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October 27, 2020

Mayor Sam Liccardo
San Jose City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Every decade this body and its appointees determine the process and outcome of redistricting communities in San Jose. It's imperative that transparency, representation, and fairness are the leading values driving this process. The South Bay Labor Council supports the proposal introduced by Councilmembers Jimenez, Carrasco, Peralez, Esparza, and Arenas. These recommendations are the most responsible and inclusive approaches to redistricting in the City of San Jose. Please support a process that is fair and engages the community in every step.

Sincerely,



Jean Cohen
Interim Executive Officer
South Bay Labor Council



Fw: Vote NO on Mayor's Redistricting Memo

Gregory, Barbara

Wed 10/28/2020 7:08 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>;

Thank You,

Barb Gregory



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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:21 PM

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Ruben Leyva

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SAN JOSE/SILICON VALLEY BRANCH OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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October 27, 2020

San José City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St. San José,

Re: Redistricting

Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council

When the residents voted in 1978 to form council Districts in San Jose, it was due to the fact that racial inequality in San Jose City leadership was rampant. We have been able to successfully ensure representation of many communities on the San Jose City Council through open and transparent processes which encouraged participation from all communities.

This is why the NAACP is joining many others in strongly encouraging the San Jose City Council to hold hearings on the formation of the redistricting committee selection process. This is no reason to make a rash move without plenty of public discussion, especially when the risks would be burdened by communities of color, as always.

When redistricting plans are adopted without meaningful participation by minority communities the result is often that minority communities are divided up, fractured and placed into many different districts (known as “cracking”).

We all know that majority minority districts will lead to more civic participation in communities of color. People of color have traditionally been disenfranchised in the voter process, just look at all the attempts right now to disenfranchise minority populations throughout the United States in the very election cycle that we are coming to a close on. In San Jose we can do better.

With redistricting, what is needed on the local level is a true and transparent public process, that way all communities can get a chance to elect someone to champion their issues and needs. If the City of San Jose continues this present course of redistricting without community, then we will instead be forced to present alternative redistricting maps that could improve opportunities for our community to elect a candidate of choice. This is not how the process should work.

On behalf of the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP I instead ask that your engage in a public process to determine where we should be going as a community, and vote for the councilmembers memo that prioritizes transparency and community outreach.

It's the fair and just thing to do.

Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President