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My name is Kamilah Davis, I would like to submit this statement of support for the Virtual Village, under Agenda Item 3.3 (the Mayor’s Budget Message). Our county is unique in that although we have a community with numbers in the tens of thousands, there is no one “Black neighborhood” of Santa Clara County. Significant isolation is experienced by the many of those in our community who are disconnected – and both physical and emotional isolation is an obstacle that is only worsens the various other obstacles that our community has historically and disproportionately faced, including but of course not limited to: racial trauma, chronic disease, state violence, incarceration, and institutional abuse. The Virtual Village is an incredibly innovative and effective solution to this isolation by providing a virtual home of our community’s resources, opportunities, and history. can definitively say, our community will benefit because of this program. Our children, and my children, will benefit from this. Unity engenders power and progress. Thank you!

Kamilah Davis, MSW, PPSC
Program Coordinator
Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI)

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Fw: Invest in Arts & Culture in FY2022 City Budget

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Subject: Invest in Arts & Culture in FY2022 City Budget

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Honorable Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

I write to you today in support of the proposed budget adjustments as described in Section G. Cultural Vitality.

Cultural and arts programming distributed widely throughout our entire city should be an integral part of our economic and civic recovery process. The decimation of Transient Occupancy Tax funds to support San José's arts and cultural ecosystem demands of our City government to creatively respond to the shortfall without delay. These proposed budget adjustments help us move towards a recovery of an essential industry beneficial to the vibrancy of San José.

Thank you.

-Ron P. Muriera

Arts Advocate

Resident, District 2

Ron P. Muriera
Owner/Consultant

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Fw: Item 3.3 Vote YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo for Children & Families

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Subject: Item 3.3 Vote YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo for Children & Families

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Frederick Douglas wrote: It is far easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

I urge the City Council to prioritize the needs of San Jose children and families. Currently the City plans to dedicate almost no funds to children & families through the City's annual budget process. This is why the American Rescue Plan funds should be allocated towards the needs of working families. COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted working families. We need to ensure no families – particularly our Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and other families of color – are not left behind in the City's recovery plan. It is imperative that the American Rescue Plan funds should be allocated to address the needs of working families:

- As schools and workplaces reopen, families should not have to worry about the safety of their children – the budget should be reflective of the City Council's direction to prioritize childcare as critical to COVID-19 recovery. (BD #92 Arenas)
- The American Rescue Plan Funds should be dedicated towards the purpose of providing new or expanded services for children. This includes child care and programs focused on social-emotional wellness and learning loss. (BD #80, #90 Arenas)
- The American Rescue Plan Funds should also be dedicated to programs that benefit children that come from communities that have been hardest hit by COVID-19 (BD #89 Arenas).

We know when we invest in families and children, our families and children do better. Prior to COVID-19, families and children who are low-income or Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and other communities of color were already facing an opportunity gap and a gap in the social determinants of health, resulting in poor outcomes in learning and life. The impact of COVID-19 exacerbated these poor

conditions and outcomes for these communities. The negative impact of COVID-10 will be long-term if we do not act now.

I am urging you to include Councilmember Arenas' budget documents (#89,#90 and #92) in the City's budget approval process and her memo on Item 3.3 Mayor's June Budget Message to full fund and prioritize the needs of children and families.

Last, I would like to take this one step further. The City should have a "Children's Budget"—similar to that developed by the County's Board of Supervisors, so we can truly understand what resources are spent on children and families in the City of San Jose and ensure they are prioritized in future budget discussions.

In community partnership,



Dana Bunnett,
Executive Director



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Dear Sir,

I raised my hand today during the zoom call, but for some reason, was not recognized. I am hoping that it is not too late to submit my comment in writing.

Comment On the Proposed Budgets for 2021-2022

Let me first thank Mayor Liccardo, his staff, and whoever else helped put together the proposed budgets for 2021-2022. They seem to be very thoughtful and complete, and the four previously approved budget initiatives seem very appropriate for this moment in time.

My primary comment is about fiscal responsibility and sustainability. I know the city is receiving stimulus funds, I believe, from both our federal and state governments. I think it would be a mistake at this time to use this money for new projects for which there is no clear source of future dedicated spending. Starting new projects and then having to cancel them in the future is difficult and also disappointing to all those involved in them. Instead, I strongly support Mayor Liccardo's proposal for setting aside approximately \$50M for future year's needs, and would like to recommend that any excess funds be dedicated to core services enhancements. Planning for the future should be an essential part of any budget planning process and initiating new projects when core services are underfunded is a disservice to all in our community.

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Sincerely,
Mel Zimowski

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