Don't tell police to harass us!

We'll likely bounce back if given permanent housing options and needed resources.

Different unhoused populations have very different needs!!!

It costs less to provide different services for different populations!!!

Summarized example:

1. High resource needs for severely mentally unstable and/or potentially harmful
2. Moderate resource needs for addicted and/or mentally struggling
3. Low resource needs for those experiencing temporary crisis and/or unexpected financial hardships

Forcing populations 2 and 3 into temporary shelters and also letting them fall further into homelessness, increases, and in most cases causes, addiction issues.

Population 1 (...is still a left over crisis started during the Reagan Administration's closure of in patient mental facilities.)

Allowing population 1 to go without needed resources, endangers the public; and creates public confusion and hostility towards populations 2 and 3.

We just need to employ researched solutions overseen by actual experts on these issues...
And work together to make revolutionary changes, creating a city we're all proud of.

I'm actually a researcher and author of societal conditions and crisis; including unhoused topics and advocacy,
I'm also a born and raised San Jose local, who's been a Santa Clara County: performing arts company owner/director,
professional folkloric dancer and artist, youth educational administrator, curriculum and program developer, teacher,
officer of several nonprofit boards, multiple businesses owner, home owner, landlord, tenant,
As well as a victim of several crimes, and a first hand unhoused lived experience advocate,
Shereen Manalani AIJ

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FW: \$1.5 Million to RRN and Legal Defense for Immigrants + Fund MACSA

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I am the daughter of an immigrant, my father, who died of a heart attack on November 18, 2016 2 weeks after Donald Trump was elected president who lived his whole life under tremendous stress and poverty walking from one end of Oakland to the next because of not being able to afford the bus, who could not get enough medicine for his diabetes, who could not work consistently because of his immigration status. Who lived in constant fear and terror. Trump being in office literally broke his heart. The thought that such a cruel and racist man, such a stupid man could be elected as president. The fear of immigrant families of being detained, deported, denied access to the people they love, deported dreams, dreams detained and deferred. These are peoples' lives! And we only get 1 life.

I've seen the trauma and instability and horror this causes. My ex of 2 years had both his Mom and Dad deported, it was just him in his early 20s having to work and take care of his 2 younger siblings, they all were undocumented. They all had a pain so deep and not being able to be with their parents. They drank and smoked weed daily doing whatever they could to numb the pain.

We need to invest and fund immigrants who will be fighting for their lives this administration. Investing 1.5 million is taking action and actions speak louder than words. It gives families a fighting chance to remain together, to remain whole. 40% of our community is one of immigrants let's show them that we care.

Additionally, let's invest in MACSA \$500 K because it is something I've heard the youth of Eastside San Jose want. This area deserves to be properly invested in. I first saw MACSA when I worked during the summer with LUNA on an educational lead campaign. Walking in this area, it reminded me of my life as a youth growing up in West Oakland and area abandoned and neglected by the government. This angered me tremendously. It's why I did not vote for Cindy Chavez because I could not understand how as a Latina representing this community something was not done a long time ago.

Thank you!



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Our Letter on the Mayor's June Budget Message

From San José Arts Advocates <>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi Friend,

Later today, the San José City Council will consider Mayor Mahan's [June Budget Message for FY 2025-2026](#). This is the last opportunity for the council to give direction to the City Manager regarding the budget for the coming fiscal year. You can tune in to the conversation [here](#) starting at 1:30pm.

The SJAA Core Team reviewed the Mayor's message, and while we continue to have concerns about the future of city support for the local creative sector, we're pleased to see efforts to stabilize our arts and culture ecosystem at a time of unprecedented stress and uncertainty, including:

Fully funding cultural grants, programs, and administration. In the wake of cuts to federal and state funding for the arts, it is incumbent on local governments to do even more to protect this vital component of our shared economic prosperity.

Protecting and investing in cornerstone cultural institutions. One-time funding for organizations like MACLA, San José Jazz, and the School of Arts and Culture will allow these organizations to continue providing key programs that uplift San José's diverse cultures and communities.

Supporting cultural events, beautification, and public art projects. Investments in programs like Viva Calle SJ, Viva Parks, and other creative activations will return dividends in the form of economic impact, civic pride, and community connection.

Preserving and restoring cultural heritage. Funding for the Sakauye Farmhouse relocation and the rehabilitation of the Mexican American Community Services

Agency (MACSA) site will ensure these valuable cultural resources are leveraged for future generations of residents to learn, gather, and grow.

Want to read our full letter to the Mayor and City Council about the June Budget Message? You can download it [here](#).

If you agree, we encourage you to [contact your councilmember today](#). Not sure who your councilmember is? You can look up your district [here](#).

Thank you as always for elevating our advocacy!

– San José Arts Advocates

READ OUR LETTER

VOTE: D3 Special Election

The runoff election to fill a vacancy on the San José City Council for District 3 ends on **Tuesday, June 24**. In case you need a quick refresher about where the final two candidates stand on our key priorities and their visions for arts and culture, you can [read their unedited responses to our questionnaire](#) and re-watch our [Zoom candidate forum](#) from the primary election. And if you live in D3, don't forget to get your ballot in the mail!

FLEX YOUR ARTS VOTE


UPDATE: Arts Will Play in 2026

Thanks to the dozens of artists and advocates who attended a community meeting at City Hall on June 4 to hear about opportunities for local creatives to engage in activations and marketing surrounding major sports events coming to our region in 2026. We appreciated


your questions about equity, access, transparency, and inclusion for local artists, and we will work to hold the City accountable to these ideals. In the meantime, if you want to express your interest or learn more, please send an email to culturalaffairs@sanjoseca.gov.


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FW: Concern About Sloppy Practices @ SJACS

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From: Lorraine Oback <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 6:13 PM
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I tried, but failed (for lack of a period in the address) to send the comment below in time for today's budget meeting. Nevertheless, I feel compelled to share it with you because the story that it relays illustrates a terrible outcome for one animal entrusted to SJACS care. Where there is one animal, there are undoubtedly be more. This story, that came to my attention through Sustain Our Shelter, does not sound like the result of professional management, but rather sloppy practices. What will it take to get better service for the animals who wind up at the shelter through no fault—OR DESIRE—of their own?

You can judge the character of a society by how it treats those who can do nothing for it. Shelter animals definitely fall into that category.

Respectfully,
Lorraine Oback
District 6
95126

From: Lorraine Oback
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 10:18 AM
To: cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov <cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Comment for June 9 Budget Meeting re: SJACS

I just read this information (copied below) on the Sustain Our Shelter Facebook page. It struck me as an example of horrible mismanagement. I understand that it is not all that uncommon. How this happens when the shelter's funding has nearly doubled in four years is incomprehensible. Either the shelter was EXTREMELY underfunded previously and may be still or current management is out of their depth and need to be replaced.

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Lorraine Oback
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From: M Wagner <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:26 PM

To: Loesch, Matthew <Matt.Loesch@sanjoseca.gov>

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Subject: Re: SJACS - - - ACA Courtney Ferro - "KNIGHT"

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Good afternoon Mr. Loesch,

You may wish to familiarize yourself with the trials and tribulations of the dog KNIGHT that was found by former ACA Courtney Ferro on Saturday, June 7th.

You and your ACS Deputy Director and his staff may wish to ask yourselves how is it that this dog wound up being adopted by an individual who was on the "Do Not Adopt" list - - - and yet somehow had been allowed to adopt both *Knight* and another dog named *Princess*.

It would appear that the screening methodology at SJACS is terribly deficient and risks placing dogs into situations of *reckless endangerment*. - - - This is not the first time that your staff has placed a dog in the custody of an adopter who was either mentally unstable and/or homeless. This is by no means a "one-off".

This has been documented.

- Mike Wagner



Sustain Our Shelters



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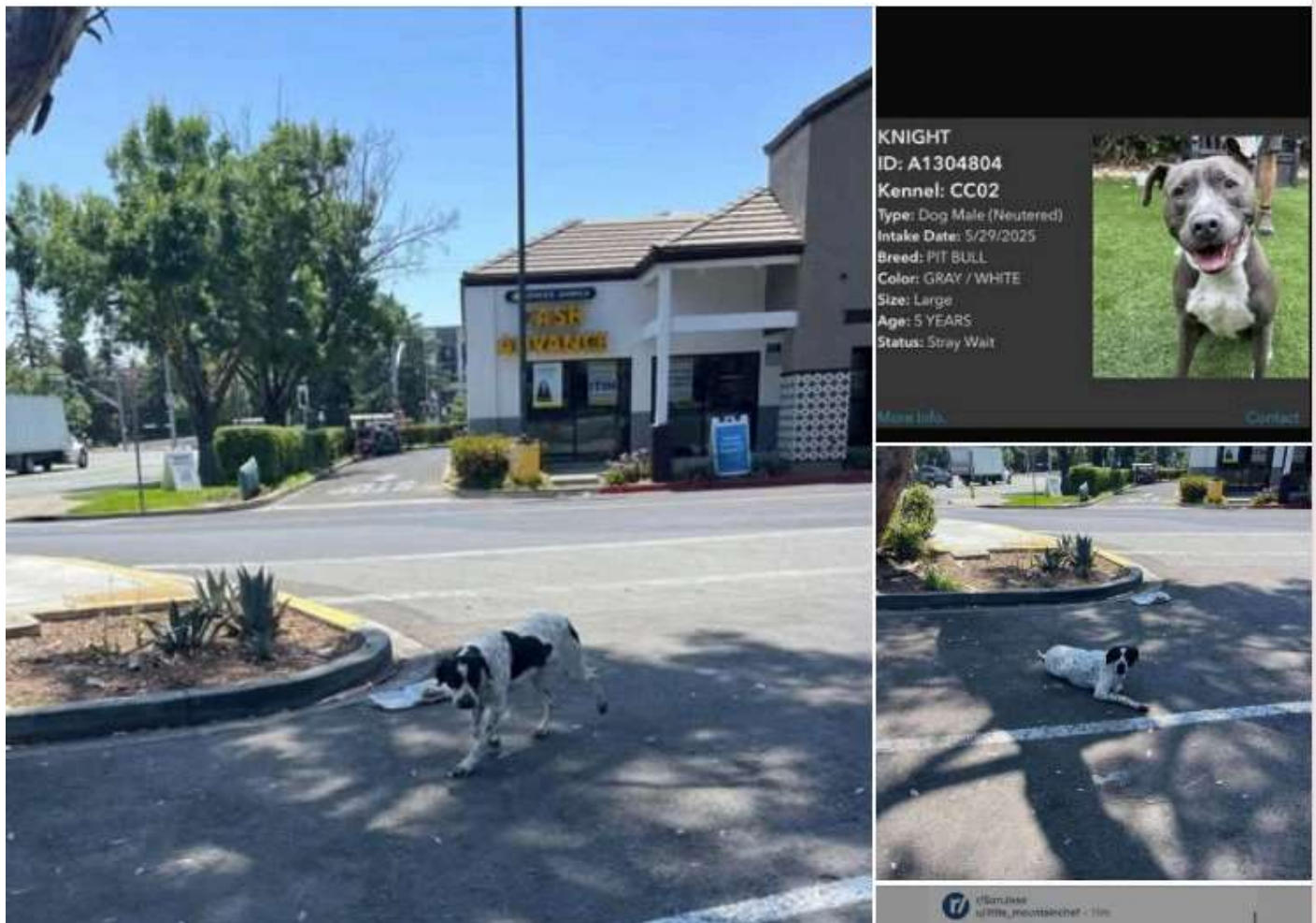
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jean Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:25 PM
To: Jean Cohen <jean@southbaylabor.org>
Subject: Request for Med 30 Support - Agenda Item 3.8

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Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of over 100,000 working families in the South Bay, I am writing to request your support for Med 30. The elimination of these positions does not support our shared vision for a safe and appropriately resourced fire and emergency services department.

We support the memo from Councilmembers Doan, Mulcahy, Campos, and Casey to reinvest in these positions. This proposal will allow the city to provide the public and first responders a safer, permanente, and more comprehensive solution for Med 30.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Cohen
Executive Officer
South Bay Labor Council


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To: The Mayor and City Council of the City of San Jose

RE: Homelessness and Crime Initiatives

Dear Mayor and Council:

Good afternoon. As you are likely aware, my wife Suzanne and I are business and property owners in downtown San Jose. I have worked Downtown since 1980 and have seen a lot of change for the better, and at times the worse. I am here to support the Mayor's initiatives on homelessness and crime which are long overdue. Allow me to provide a few examples of why.

On April 28th I came to work at my usual time between 5-6 a.m. I take a tour down 1st and 2nd Street at our Faber's Cyclery property to see what the day will bring i.e. tagging, vandalism, illegal dumping, abandoned cars. Fortunately; on that day, there was none of the usual occurrences except for the *illegal dumping in the alley*.

As I turned right on 2nd from Margaret, I saw a very large dead possum in the middle of the road and proceeded to head to the office. Later in the afternoon I had a meeting at our Faber's site. As I walked down Margaret Street I saw a woman who had placed the possum on a leash and was dragging it down the street as a pet with its entrails trailing behind. In and around St. James park I have seen downtrodden homeless beating their dogs, at our old office on First St. a man screaming and drooling blood and spit was beating on the front door and scared the hell out of my employees. On one of my hikes in Santa Cruz I saw a palsied man with his alleged caretaker under the bridge and you could see the sick synergistic relationship between them. Lately, at our office at First and Willow, a disturbed man has been taking the city trash receptacles and our and our neighbors garbage bins and crazily strewing trash all over 1st and 2nd which all of us businesses need to clean at our own expense. This is a window of what small businesses and *neighborhoods* face on a regular basis.

Early this week on one of my early morning tours of Faber's and my Studio I ended up cleaning tags off the walls and windows with alcohol, last week our office was tagged twice. You need to knock tags out quickly or they come back quicker and we would rather do it and not wait for the City to do it.

In the last three years we have had a Bobcat stolen and never recovered, 2 catalytic converters stolen, a forty-thousand-dollar generator stolen never recovered, our water truck stolen and recovered, twenty-seven thousand dollars' worth of tools stolen, Faber's broken into and 3 of my good friend's vintage Stingray bikes stolen and I could go on.

However, this is not about us, we are only one entity, but these stories exemplify what small businesses and neighborhoods encounter regularly.

The point of this is: and our good friend Tamiko Rast said it well in her press interview and I paraphrase. If this continues and things don't change why on earth would we want to continue to deal with it? Why would we want to stay here? We also have contemplated leaving, but our hearts are here but if things don't change we are getting to the point that we prudently may need to locate businesses elsewhere.

We need things to change and change quickly, its long overdue and there has been lack of leadership and too many excuses in the past. Now we have a chance to take a whack at the problem and we need to do so and turn San Jose back to a world-class city.

And to you neighsayers I expound: hope is not a strategy, thievery is not justifiable, tagging is not art, its vandalism, and being mentally ill on the streets is not freedom, **it's hell**.

Support the Mayor, and support change.


 James A. Jim Salata

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Dear Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, and City Clerk,

Thank you for receiving our comment letter on behalf of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy for City Council 06/10/2025 Agenda Item 3.8 "June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2025-2026."

Thank you,

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Jason Su (he/him)

Executive Director | [Guadalupe River Park Conservancy](#)

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June 10, 2025

San Jose City Council
200 E Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: San Jose City Council Item 3.8: June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy (GRPC) provides community leadership for the active use and development of the Guadalupe River Park. We write in support of the Mayor's June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2025–2026 and appreciate the Council's continued recognition of the River Park as a vital north-south gateway and downtown civic asset ready for renewal.

We are particularly encouraged by the inclusion of one-time investments to support 2026 special events and the continued funding for the Stitching Districts Initiative, which promises to enhance connectivity between the SAP Center, Little Italy, San Pedro Square, and the Guadalupe River Park via St. John Street as Sharks Way. These public realm improvements align directly with our goals of connecting people to nature, place, and each other, and align with the vision laid out in the San José Envision 2040 General Plan and the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens Master Plans.

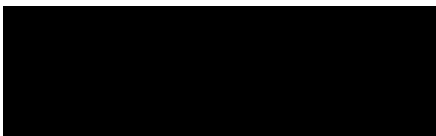
The budget's commitment to BeautifySJ, parks maintenance, and encampment response remains critical. Targeted outreach teams along waterways are a pragmatic step forward, improving safety and environmental health while sustaining last year's outcomes from the Encampment Resolution Grant.

We also commend the June Budget Message's acknowledgment of the River Park's potential to anchor San José's experience economy and identify a longer-term vision for a downtown sports and entertainment district. The Conservancy stands ready to support the City in advancing this vision through continued collaboration in park development, stewardship, and activation,

At the same time, we are concerned about potential reductions in funding for GRPC's long-standing role as a nonprofit partner, reflected in 22 public comments submitted during May's budget study session. As public needs grow and resources tighten, community-based organizations—like ours—remain essential to delivering impact and maintaining public trust. We encourage the Council to consider how these pressures may affect capacity to meet shared goals.

Despite these challenges, we remain fully committed to the long-term transformation of Guadalupe River Park and look forward to working with the City and community to realize its full civic and ecological potential.

Regards,



Jason Su, Executive Director, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

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Hello Mayor and City Council,

Please watch the video attached that we are submitting to the City of San Jose to be considered for the 2025-2026 Budget.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/-TprnoY-PYE>

Testimony from the May 22nd, 2025 Sweep Along the Guadalupe River in San Jose, CA

May 22nd, 2025 -- San Jose Police conducted a sweep on houseless encampments along the Guadalupe River in San Jose, CA. They told residents of the encampments that the sweep would take place in June and then suddenly descended on the encampment. The sweeps are part of an ongoing campaign by Mayor Mahan and the City of San Jose. With consideration of further policies like the "Responsibility to Shelter" policy, which creates a new police unit to arrest houseless people if they refuse city-offered shelter, we think it is important for decision makers to hear directly from those impacted to help expose the realities of these policies. The policy of sweeping encampments -- essentially evicting houseless communities from where they take shelter with limited offers of alternative housing options -- has already been the default policy in San Jose for decades. The City of San Jose cited pre-pandemic that each sweep cost an estimated \$10,000 per sweep meaning the City of San Jose has spent millions of dollars on this policy over the years of its use.

It is a continued waste of public resources to sweep houseless communities while not adequately funding permanent housing solutions or being preventative for those on the verge of houselessness.

Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of Silicon Valley De-Bug,

Andrew Bigelow, Community Organizer

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Dear Toni,

Sending a final corrected version of the REAL coalition budget letter for the record.

Best,

Ángel Aliano | Policy + Advocacy Associate

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Subject: REAL Coalition Letter re FY 2025-2026 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, & 3.12 (June 10)

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

Please see the letter from the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition regarding the FY26 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, 3.12 (June 10). We look forward to your discussion on this topic.

Thank you,

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June 9, 2025

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Sent via electronic mail

Re: City of San José FY 2025-2026 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, & 3.12 (June 10)

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, Members of the City Council, City Manager Maguire, and Budget Director Shannon: This letter is being submitted by 52 organizations, members of the REAL Coalition and allies, that represent thousands of San Jose residents. Please consider these comments regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Preservation of Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Funding

The REAL Coalition urges the City Council to allocate 15% of Measure E funds toward cash assistance programs that prevent eviction, housing instability, and homelessness. With the federal government planning to eliminate Section 8 and end emergency housing vouchers in Santa Clara County—putting thousands of families at risk—San José must be prepared to respond proactively. Preventing homelessness through targeted financial assistance is significantly more cost-effective than helping individuals exit homelessness once displaced. We support the memorandum from Councilmembers Campos, Salas, and Doan, relating to Item 3.7, to reallocate Measure E funds with more emphasis on prevention and family homelessness and revert allocation changes after 2 years.

REAL supports a balanced and comprehensive approach to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis—one that includes both shelter solutions and the construction or preservation of permanent housing. We also recommend that the City return to the original Measure E allocation model within two years, allowing time to evaluate outcomes and assess changes in federal funding before determining future allocations.

We are hopeful that adding a fifth focus area to build more housing will indeed lead to increased investment in housing for people on the lower end and bottom

of the income spectrum. As we build market-rate housing we must remain watchful that we're not in turn displacing our lower-income neighbors.

Avoid Criminalization of Homelessness

The REAL Coalition strongly opposes any budget allocation to implement the proposed Neighborhood Quality of Life Unit within the San José Police Department. As outlined in our recent letter to the City, we continue to have serious concerns and unanswered questions about both this unit, the expanded Code of Conduct, and the Enhanced Engagement Program, including the lack of transparency and clarity regarding their scope, purpose, and implementation. Establishing a new police unit that targets unhoused residents risks leading to more arrests and further criminalization of poverty—approaches that have consistently proven harmful, traumatic, and ineffective.

Policing is not a solution to homelessness. Arresting, punishing, and incarcerating our most vulnerable community members will only deepen their hardship and increase long-term costs for the City. This truth was recognized in two separate votes against the plan by the Housing & Community Development Commission. Rather than funding punitive measures, San José should invest in proven strategies that focus on prevention, supportive services, and housing solutions. Consistent with REAL's earlier letter, we urge the Council to reject this proposal and reallocate resources toward approaches that uphold dignity, equity, and lasting impact.

We support the memos from Councilmember Campos to defer this policy and delay some ordinance changes until there is far more clarity on how this work will be operationalized.

Stop Enforcement Against People Living in Vehicles

The REAL Coalition opposes the proposed increase in spending on parking enforcement against people forced to live in their vehicles, particularly as the City simultaneously cuts essential community programming. It is fiscally irresponsible to expand punitive enforcement while failing to invest in supportive resources. The City should not impose additional penalties on individuals living in their vehicles without first providing adequate safe parking options. Penalizing

residents for outdated vehicle registration effectively punishes poverty and drives people deeper into crisis and debt.

For many unhoused individuals, a vehicle is a vital lifeline—offering shelter, mobility, and a degree of stability. Stripping people of this lifeline through enforcement actions will only exacerbate hardship and lead to higher public costs associated with street homelessness. A more compassionate and fiscally sound approach is to support residents in maintaining this form of temporary shelter while investing in long-term housing solutions.

Continue Investment in TRUST

REAL supports the outreach and communication strategies outlined in MBA #8 to supplement the County’s public awareness campaign for the 988 crisis line. Survey results from 2024 show that approximately 75% of San José residents are unaware of the services available through 988. A targeted public education campaign by the City, designed in collaboration with the County and providers, is critical to increasing awareness and driving greater use of this life-saving resource.

We also commend the recent collaboration between the City and County to implement new protocols that will expand the diversion of appropriate calls from 911 to 988. Continued investment in public education and service infrastructure is essential to realizing the full potential of 988. Additionally, we support the expansion of the TRUST program and appreciate City staff’s efforts to identify opioid settlement funds to sustain and grow this vital, non-policing response to mental health crises in our community.

Community-based Prevention and Intervention of Violence

The REAL Coalition asks that the City Council make a \$80,000 investment in moving forward towards a community-designed interpersonal violence prevention and intervention program, consistent with the Reimagining Public Safety recommendations and Council’s previous direction. This community-driven idea was acknowledged and approved two budget cycles ago, and we encourage the Council to keep its promise to the community to move forward with an innovative pilot.

REAL also acknowledges the importance of additional DV and BEST services, which were presented as alternatives by staff, and encourages the City to find resources for these important services. REAL has a longstanding request to the City to significantly deepen its investment in BEST services as alternatives to policing and incarceration.

Expand Immigration Services Funding

The REAL Coalition supports the request from Amigos de Guadalupe, numerous allies and the memo from Councilmember Ortiz for \$1.5 million for immigration services. This is a small investment relative to the \$45 billion being invested by the federal government for mass deportation infrastructure, about ten times what the government had been spending in this area. It is inevitable that the ICE activity we're seeing in Los Angeles will come to San José. The City has a responsibility to protect all residents, and it is not ready for what is about to happen. This funding will provide the services and resources necessary to protect its immigrant residents and the stability of families and our neighborhoods.

Support Investment in Community-Driven Services at MACSA

In solidarity with SOMOS Mayfair, the Sí Se Puede Collective, and other allies, REAL supports the Mayor's direction to use \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to facilitate the revitalization of the Mexican American Community Services Youth Center (MACSA). Data from the Latino Health Assessment showed the harsh realities impacting Latino youth and their families, particularly in East San José. Investment in children, youth and our families in disinvested communities should be a priority. MACSA can serve as a multi-hub center for Latino youth, providing cultural services, leadership development, and healing.

Older Adults Health and Wellness Funding

We stand in solidarity with the nine providers and almost 150 organizations and community members who signed the letter in support of restoring the full \$526,434 in funding for the Older Adults Health and Wellness program. These critical services support thousands of San José's older adults—especially those who are low-income, non-English speaking, isolated, and medically vulnerable.

Racial Equity Staffing in City Departments

The REAL Coalition opposes the proposed cuts to racial equity staffing in several departments in the City of San José's FY26 budget. These positions are essential to ensuring that equity is not just a stated value, but a lived practice across city services and decision-making. Slashing these roles undermines years of progress and community trust, particularly among Black, Latine, Asian, and Indigenous communities that continue to face systemic disparities. This move also runs counter to the priorities advanced by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), which emphasizes the need for sustained institutional commitment, infrastructure, and leadership to embed equity into governance. GARE's framework makes clear that cutting dedicated equity roles threatens the long-term structural change necessary for just and inclusive communities. In a moment when racial equity work must be deepened—not diminished—we urge the City to protect and strengthen these vital positions.

Families and Children

REAL also supports the proposal by Councilmember Doan, Campos, Casey, and Mulcahy, relating to Item 3.8, to maintain support for the Family, Friend, and Neighbor Early Education Program and incorporate direction from BD #45. Support for childcare advances racial equity by reducing barriers to economic opportunity for families of color, who are disproportionately affected by high childcare costs and limited access to quality early education.

Please consider this letter signed by 52 organizations as you decide what action to take on June 9 and 10. You can reach us by emailing IselaR@sacredheartcs.org.

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Well said, Jim Salata, as usual, and backed up with concrete examples of why sometimes our homeless folks need our help when they do not understand they are in great need of reasonable and compassionate care and attention. The word "arrest" has an unfortunately negative connotation. Perhaps we should use "detained and escorted to a residential facility"?

The most problematic individuals are often the most difficult to "detain" but they often do not see, do not understand or are unable to care that their conduct is so destructive to neighbors and the body politic. They are responsible for mountains of trash around their campsites which they believe to be their "valuable belongings" and public agencies expend scarce resources to store and document these "valuables". The Public Weal should not be superceded by an individual's insistence on freedom to do whatever he/she wants, especially if it offends the common understanding of civil conduct. As President Thomas Jefferson is reported to have said "Liberty carries within it the seeds of its own destruction." The more individuals abuse their freedoms, the more likely such freedoms will be taken away.

Mayor Mahan should be allowed to try out his current approach toward this homelessness problem.

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On Jun 10, 2025, at 1:42 PM, James Salata [REDACTED] wrote:



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June 10th 20205

To: The Mayor and City Council of the City of San Jose

RE: Homelessness and Crime Initiatives

Dear Mayor and Council:

Good afternoon. As you are likely aware, my wife Suzanne and I are business and property owners in downtown San Jose. I have worked Downtown since 1980 and have seen a lot of change for the better, and at times the worse. I am here to support the Mayor's initiatives on homelessness and crime which are long overdue. Allow me to provide a few examples of why.

On April 28th I came to work at my usual time between 5-6 a.m. I take a tour down 1st and 2nd Street at our Faber's Cyclery property to see what the day will bring i.e. tagging, vandalism, illegal dumping, abandoned cars. Fortunately; on that day, there was none of the usual occurrences except for the *illegal dumping in the alley*.

As I turned right on 2nd from Margaret, I saw a very large dead possum in the middle of the road and proceeded to head to the office. Later in the afternoon I had a meeting at our Faber's site. As I walked down Margaret Street I saw a woman who had placed the possum on a leash and was dragging it down the street as a pet with its entrails trailing behind. In and around St. James park I have seen downtrodden homeless beating their dogs, at our old office on First St. a man screaming and drooling blood and spit was beating on the front door and scared the hell out of my employees. On one of my hikes in Santa Cruz I saw a palsied man with his alleged caretaker under the bridge and you could see the sick synergistic relationship between them. Lately, at our office at First and Willow, a disturbed man has been taking the city trash receptacles and our and our neighbors garbage bins and crazily strewing trash all over 1st and 2nd which all of us businesses need to clean at our own expense. This is a window of what small businesses and *neighborhoods* face on a regular basis.

Early this week on one of my early morning tours of Faber's and my Studio I ended up cleaning tags off the walls and windows with alcohol, last week our office was tagged twice. You need to knock tags out quickly or they come back quicker and we would rather do it and not wait for the City to do it.

In the last three years we have had a Bobcat stolen and never recovered, 2 catalytic converters stolen, a forty-thousand-dollar generator stolen never recovered, our water truck stolen and recovered, twenty-seven thousand dollars' worth of tools stolen, Faber's broken into and 3 of my good friend's vintage Stingray bikes stolen and I could go on.

However, this is not about us, we are only one entity, but these stories exemplify what small businesses and neighborhoods encounter regularly.

The point of this is: and our good friend Tamiko Rast said it well in her press interview and I paraphrase. If this continues and things don't change why on earth would we want to continue to deal with it? Why would we want to stay here? We also have contemplated leaving, but our hearts are here but if things don't change we are getting to the point that we prudently may need to locate businesses elsewhere.

We need things to change and change quickly, its long overdue and there has been lack of leadership and too many excuses in the past. Now we have a chance to take a whack at the problem and we need to do so and turn San Jose back to a world-class city.

And to you neighsayers I expound: hope is not a strategy, thievery is not justifiable, tagging is not art, its vandalism, and being mentally ill on the streets is not freedom, **it's hell**.

Support the Mayor, and support change.


James A. Jim Salata

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