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January 8, 2021

To: Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan
cc: San Jose City Clerk

Subject: Charter Review Commission Report and Recommendations; Agenda #3.4

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara supports the Charter Review Commission's recommendation to **move the San Jose mayoral election from gubernatorial to presidential election years** beginning in 2024. In addition, we urge you to make it a **stand-alone ballot measure** for the June 2022 election. The League, firm in the belief that the strength of our democratic government depends on the active participation of everyone, has advocated for over a hundred years to improve voter education and encourage an active electorate. We believe passing this measure will increase voter participation.

Members of the League of Women Voters have endorsed a national campaign entitled *Making Democracy Work* stating: "The right to vote is a fundamental principle of our democracy. When more Americans can participate in our elections, the outcome better reflects who we are as a country. We work year-round at the state and local level to enact voting reforms that best increase turnout and help new communities participate in the process..." We believe that the transition to presidential cycles supports our goals and principles.

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara has long studied San Jose's governance structure and electoral process. As League members, we pride ourselves on "doing our homework." Our members heard presentations from proponents of the change in timing of mayoral elections first in 2018, and continued to closely follow the deliberations of the Charter Review Commission, especially the presentation by Dr. Garrick Percival, a Commission member.

League members reviewed several studies cited by Dr. Percival. The study by Rice/Kinder Institute for Urban Research and its Center for Local Elections in American Politics documents the impact of timing of mayoral elections on turnout. Its California data-set included 1,062 mayoral elections from February 1995 to November 2014. In California cities where mayoral elections coincide with the presidential elections, voter turnout is more than double that of mayoral elections conducted in off-cycle years.

We supported Measure F in 1978 which created district elections coinciding with the gubernatorial election cycle. A factor in our consideration of the proposed change was whether the San Jose mayoral race would be lost in the "noise" of presidential contests. We concluded that this is not a significant concern because of the absence of any peer-reviewed academic research to support the hypothesis. Dr. Percival cited a study authored by Zoltan and Lewis. It concludes that in California, mayoral races have no statistically significant effect on city council races. Based upon these and other studies, we conclude that the opportunity

to raise San Jose's low turnout rate of 43.4% averaged over the last four mayoral elections is worth any potential minor downside to a change in its timing.

We do not make the request for a stand-alone ballot measure lightly. We note that the cost of a single ballot measure was estimated in excess of \$1.6 million dollars in July 2020. **It is League policy to oppose ballot measures that contain multiple subjects because it leads to voter confusion and frustration.** This is especially the case if a voter supports one of the multiple proposals and not others in the measure. We respectfully suggest that voters should have the right to make this important decision to change a decades-long electoral practice in an easily understandable, single-subject ballot measure.

The League of Women Voters of California commented in 2019 on an election-related bill, "Despite the fact that California is a majority-minority state, voting participation gaps for people of color, low-income and youth mean that critical issues of local and statewide importance are being made by a predominantly older, white and unrepresentative electorate. Among the League's core missions is to increase voter participation and ensure that the electorate reflects California's diversity." **The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara affirms that equity statement and asks you to draft a ballot measure, without other subjects, to move the San Jose mayoral election from gubernatorial to presidential election years.**

Regards,



Carol Watts, President, League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara
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Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is Ingrid Granados and I am a San Jose Community Leader. I lived and worked in San Jose for over 35 years.

I am in full support of council member Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

Expanding the vote will have a positive impact on all communities. San José Immigrants (green card holders and undocumented) are a diverse ethnic group that includes Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, Hindi, African, Filipino/Tagalog, Europeans, and various other diverse communities. As part of our San José community, they contribute to building this city's wealth as business owners, teachers, tech workers, constructions, hospitals, hospitality, nurses, artists, nonprofit workers, promotoras and provide the pool of labor for all industries. Expanding the voting power to all residents will benefit all communities in San Jose and create a more inclusive city.

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Sincerely,
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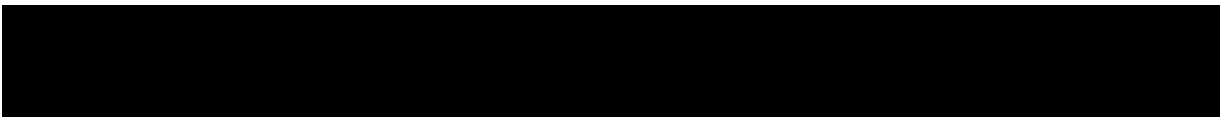
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Hello! My name is Jean Furgerson and I am a San Jose resident—Willow Glen, specifically.

I am in FULL support of council member Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

Immigrants pay taxes; do our community's toughest work; enrich us with their lives, cultures, and stories... and yet, we deny them the chance to represent their needs in politics.

San José Immigrants (green card holders and undocumented) are a diverse ethnic group that includes Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, Hindi, African, Filipino/Tagalog, Europeans, and various other diverse communities. Politicians at every level have echoed the messages of "Black Lives Matter," and "Stop Asian Hate." If you want to show you really mean it, give ALL our neighbors the right to vote!

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please, prove that San José is a city that is ready for the future—a guiding light for California and the entire country!

Sincerely,
Jean Furgerson

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Letter of Support

RE: 01/07/22 Memo (Council Members Carrasco and Arenas)
SUBJECT: Additional Measures and Charter Amendments related to Voting and Elections that improve accountability, representation, and inclusion.

San José City Council Members and Staff:

On behalf of the SJSU Human Rights Institute, I would like to submit this letter of support for the 01/07/22 memo submitted by Council Members Carrasco and Arenas regarding "Additional Measures and Charter Amendments related to Voting and Elections." We would like to encourage Council to consider (1) extending municipal voting rights to all San José City Residents and (2) scheduling municipal elections in order to maximize participation by all of our city's resident stakeholders.

Our position is that of non-partisan advocacy of human rights practice in our city, county, and state. Though ICCPR Article 25 speaks to the rights of "citizens" to universal suffrage and political participation, we join other advocates in recognizing (1) the current incredible barriers to naturalization/citizenship in the U.S., and (2) the extent to which both documented and undocumented immigrant populations contribute to the local economy and general functioning of our local communities (as also detailed in the memo). Absent meaningful federal immigration reform to alleviate considerable barriers to citizenship, it is reasonable to consider extending local political voice to all of our local resident stakeholders. This is in line with the spirit of civil and political human rights, as articulated in Article 21 of the UDHR that does not employ the language of citizenship in defining "universal and equal suffrage" (also noting also that Santa Clara County declared itself a "human rights county" to mark philosophical agreement with the UDHR in 2018).

Put simply, international law and standard seem to support maximizing and extending civil and political rights to people living under any particular governing authority. We understand the concerns of those who suggest that such political rights should not be extended to those who have not accepted "the responsibilities of citizenship." However, we estimate that this concern should be weighed against (1) the extent to which documented and undocumented immigrant populations contribute to the health and function of local communities, and (2) the available paths to citizenship for immigrant residents.

In all, we trust that Council will take these various legal and philosophical tensions seriously in considering the suggestions of the memo, and we are pleased to play our role to inform the conversation to the best of our ability. Please do not hesitate to reach us with any questions, comments or concerns. We thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

William Armaline, Ph.D.
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Hello, my name is Kim Guptill, and I am a member of Showing up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart, a D6 voter, and a 30-year resident of San Jose. I am in full support of the memo from Councilmembers Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas on expanding voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

At the December 14th City Council meeting, a motion was unanimously approved to agendize a redistricting process discussion at the January 11th council meeting. I don't see that discussion listed on the January 11th agenda, but I wanted to submit these recommendations for whenever that discussion is held:

1. IMPROVE INITIAL REDISTRICTING OUTREACH:

Require that the City Clerk's office coordinate closely with each council office when publicizing the initial outreach meetings for each district. Ensure the district meetings are publicized to everyone on the respective council office's mailing list and included in the councilmember's newsletter, and ensure that all active neighborhood and business associations in the district are notified. In addition to utilizing each district office's mailing lists, also publicize the outreach meetings city-wide via Nextdoor and/or any relevant social media used for community outreach at the time. Finally, clearly communicate with residents what communication is allowed and disallowed with the Redistricting Commissioners.

2. PROVIDE CLEARER DIRECTION TO THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:

The city council was distressed to receive three maps from the Redistricting Commission instead of one map. This should not have been a surprise since city council Resolution No. 79867 which formed the commission was not specific in what the commission was to provide back to the council. See the excerpt below in blue text. This may have been exacerbated by the Santa Clara County Redistricting Advisory Commission setting a precedent of providing the Board of Supervisors multiple maps shortly before the city Redistricting Commission was to provide its final report.

For future, I recommend the council request a single final map, *plus* a table of key neighborhoods with brief explanations of why they should be kept together and/or in specific districts.

I further recommend the council provide exceptionally clear instructions when adding any new considerations to those listed in the governing documents (City Charter, State and Federal Law). The Resolution should provide a single consolidated, prioritized list of considerations, merging those in the governing documents with the new considerations added by the council. (For example: equal population, contiguity, etc.)

[Excerpt from Resolution No. 79867:](#)

[SECTION 2. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.](#)

A. The Redistricting Commission shall submit its report and recommendations regarding Council District boundaries within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the redistricting counts are delivered to the States.

B. In addition to any requirements under the City Charter and State and federal law, the Redistricting Commission, to the extent practicable, should recommend Districts to the Council that provide racial minorities with an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and do not dilute or diminish their ability to elect candidates of choice whether alone or in coalitions with others.

3. CONSIDER A CHARTER UPDATE FOR ANY NEW REDISTRICTING CONSIDERATIONS:

Should the council seek a ballot measure to update the city charter to change the number of districts, consider concurrently updating the charter's list of redistricting considerations to simplify the task of future Redistricting Commissions. The current considerations are excerpted below in green text.

Excerpt from City Charter:

SECTION 403. Elections by Districts.

In any redistricting, the Council shall make the Districts as nearly equal in population as may be practicable, and may, in establishing the boundaries of the Districts, give consideration to (a) natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundaries; (b) geography; (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory; and (d) community of interests within each District.

4. CONSIDER MODIFIED PUBLIC COMMENT RULES:

It was very common to have large groups of public speakers repeating the same script, while their leaders had difficulty expressing highly-researched positions in one minute comment periods. Consider allowing topic leaders a longer comment period such as 5 minutes to discuss their position in detail, to be followed by their supporters, who would each be given a shorter time such as 30 seconds to list their name, district, neighborhood, and anything specific to their neighborhood. I realize this could be hard to manage, but it could potentially speed up the meeting and allow well-researched commenters to fully express their testimony.

5. IMPROVE MAP AVAILABILITY AND NAMING:

Here are some recommendations regarding maps:

- a) Any map to be discussed in a Redistricting Commission or City Council meeting should be published on the city's website 72 hours before the meeting, and should include a link to a common interactive mapping tool (e.g. districtr). This way all stakeholders can view the detailed boundaries and population statistics for all maps under consideration at least 72 hours before the relevant meeting.
- b) Map naming convention should be established early in the process and adhered to throughout the process.
- c) The name of every new map should include a higher date, number and/or letter than all prior maps.
- d) Avoid using confusing names, for example avoid any map names starting with the letter "D" which can be confused with "District".
- c) Separate old maps from current maps so it is exceptionally clear to anyone viewing the city website which maps are currently under consideration.

Regards,

David Noel, President
Erikson Neighborhood Association
District 9 Resident

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Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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From: Victor Vasquez <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 4:19 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@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>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is Victor Vasquez and I am a San Jose (Community member, leader.). I lived/worked in San Jose for over 10 years.

I am in full support of council member Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

In your own words tell us why this matters to you? or pick one of the following or try to get a couple in (you get about 1-2 minutes top)

It is unfair to tax residents and yet they have very limited representation and power in our society. According to New American Economy, it is estimated that in 2018, immigrants in the San José Metro Area - a portion of which are undocumented - brought in \$5.3 billion in state and local taxes alone. Federally, the immigrant contribution is \$12.9 billion. While immigrants help build our city's wealth, it is unfair that they do not have the power to make decisions over local ballot measures and elections. We need to end taxation without representation in our city and expand the voting power to all.

Expanding the vote will have a positive impact on all communities. San José Immigrants (green card holders and undocumented) are a diverse ethnic group that includes Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, South Asian, African, Filipino/Tagalog, Europeans, and various other diverse communities. As part of our San José community, they contribute to building this city's wealth as business owners, teachers, tech workers, constructions, hospitals, hospitality, nurses, artists, nonprofit workers, promotoras and provide the pool

of labor for all industries. Expanding the voting power to all residents will benefit all communities in San Jose and create a more inclusive city.

Expanding the vote to all residents will align San Jose with a growing movement to expand the power to voter to all residents across the nation. Currently, there are currently 14 municipalities across the U.S. that permit non-citizens to vote in local elections. 11 of these municipalities are in Maryland, two in Vermont and one in California. New York has recently passed a measure to give voting rights to approximately 900,000 legal noncitizens. In 2016, voters in San Francisco approved Proposition N, which permits non-citizen parents of children in public schools to vote in school board elections. It is time for San Jose to join the movement for a deeper democracy and expand the voting power to all residents, including non-citizens.

Expanding the voting power to all residents is a racial and social justice issue. The history of excluding immigrants and marginalized people from voting comes from the legacy of white supremacy. During the first 150 years of our nation's history, over 40 states provided the right for non-citizens to vote. During colonial times, voting was tied to being white and property ownership and therefore excluded women, Black Americans, Mexicanos/Latinos, Natives Americans, and poor whites. As the population of communities of color grew in this country (1880's and 1920's), White elites enacted various barriers to prevent the poor, people of color and women from voting. Literacy laws, poll taxes, felony disenfranchisement laws, voter registration requirements and restrictive residency were instituted to disenfranchise millions of poor people, people of color and immigrants. Exclusion from voting was also tied to nativist views of belonging and residency. The women's suffrage, civil rights movement and Black, Asian, and Chicano movements played a critical role to end these unjust restrictions at state, local and federal levels. San Jose must now do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents.

Please Expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration

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Hello, my name is Gabriel Manrique, Community Organizer with LUNA. I have lived and worked in San Jose for over 30 years.

I am in full support of council member Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

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Gabriel Manrique
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TO SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Please DO NOT approve amending the City Charter Section 1602 Election Procedure to: **extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San Jose.**

My grandparents came here to escape communism and the Russian Revolution. It took them years to be able to vote after they got to the US, but they were glad they had to wait. Because when they came here, they had no idea what America was all about. They had to study the Constitution to get their Citizenship . Imagine now if even more people who have no idea of what America was founded on, folks who don't have any idea what an inalienable right is, are voting en-masse.

Yes, it's true that there was no test of citizenship years ago. But that was when it took 6 months to go across the country. Times have changed. Whenever we make a law we have to consider: What are the consequences if evil people take advantage of this law (evil people in public and/or evil people in government)?

Here's the real danger, if there is no test of citizenship, then why can't the Chinese Communist Party have 1M temporary "workers" show up in San Jose for the next election, register to a corporate address and vote? And if you don't need citizenship to vote, why do you need to be a citizen to be elected? So, at what point do we end up with CCP members as Mayor and Councilmembers and in control of our city?

It's the beginning of a real slippery slope to losing our nation.

If this law passes, you can be sure that I WILL NOT be voting for ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS in any function again. NoR will i ever do business with any firm that hires them in the future.

Blessings,

Dorothy Mensinger



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"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." – Martin Luther

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Agenda item 3.4 Voting Rights for All

Nancy Lucid [Redacted]

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Dear San Jose Leaders,

My name is Nancy Lucid and I am a member of Showing up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart and voter in District 9. I am in full support of the memo from Councilmembers Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas on expanding voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

While immigrants help build our city's wealth, it is unfair that they do not have the power to make decisions over local ballot measures and elections. We need to end taxation without representation in our city and expand the voting power to all.

It is time for San Jose to join the movement for a deeper democracy and expand the voting power to all residents, including non-citizens. Expanding the voting power to all residents is a racial and social justice issue. The history of excluding immigrants and marginalized people from voting comes from the legacy of white supremacy. During the first 150 years of our nation's history, over 40 states provided the right for non-citizens to vote. During colonial times, voting was tied to being white and property ownership and therefore excluded women, Black Americans, Mexicanos/Latinos, Native Americans, and poor whites. As the population of communities of color grew in this country (1880's and 1920's), White elites enacted various barriers to prevent the poor, people of color and women from voting. Literacy laws, poll taxes, felony disenfranchisement laws, voter registration requirements and restrictive residency were instituted to disenfranchise millions of poor people, people of color and immigrants. Exclusion from voting was also tied to nativist views of belonging and residency. The womens' suffrage, civil rights movement and Black, Asian, and Chicano movements played a critical role to end these unjust restrictions at state, local and federal levels. San Jose must now do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents.

Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

■ Nancy Lucid, Ph.D
San Jose, California



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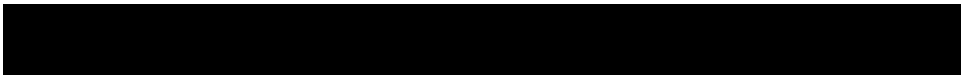
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Ann Marie Haun 

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We are writing to express our disagreement with the proposed amendment that would extend voting writes to non-citizens. We understand the difficulties that have been laid out in achieving legal status as noted in the memo from Councilmembers Carrasco and Arenas. But we do not believe that allowing illegal immigrants the right to vote in our local elections is a solution to this problem. What incentive will there be for this issue to get fixed if there is no longer a delineation between legal and illegal? The line has gotten blurred enough as it is. Most worthwhile endeavors are difficult. Attaining citizenship is no different. And the majority of people we know who have obeyed the laws in order to reap the benefits of being a US Citizen have a sense of belonging and devotion to this country. Their loyalties are undivided and they are proud of their accomplishments. Legal citizenship will lose its value if the rights that go along with it are given away rather than earned. We are incredibly grateful for the work that some of these immigrants do. And for that, hopefully they are compensated monetarily as the rest of us are when we go to work. But the right to vote should not be considered part of the benefit package. We strongly oppose this amendment and ask our representatives to take the thoughts of their constituents who disagree with them into consideration. We will be watching this vote and remember it in future elections.

Regards,

Doug and Ann-Marie Haun

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Vote no on Carrasco/Arenas memo, item 3.4

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Please vote no on the Carrasco/Arenas memo, item 3.4.

Thank you,

Lorie Bowlby
Glenfield Dr.

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Hello,

Please vote NO on the Carrasco/Arenas memo on item 3.4 - giving the right to vote to all residents of san Jose. There is a reason that we have requirements to vote. There is a reason that we require them to be citizens. They first have to learn about our country and constitution which gives them a vested interest as well an understanding of how it is run.

If you do vote yes, you will lose my vote as well as everyone in my sphere of influence. Also, I will be sure to never do business with any firm that hires you in the future.

We want integrity in our voting systems. Letting everyone vote regardless of who they are circumvents that. I hope you will do the right thing.

Regards,

D. Daniel

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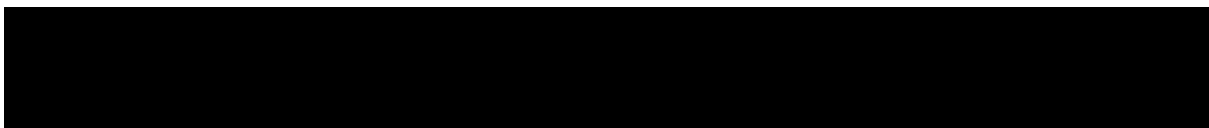
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- > Please vote NO on the Carrasco/Arenas memo on item 3.4 - giving the right to vote to all residents of San Jose. They should be citizens; no exceptions. FYI...I do vote and am proud to do so. It is time for us to stand against anarchy and foolishness. This will only allow for elections to be falsified and invalid. We the citizens want truth and honesty in our elections. We also want this in our elected officials.
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- > Regards,
- > James
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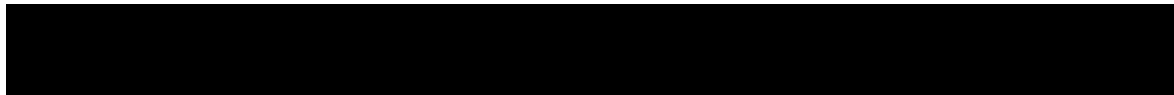
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Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to ensure a record of my support for voting rights for all and I understand this will come up at the Council Meeting tomorrow.

I am a teacher at Archbishop Mitty High and a member of Showing up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart. I am in full support of the memo from Councilmembers Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas on expanding voting rights to **everyone living in San Jose**. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

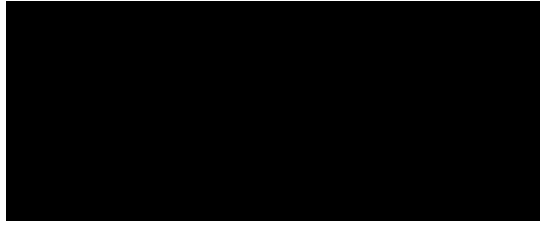
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San Jose has a chance to do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents. **Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents and become a model of forward thinking!**

Peace be with you,

Sigrid Jacobsen

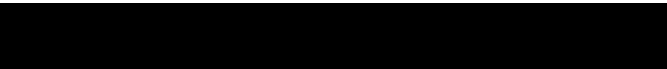


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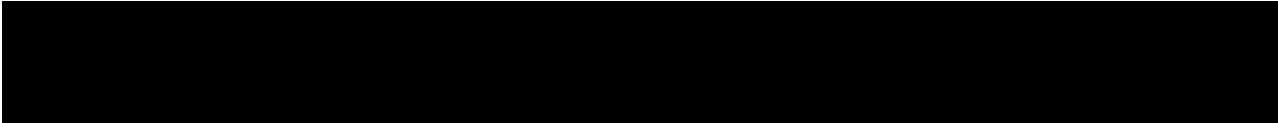


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Dear San Jose Leaders,

My name is Cathleen Trowbridge and I am a member of Showing up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart and a local/District 3 voter. I am in full support of the memo from Councilmembers Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas on expanding voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

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Bertha Madero <[REDACTED]>

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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Bertha Gomez Mendoza, and I along with my legal resident husband Florencio Gomez Mendoza are writing in support of CM Carrasco's and Arenas' memo that will study the expansion of municipal voting rights to all San José residents, and switching the timing of odd and even district elections to Presidential and Gubernatorial cycles, respectively.

We have lived in San José for 30 years and own our home in the beautiful Midtown neighborhood of D6, where we raised our three children and started our own gardening business.

I write this in tears as my sons had to live through the trauma of having their stepfather, Florencio, be deported at the age of 7, 9, and 12 years old. He was deported after being a law-abiding, tax-paying individual. His only crime was being in this country illegally!

I don't believe it is fair for our city to be part of the problem of "taxation without representation." My husband is an intelligent man, who has most likely contributed to our local community more than others. He has paid his taxes without fail and has a good grasp of civics. His contributions to our city should entitle him a vote for our local leadership. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING MORE.

If you vote for this, WE WILL REMEMBER YOU in the same way that WE remember Representative Zoe Lofgren when she came to our aid when my husband was deported. LOVINGLY.

I urge you to please support and move to approve the memo from CM Carrasco and Arenas. Thank you!

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Fw: PLEASE DO NOT EXTEND VOTING RIGHTS TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE!!!

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 7:57 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Robert Stack <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 7:25 PM

To: Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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San Jose Supervisors: **You BEST NOT PASS THIS TOTALLY ABSURD VOTE** to " **Extend municipal voting rights to all residents of the City of San José**" by making **ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN JOSE CITY CHARTER SECTION 1602, ELECTION PROCEDURE to let illegals vote**, do you understand me or, for you Board members who maybe don't speak English too well, comprende?

One **DOES NOT ENTER** the United States of America **ILLEGALLY** but by those tried & true methods of applying for Naturalization as did our parents, and maybe some of our grandparents did, like mine and then, once accepted for American citizenship, you study hard to learn as much as you possibly can about the U. S.

Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and about the Civics of our just how this country should be run and, unfortunately, how it IS now being run by this cabal of Socialist pigs in the White House with whom some of you are very closely aligned, I'm quite sure, and will probably do anything to try and further that anti-American, pro Socialist agenda by allowing illegal aliens TO VOTE IN SAN JOSE!

If that's the case , you're OUT OF YOUR MINDS as I, and many, many others, will be watching on just how you vote on this very important issue and it probably won't bode very well for you in the next election should you make the extremely foolish decision to run for your office once again or for any OTHER POLITICAL OFFICE FOR THAT MATTER as we'll ALL BE WATCHING how you vote and, if you make the VERY WRONG DECISION, YOUR APPLE CART will be completely upset with all of your apples rolling down the street in all different directions thus defeating you at every turn in the road FROM NOW ON IN!

Think about the future of San Jose, the majority of its citizenry and about yourself & yours before making this very crucial decision & let the good Lord guide your thoughts & your voting hand **TO NOT ALLOW VOTING RIGHTS TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE, CA!!!**

Thank you, Robert S. Stack
(A very concerned American citizen)

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Fw: Opposing Non Citizen Voting Rights

Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/11/2022 7:57 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank You,

Barb Gregory**Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? Please take our short survey.**

From: Valerie Pronge <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 7:08 PM**To:** Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov <syliva.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Opposing Non Citizen Voting Rights

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Hello:

I am writing this email to Oppose the right for "Non-Citizens" to Vote in our Elections. Every person living in our State should be a U.S. Citizen or apply for Citizenship - the Legal way. They need to know our Constitution and learn the History of the United States. Please do not make this legal - this is Voter Fraud!!

Sincerely,

Valerie

Fw: No Non Citizens Should Vote!

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Subject: No Non Citizens Should Vote!



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I was born in San Jose. Only American citizens should vote!

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Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.**From:** Ramil Malvar **Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 6:21 PM

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Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is __RAMIL__ and I am a San Jose (Community member, leader,). I lived/worked in San Jose for over _30_ years.

I am in full support of council member Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

In your own words tell us why this matters to you? or pick one of the following or try to get a couple in (you get about 1-2 minutes top)

It is unfair to tax residents and yet they have very limited representation and power in our society. According to New American

Economy, it is estimated that in 2018, immigrants in the San José Metro Area - a portion of which are undocumented - brought in \$5.3 billion in state and local taxes alone. Federally, the immigrant contribution is \$12.9 billion. While immigrants help build our city's wealth, it is unfair that they do not have the power to make decisions over local ballot measures and elections. We need to end taxation without representation in our city and expand the voting power to all.

Expanding the vote will have a positive impact on all communities. San José Immigrants (green card holders and undocumented) are a diverse ethnic group that includes Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, Hindi, African, Filipino/Tagalog, Europeans, and various other diverse communities. As part of our San José community, they contribute to building this city's wealth as business owners, teachers, tech workers, constructions, hospitals, hospitality, nurses, artists, nonprofit workers, promotoras and provide the pool of labor for all industries. Expanding the voting power to all residents will benefit all communities in San Jose and create a more inclusive city.

Expanding the vote to all residents will align San Jose with a growing movement to expand the power to voter to all residents across the nation. Currently, there are currently 14 municipalities across the U.S. that permit non-citizens to vote in local elections. 11 of these municipalities are in Maryland, two in Vermont and one in California. New York has recently passed a measure to give voting rights to approximately 900,000 legal noncitizens. In 2016, voters in San Francisco approved Proposition N, which permits non-citizen parents of children in public schools to vote in school board elections. It is time for San Jose to join the movement for a deeper democracy and expand the voting power to all residents, including non-citizens.

Expanding the voting power to all residents is a racial and social justice issue. The history of excluding immigrants and marginalized people from voting comes from the legacy of white supremacy. During the first 150 years of our nation's history, over 40 states provided the right for non-citizens to vote. During colonial times, voting was tied to being white and property ownership and therefore excluded women, Black Americans, Mexicanos/Latinos, Natives Americans, and poor whites. As the population of communities of color grew in this country (1880's and 1920's), White elites enacted various barriers to prevent the poor, people of color and women from voting. Literacy laws, poll taxes, felony disenfranchisement laws, voter registration requirements and restrictive residency were instituted to disenfranchise millions of poor people, people of color and immigrants. Exclusion from voting was also tied to nativist views of belonging and residency. The women's suffrage, civil rights movement and Black, Asian, and Chicano movements played a critical role to end these unjust restrictions at state, local and federal levels. San Jose must now do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents.

Please Expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration

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Nancy Lucid <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/11/2022 8:50 AM

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

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Dear San Jose Leaders,

My name is Nancy Lucid and I am a member of Showing up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart and voter in District 9. I am in full support of the memo from Councilmembers Magdalena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas on expanding voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

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Andrea

Andrea Portillo, MA

(She/Her/Hers)

Organizing and Policy Manager



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Iheoma Umez-Eronini <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Reimagining Public Safety Recommendation regarding Charter Ammendments on Public Safety

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Apologies, now find them attached.

Peace,

Chris Logan (he/him/his)

Organizing Manager for Racial Equity

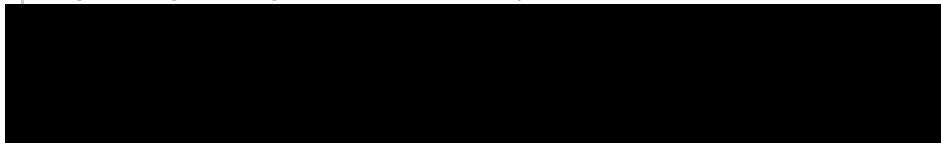
On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 8:59 AM Christopher Logan [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

Please find the recommendation from the Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee and the statement from the Steering Committee attached for public record on the January 11, 2022 Council Meeting.

Peace,

Chris Logan (he/him/his)
Organizing Manager for Racial Equity



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TO: CITY COUNCIL and SAN JOSE
MAYOR
CC:, CITY MANAGER OFFICE AND
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING CHARTER
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

FROM: REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2021
*Edited and approved on November 10,
2021*

INFORMATION

The purpose of this memorandum is to convey to the council and committee our support for a community oversight committee to be added to the city's charter through the work of the Charter Review Commission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For too long, the San Jose Police Department has been allowed to police itself without the benefit of accountability from the community. At this point much of the community believes police are not accountable to anyone, which is destroying trust between the community and the public safety apparatus. We believe that a committee such as the one that is being proposed should not only "advise" but have authority to investigate individual incidents of misconduct, have the power to issue disciplinary measures, and speak meaningfully to the policies and procedures that exist within the current policing structures. We support the charter commission recommending a police commission, which oversees an Inspector General, an Independent Investigations Department, and the Police Chief, as detailed in the Charter Review Commission's Recommendation Memorandum entitled Proposal to create a Police Commission, and to convert the Office of the Internal Affairs to an Independent Investigations Department. We recommend their responsibilities and powers include:

1. Patterns of Practice
2. Use of Force
3. Training
4. Policies and Practices
5. Promotions, demotions, hiring and firing.
6. Investigation function (subpoena power and ability to review unredacted records and review police arbitration)

In order to ensure this committee garners the public's trust, the community should have direct input on who serves on such a committee, giving special consideration to communities most impacted by police violence. This will avoid government officials, elected and staff, from injecting politics contrary to the public's interest.

TO: CITY COUNCIL and SAN JOSE MAYOR CC: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	FROM: THE STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: REINFORCING SUPPORT FOR CHARTER REVIEW RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	DATE: JANUARY 11, 2022

INFORMATION

The purpose of this memorandum is to underscore that the Reimagining Public Safety Advisory Committee (RPSCAC) has voiced its support for the recommendations as submitted by the Charter Review Commission on Police Oversight and Public Safety. The recommendations on police oversight have been thoroughly researched, were approved by charter review commissioners with a near-unanimous vote, and are supported by (RPSCAC). The city council must schedule a study session and do the work necessary to arrive at a ballot measure and put the question to the city's voters. The RPSCAC should be consulted on fine-tuning the language of the measure and deciding which subject matter and lived experience experts are included in the study session. Please find the recommendation from the RPSCAC on November 10, 2022 attached.