

FW: OPPOSITION to proposed light tower

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 2:27 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

Best Regards,
Pawandeep Kaur

CITY OF SAN JOSE | OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

200 East Santa Clara St.

San Jose , CA 95113

408-535-1254

From: Sean Mac Aodha [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Monday, May 03, 2021 1:39 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** OPPOSITION to proposed light tower

[External Email]

Dear Ms. Taber,

Below is the letter I sent to the mayor and all ten councilmembers to express my opposition to this proposed project which will be considered at tomorrow's city council meeting. I wanted to include you on the distribution list as well.

Sean R. Mac Aodha
San Jose (District 6)-----
Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Davis,

Please say NO to the proposed light tower project that would be placed in Arena Green park in downtown San José. There are so many negatives to this project, some of which I enumerate below, and very few, if any, positives. How could allowing the construction of this project outweigh the many important arguments against it? Is the vanity of our city more important than the following?

- As a bird and nature lover, I know that this structure will unnecessarily lead birds to their deaths, as well as disorient wildlife.
- As a science enthusiast, I know that such a tremendous amount of light pollution will degrade further our already poor view of the night sky and may very well interfere with important operations at Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton.
- As a concerned citizen, I believe that, especially in these pandemic times, city residents would benefit from programs designed with their best interests in mind, programs that would help us economically and hopefully stimulate the economy in a positive way. Moreover, I fear that pilots will be distracted

and disoriented by the glaring light, which would be directly along the southern approach to San José Mineta International Airport.

- As a firm proponent of diversity and anti-racism, I feel that the construction of a monolithic white structure filled with countless identical illuminated white rods is totally incongruous with the marvelous diversity of our great city and state. In light of the death of George Floyd, not to mention the many other Black people who have died at the hands of a generally overwhelmingly white police force and power structure, where institutionalized racism is still, sadly, the norm, the lack of sensitivity of this project is especially striking.
- As a physiological human being, I do not wish for my own day-night rhythms to be affected adversely by the artificial light that this project would force not only upon me, but upon virtually every one of the million-plus residents of our city, and beyond. We are not asking for this; why would the city inflict this upon us?

I urge you, and all the members of the San José City Council, to tell the San Jose Light Tower Corporation, aka Urban Confluence Silicon Valley, that their proposed light tower is the WRONG project for San José. While I firmly believe in celebrating our civic pride, this is not a sensible way to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Seán R. Mac Aodha



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FW: Letter of Support for Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Landmark Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 1:28 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Archana Sathaye [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Monday, May 03, 2021 12:42 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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Letter of Support for Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Landmark Project

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to express my unequivocal support of Urban Confluence Silicon Valley's vision to create an iconic landmark for the city of San Jose. Breeze of Innovation offers a magnificent addition to the city and will reinvigorate San Jose. Every great city in the world has an iconic landmark and San Jose as the heart of Silicon Valley certainly deserves to have a landmark to draw people not only from this country but from all over the world. The project will bring pride and economic growth to the City of San Jose without using city funds as the project will be built, operated, and maintained using private funds. We look forward to your approval of this design, allowing this project to move forward.

Sincerely,

Archana Sathaye, Ph.D

CEO & Founder Proxmal Systems, Inc.

Former Board Member: Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose

Advisory Board Member: Sunday Friends Program, San Jose

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FW: Agenda item 7.1 Urban Confluence Support

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 11:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

Best Regards,
Pawandeep Kaur

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From: Mike Kenyon [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 11:24 AM

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

Subject: Agenda item 7.1 Urban Confluence Support

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I support this project with great enthusiasm. Breeze of Innovation will convert Arena Green into an inclusive and welcoming urban park that will become a global landmark. It is a poetic and inclusive design that represents a "once-in-a-generation" moment to build an artistically inspired icon that will define our region visually and give a meaningful gift to all of our families, the City of San Jose, Silicon Valley, and the world. This project is privately funded and no city funds will be used to build, operate, or maintain the project. We are immensely proud of our global community that will stand and give together to ensure its success.

Sincerely,
Mike Kenyon
[REDACTED]

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FW: Agenda Item 7.1 May 4

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 8:48 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

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Pawandeep KaurCITY OF SAN JOSE | OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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From: David LaVelle [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 8:28 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 7.1 May 4

[External Email]

Dear Members of the City Council:

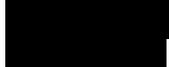
Subject: Council Agenda Item 7.1 Urban Confluence May 4, 2021

I strongly support the vision of Urban Confluence Silicon Valley to create a magnificent landmark for our city. Breeze of Innovation offers a unique opportunity to re-define our downtown core and help elevate San Jose to a world class City. I've been fortunate enough to visit many world class Cities, and they all share the fact that they feature an iconic structure, place or monument that transcends everyday life. I firmly believe that Breeze of Innovation can be San Jose's Iconic structure. As the former CEO of Silicon Valley's largest Engineering firm, I have studied the potential of many sites for public and private improvements. The Urban Confluence is a special place, and perfect for the Breeze of Innovation.

Now is the time to encourage the citizens of San Jose to embrace a game-changing gift to our city, our region, and the people of the world that is a physical expression of our innovation, ingenuity and integrity. This amazing project is privately funded and no city funds will be used to build, operate, or maintain the project. We look forward to your approval of this design, allowing this project to move forward. Breeze of Innovation will bring pride and economic growth to San Jose and Silicon Valley.

Sincerely,

David A LaVelle



We all need to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Our top priority at BKF is the health and safety of our staff. Our robust remote infrastructure allows us to keep our projects moving forward and to continue being responsive to our work, our deadlines, and our clients.

We remain available to you via email, phone, and virtual meetings during our normal business hours.

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FW: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 8:10 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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-----Original Message-----

From: kieranalc [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 6:58 AM

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

Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am a San Jose resident who is opposed to locating the light tower project in Arena Green. Please vote to reject the work plan. It is a 200-foot tall monument to light pollution, harming the natural environments of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek right at their confluence. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose.

Sincerely,
Kieran Alcumbrac

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FW: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 8:10 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

Best Regards,
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-----Original Message-----

From: bbader [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2021 8:44 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. It is a 200-foot tall monument to light pollution, harming the natural environments of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek right at their confluence. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose.

Sincerely,
John Bader

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FW: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 8:09 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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-----Original Message-----

From: cspenner [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2021 5:15 PM

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

Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. It is a 200-foot tall monument to light pollution, harming the natural environments of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek right at their confluence. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose.

Sincerely,
Chris Spenner

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 8:05 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Inoor [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2021 4:17 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Sincerely,
Laila Noori

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FW: May 4th Agenda 7.1

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 8:05 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

Best Regards,
Pawandeep Kaur

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From: a.rich888 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Sunday, May 02, 2021 3:23 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** May 4th Agenda 7.1

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

As millennials and young technology leaders here in the Silicon Valley my wife and I can without doubt say the Urban Confluence Silicon Valley project is paramount for our community. Breeze of Innovation gives a voice to the current and future leaders of Silicon Valley, plus recognition to the pioneers of old here in this great city!! It will be a technology landmark we will tell our kids about that will inspire curiosity, wonder and awe. This project will deepen our foundation in community strength and unity. It has the potential to be bring every race, creed, religion, political stance and identity together, hand in hand in a common purpose. The Breeze of Innovation is more than a monument, it is the idea and inspiration for our community locally and communities to the ends of the earth that anything is possible.

Sincerely,

Adam and Melanie Davis

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Mon 5/3/2021 8:05 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: mushrunk [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2021 1:02 PM

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

Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am a resident of San Jose and I strongly oppose the Light Tower Project. San Jose is striving to become a more livable and environmentally friendly city. A structure of this magnitude and intensity would create an enormous amount of light pollution that would be detrimental to both the citizens and wildlife. Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose.

Sincerely,

KAREN STEPHENSON
[REDACTED]

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FW: BREEZE OF INNOVATION!!

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 8:04 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

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From: Jerry Di Salvo <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Sunday, May 02, 2021 9:37 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Fwd: BREEZE OF INNOVATION!!

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JerryD

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jerry Di Salvo [REDACTED]**Date:** April 30, 2021 at 8:26:54 PM PDT**To:** mayore@sanjoseca.gov**Cc:** city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov**Subject:** BREEZE OF INNOVATION!!

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council

I, Jerry Di Salvo want you to know that am in complete and unequivocal support of the Breeze of Innovation!!

I was born in San Jose in 1939 and have lived here my entire life. I remember how a can of Pet Milk was payment enough for the Saturday double feature matinee at the California theater. A nice but simple memory.

We now have a chance to give to the city a new pride, the Breeze of Innovation! Cousins will brag to cousins that they've seen it in San Jose.

5/3/2021

Mail - Agendadesk - Outlook

I would ask that you give the project an “enthusiastic” favorable vote.

Gerald L. Di Salvo



Sent from my iPhone

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Fw: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:47 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: smcfeely [REDACTED] on behalf of Sean McFeely

[REDACTED] >

Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:30 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. This tower does not reflect the community of San Jose past or present. It is an unnecessary boondoggle that will pollute our night sky and negatively impact the functionality of the Arena Green and Confluence Point. The Urban Confluence team is full of empty promises and will leave our city with a ruined environment and a big ongoing maintenance bill. Please stop this project from harming our environment.

Sincerely,

Sean McFeely

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:47 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: cssasmith [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Charles Smith <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:42 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. It is a 200-foot tall monument to light pollution, harming the natural environments of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek right at their confluence. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose.

This tower would also be a distraction and somewhat of a hazard for incoming aircraft to our airport. The funds for this proposed project would be better spent enhancing our parks and downtown area, or finding and implementing solutions to our homeless problems, litter, and blight.

Sincerely,
Charles Smith

[REDACTED]

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:47 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: willbrecheen [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of William and Sharon Brecheen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:57 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Sincerely,

William and Sharon Brecheen
[REDACTED]

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:46 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: anky1963 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Annette McMillan <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Saturday, May 1, 2021 3:59 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. It is a 200-foot tall monument to light pollution, harming the natural environments of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek right at their confluence. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose. This is not representative of what is good for people and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Annette McMillan
[REDACTED]

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:46 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: grnfthlls [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Thomas Carlino

Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 3:37 PM

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

Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Sincerely,

Thomas Carlino

[REDACTED]

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Fw: Item 7.1, 5/4/21, Urban Confluence Silicon Valley

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:46 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Eileen McLaughlin [REDACTED]**Sent:** Saturday, May 1, 2021 3:16 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:** Item 7.1, 5/4/21, Urban Confluence Silicon Valley

[External Email]

RE: Item 7.1, Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Design Ranking and Future Work Plan

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones and Members of City Council:

The Urban Confluence item asks that you approve a future work plan. I ask that you defer or set aside approval of those actions at least until an independent survey of city residents can be completed regarding this project.

The project is neither essential nor critical to the business of managing our City. No need to rush to a decision. In a recent decision, the Council reversed its position on the lighted digital billboard project, doing so after seeing a survey showing overwhelming public opposition. The same test is highly suitable here.

Now that we see the winners that the proponent's Board approved from the competition, we have a very good idea what kind of "gift" the proponents propose.

- > Is this result consistent with the interests of the residents?
- > "San Jose" was dropped by the proponents from the name of the project. Is the project in any way representative of San Jose and the diverse amalgam of people and capabilities here?
- > Is it suitable to locate in public space?
- > Is it suitable to disrupt rare, urban riparian waterways?
- > As the major design element is massive use of light, is that acceptable in Arena Park, any downtown location or in the skies above?

Ensure, too, that the survey is independent, excluding any content participation from the proponent. Straight out, just ask the people.

Yours truly,

Eileen McLaughlin
[REDACTED]


District 1

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Fw: Email in support of "Breeze of Innovation" Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:46 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Gregory Yoder [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 3:00 PM
To: District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Email in support of "Breeze of Innovation" Project

[External Email]

Greetings Council Member Esparza,

I am writing a quick note to express my support of the Urban Confluence of Silicon Valley's - Breeze of Innovation Project. It has been very fun participating, really just observing, the process of how this all came together. Being a resident of San Jose for 61 years, as well as a global business executive - I have seen many of the world's great cities, and I can't help but compare our San Jose to them. Frankly, I have yet to visit a city I would prefer to live in other than San Jose, but being best known for Dionne Warwick's "Do you know the San Jose" does not cause one to burst with city pride. I think the "Breeze of Innovation" has an opportunity to help San Joseans have a little more pride in our city. I hope you and the council vote to approve this wonderful gift to the city.

Thank you,
Greg Yoder



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Fw: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:44 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: mcdonald.3434 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Claude McDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 12:06 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Sincerely,
Claude McDonald

[REDACTED]

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Fw: Please oppose the light structure

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:44 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Lisa Karpinski [REDACTED] >

Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:28 AM

To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Subject: Please oppose the light structure

[External Email]

Dear Council member Peralez,

I grew up in the South Bay and am a San Jose resident who is strongly opposed to the light tower project for a myriad of reasons, namely the negative impacts of such a structure to the environment and human health. I respect the desire for San Jose to create a symbol that represents our rich community. Let's use this money to fund a philanthropic effort or one that pays tribute to the beauty of our unique environment, the place that was called the Valley of Heart's Desire. Some of the other reasons I am opposed to the light tower:

- **The wrong structure** - An imposing 200-ft tall, massive, illuminated structure will generate unacceptable, city wide, light pollution. This structure generates light pollution intentionally, by design, making it impossible to shield and protect residents, waterways, wildlife, and the dark sky from harm.
- **In the wrong place** - Arena Green Park is the confluence of two important waterways, and two riparian corridors. It is also an important community gathering place. This Project would dominate our public space and harm our riparian ecosystems, birds, fish beavers, and wildlife by lighting up this sensitive environment.
- **At the wrong time** - As the human and economic losses of the pandemic continue to haunt our community, San Jose should encourage investment in what people need and want - not in top-down projects.
- **The wrong symbol for San Jose** - The illuminated white light rods of this structure are intended to represent Silicon Valley Tech companies. Our diverse community is not represented in this monolithic white structure that can harm us with light pollution. The promoters showed little interest in diversity, equity or inclusion.

I welcome a response and hope you will seriously consider the impacts of such a project. It cannot be undone.

---Best wishes

Lisa Karpinski



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Mon 5/3/2021 7:44 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: frenchwand [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Wanda Waldera <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:27 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,
Wanda Waldera

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:44 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: kathryn.funk408 [REDACTED] on behalf of Kathryn Funk [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 11:08 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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I was appalled when I first heard that this "sculpture" (?) was one of the final three works being considered for the Arena Green. And I thought better thinking would surely eliminate it from consideration. I really can't even think of it as art. The plan for it to be in one of our very few green spaces in downtown is most upsetting. It's as if no one was thinking about the setting. This is a fragile open area that should be heralded for its natural beauty, not denigrated by the intrusion of mega light. The effects on the surrounding nature will be devastating.

Please stop this atrocity from destroying the night skies and all of nature that abounds in this special place.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Funk

[REDACTED]

Fw: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:44 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: jchewjr [REDACTED] > on behalf of Jimmy Chew Jr**Sent:** Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:41 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Chew Jr
[REDACTED]

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: cferrigno [REDACTED] on behalf of Christina Ferrigno <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:56 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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This is a disastrous plan. Countless birds will be lost to this ill-conceived idea. Please put an end to this deadly proposal.

Sincerely,
Christina Ferrigno

[REDACTED]

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: jagriep [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Judy Griep**Sent:** Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:51 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,
Judy Griep

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:43 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: cherylc360 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Stephen Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:04 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,
Stephen Clark

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: mrsdash [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Mary Ann Convertino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:08 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,
Mary Ann Convertino

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:42 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: dyellum [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Alayne Yellum [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 7:09 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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I have already emailed my councilperson, Pam Foley, about this recently and received no response. Although I support art projects, this one will have such a negative effect on an already fragile area, that it should be stopped before further money is spent on it. Instead, please replace my street light which has been out for months.

It seems that this would also negatively impact the approach to San Jose Airport.

Please VOTE NO!!

Alayne and Don Yellum, San Jose natives, District 9 voters....

Sincerely,

Alayne Yellum
[REDACTED]

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:42 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: beyondpersonaltraining [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
on behalf of Michael Holland [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 7:48 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,
Michael Holland

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: kuti3058 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Michael Kutilek

<[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 8:08 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am a Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences (SJSU) and 46-year resident of Naglee Park in San Jose. I have recently become aware of a proposal to construct a 200-foot tall monument, called the "Breeze of Innovation" light tower. The tower will sit at the confluence of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek, which supports much of the remaining natural wildlife habitat in the downtown area. There is abundant scientific evidence which shows that strong unnatural light sources during night hours wreak havoc on wildlife populations. They disorient birds, fish and nocturnal mammals and interfere with their ability to carry out normal behaviors, such as feeding, breeding, finding shelter and locating roosting sites. This, in turn, can lead to starvation and unnecessary mortality that will have severe negative impacts on countless native species and greatly reduce their presence and abundance in the area. I urge you to reject the work plan and stop this source of light pollution from being erected in Arena Green Park.

Sincerely,

Michael Kutilek

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: redtail444 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Carole Foster [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 8:08 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,
Carole Foster

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Fw: May 4th SJ City Council Meeting, Item 7.1 on agenda

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:42 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Cheryl Caplan [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 8:09 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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** May 4th SJ City Council Meeting, Item 7.1 on agenda

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

We have been following the Urban Confluence Silicon Valley's project since it's infancy. As San Jose State University graduates, subsequent long time business owners, and current residents, we support this project with enthusiasm. Something like this is a long time coming. The opportunity to have a bold world-class destination landmark that will provide a major enhancement to downtown San Jose and be an important catalyst for Silicon Valley culture and long-term regional economic development, must not be overlooked. This project is completely privately funded and NO city funds will be used to build, operate, or maintain the project.

We look forward to your approval of this amazing design, allowing this project to move forward. *Breeze of Innovation* will bring pride to San Jose and Silicon Valley.

Respectfully,

Stephen and Cheryl Caplan
[REDACTED]

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Fw: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:41 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: umstattd [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Rick Umstattd**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 8:55 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,

Rick Umstattd
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Mon 5/3/2021 7:41 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: squirrelfox [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Connie Devine [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 8:58 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,

Connie Devine
[REDACTED]

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: beccanitas [REDACTED] on behalf of Rebecca Schoenenberger <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 9:18 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Schoenenberger
[REDACTED]

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: mdomocol [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Michelle Domocol <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 1:00 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am a San Jose resident who is opposed to the light tower project. Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. It is a 200-foot tall monument to light pollution, harming the natural environments of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek right at their confluence. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose.

Sincerely,
Michelle Domocol

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: patty4282 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Patty Linder**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 7:07 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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It would be harmful to people and wildlife and detrimental to aviation and astronomical research at Lick Observatory. Please say 'no thank you'.

Sincerely,
Patty Linder

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: afsigerami [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Afsi Gerami**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 6:52 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

[External Email]

Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Light pollution disorients and harms wildlife. Additionally, it disrupts the biological functions of not just animals, but also humans. Light is known to disrupt the circadian rhythm of ALL living organisms. This is just ONE impact of the proposed light tower project!

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. This 200-foot tall monument will be a huge source of light pollution in the area which WILL harm the natural environment of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek at their confluence.

This proposal is NOT good for San Jose. It is NOT good for the wildlife and the environmental impact is too great and simply put, there is no return on the investment. Not everyone in San Jose wants the skyline lit up and you are representatives of the people in the City government who have the ability to shut down this project.

PLEASE VOTE TO STOP this project from harming the skies of San Jose. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife.

Sincerely,
Afsi Gerami

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Fw: Strong support for Urban Confluence!

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karen Ajluni <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 6:46 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: richard [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Strong support for Urban Confluence!

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Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo,

We are writing to express our support for the Urban Confluence project with great enthusiasm! As you know, this project is privately funded and no city funds will be used to build, operate, or maintain the project. In fact, we are such strong supporters of this project that **we ourselves gave a private donation** to help ensure this vision becomes a reality!

The Breeze of Innovation will be a bold destination landmark that will provide a major enhancement to downtown San Jose and be an important catalyst for Silicon Valley culture and long-term regional economic development. Spectacular public spaces are at the heart of great communities around the world. It is a poetic and inclusive design that represents a “once-in-a-generation” moment to build an artistically inspired icon that will define our region visually and give a meaningful gift to all of our families, the City of San Jose, Silicon Valley, and the world.

It is important to note that Urban Confluence has been completely mindful of protecting the riparian corridor (including flora, fauna, and lighting) and the airport since the beginning of the project four years ago. It will respect our natural environment and beautify Arena Green, the urban park at the center of San Jose. Created by the people, the project plans to convert Arena Green into an urban park that welcomes children and families. We enthusiastically support Urban Confluence in their quest to help make San Jose a world-class destination, and are immensely proud of our global community that will stand and give together to ensure its success!

Sincerely,

Karen & Richard Ajluni

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (District 3)

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: ecrituncourriel- [REDACTED] > on behalf of du ng [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 6:09 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. The 200-ft tall tower is a massive source of light pollution, positioned in the worst possible location: the confluence of 2 waterways in a flyway for migratory birds. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals. Night-time light pollution disrupts the circadian rhythm and is harmful to the health of all species, humans included. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife.

The tower is also a massive waste of public money. With the enormous strain on the budget caused by the pandemic, in addition to regular budget shortfalls, it is unconscionable that the city would consider squandering money for the perpetual operation and maintenance of this monument to the ego of the donor.

Sincerely,

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Fw: Please support the Breeze of Innovation Landmark project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 7:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kristin Weimers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:56 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please support the Breeze of Innovation Landmark project

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Dear City Clerk,

My dad, Leigh Weimers, whose column ran in the San Jose Mercury News for more than 40 years, was a life-long champion and eloquent supporter of the arts, technology and innovation of Silicon Valley. During his career, he had always wanted to see a project like the Breeze of Innovation Landmark for San Jose. Because the city sprawls across so much ground, this landmark will be an excellent focal point and world-class destination.

Urban Confluence has been completely mindful of protecting the riparian corridor (including flora, fauna, and lighting) and the airport since the beginning of the project four years ago. This project is privately funded and no city funds will be used to build, operate, or maintain the project. I hope you approve of this design, allowing this project to move forward, so I and my family will be able to see my dad's dream for a worthy landmark fulfilled.

Sincerely,
Kristin Weimers
San Jose CA

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Fw: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Mon 5/3/2021 7:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: barbara [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Barbara Canup [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 4:52 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park.

This is an incredibly environmentally insensitive project that will disrupt valuable habitat of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek. I believe that a dark sky is a natural resource and I do not want such a light tower anywhere in San Jose and especially not in the sensitive Arena Green area. Please stop this project from polluting the skies of San Jose.

Sincerely,
Barbara Canup
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FW: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/3/2021 2:56 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

Best Regards,
Pawandeep Kaur
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From: martinmary99@everyactionadvocacy.com <martinmary99@everyactionadvocacy.com>

Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 2:41 PM

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

Subject: Vote No on Urban Confluence Light Tower Project

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Dear City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please vote to reject the work plan and to stop the so-called "Breeze of Innovation" light tower in Arena Green Park. It is a 200-foot tall monument to light pollution, harming the natural environments of Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek right at their confluence. This proposal does not belong at Arena Green where it will kill countless birds, insects and other animals, and where efforts are just becoming successful for bringing back that environment. A dark sky is a natural resource for people and wildlife - stop this project from harming the skies of San Jose.

I am a long-time member and former employee of of History San Jose. The ORIGINAL light tower was a big mess as well and came down not too long after it was put up. The river area is exactly the wrong place for this new version. How about locating it in St. James Park or on the SJSU campus?

Sincerely,
Mary E Martin
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Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo, and Members of the Council, City of San José
200 E. Santa Clara St., San José, CA 95113
via email, sent May 3, 2021

re: May 4th Council Agenda, Item 7.1:
“Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Design Rankings and Future Work Plan”

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San José Councilmembers,

Writing as an individual who has attentively followed the San José Light Tower Corporation (SJLTC) proposal and design process for years, I respectfully request that you reject the proposal and decline the gift of an illuminated monument at Arena Green. While it truly is an honor for San José to be offered such a generous gift, it would not serve any useful purpose and it would require a significant and ongoing commitment of city resources to maintain it: an honored but useless gift that requires maintenance is the classic definition of a White Elephant. Now is the time that you can make the “go/no-go” decision, and it okay for you to say, “Thanks!, but no thanks.”

Some feel that San José needs a “world-famous icon.” (Has anyone asked the residents?) Yes, New York has the Statue of Liberty and Washington the Capitol, but not all great cities have one: what’s the icon for, say, San Diego or Phoenix? San Francisco and London have famous bridges, but they are useful structures. And it’s hard to know what will become a city’s icon: Boston and New Orleans are famous for their preserved historic districts and San Antonio for its River Walk, while Chicago and Copenhagen are famous for the modestly sized “shiny bean” and “Little Mermaid” – and Los Angeles is most famous for an old real estate billboard: the Hollywood sign. San José already has a City Hall Plaza and Rotunda that are recognized across the region: do we really want to detract from them by building what I for one think looks like the glowing bristles of a giant toothbrush?

And if you do want to accept this gift, Arena Green is not the right place for it, as it is in the direct flightpath of the nearby San José International Airport: it won’t be visible to arriving or departing passengers, and it could distract the pilots. The flightpath limits the monument’s height: the surrounding buildings will be just as tall, and their upper floors will provide better views of town than the monument’s “observation deck.”

The site selection process was flawed from the beginning, evaluating “environmental impact” as the impact by the environment to the monument rather than the monument’s impact to the environment. As I saw first-hand at a recent creek cleanup, Arena Green Park includes a remarkable but sensitive natural habitat. The waters and riparian (“streamside”) vegetation of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek are home to salmon, beaver, and migrating birds, all of whom would be adversely impacted by the monument’s light and noise, as well as by the crowds of people (if the monument is popular) and the runoff of contaminants (if the monument is rinsed clean). I’ve personally observed how migrating birds will follow riparian corridors, and I’ve heard that bright lights attract birds and can disrupt their flight: do we really want to attract birds to congregate near the end of the airport’s runways?

If the city does accept the gift, a much better site for it, in my opinion, is atop the mound in “Coyote Meadows” just south of I-280 and east of Coyote Creek. Here it could be away from sensitive habitats, and it would be visible to air passengers and motorists alike. Freed of the constraints of being in the

flightpath, the artist might want to revisit the design and expand the proposed project. The site is a little over a mile from downtown – roughly the same as The Space Needle is from downtown Seattle. The Coyote Meadows site offers a great view of downtown San José and also the Five Wounds Church, Little Saigon, and our surrounding mountains – views that would be even better from an observation deck. (And if you feel Arena Green does need some sort of ornamentation to help activate it, how about relocating “Lupe the Mammoth” from its current hiding place alongside an expressway shoulder?)

The monument is being touted as a “gift to the city,” but it is not free. Already, it has consumed a considerable amount of time of elected officials, staff, and community volunteers. The proposed gift will require the exclusive use of a significant portion of Arena Green – the largest park near what soon will be the quite densely developed “Downtown West” Diridon/Google complex, where public open space will be at a premium and should be preserved rather than handed over for a frivolous use. And who pays to maintain the structure, to repair it in case it’s damaged by wind or earthquake, and to decommission and remove it at the end of its lifespan? (Who pays the liability if/when visitors hurt or kill themselves, and who pays for the subsequent safety retrofits?)

And I understand that the sponsors are not offering to pay the full roughly \$150,000,000 cost themselves, and instead are planning to hold fundraisers and to ask corporations to contribute. Local businesses do indeed generously contribute to the community, but they do not have unlimited budgets: money given towards this monument could instead have been directed towards solving the homeless and housing problems; or improving parks, schools, and libraries; or sponsoring community-building festivals; or improving transportation with new bike paths and enhanced train stations. (I once asked if SJLTC might contribute towards a more magnificent Main Station at Diridon rather than going for a stand-alone structure, and was given the impression that there was some sort of a rush, as if it were more of a personal statement and individual monument rather than a community’s gift. Which sparks a question: what if future donors compete to offer San José bigger and better “world-class icons”: will we soon have a collection of monuments scattered around town like the pyramids along the Nile?) Perhaps PRNS could sponsor a survey to see what the residents of San José really would prefer. The decision to actually choose an icon to symbolize a major city and represent it to the world should not be rushed.

I respectfully request that you decline this gift, or at least take the time to find for it a more suitable location. Please keep Arena Green Park a place where the public can fully enjoy the open space and the remarkably undisturbed natural environment at the heart of our great city.

Thank you.

~Lawrence Ames,
longtime creek and park advocate.

cc: City Manager; City Clerk; PRNS Dept.; Riparian Advocates; SJ Park Advocates;
D3 & D6 Neighborhood Leader Groups; San José Light Tower Corp.

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

RE: Urban Confluence Silicon Valley International Open Ideas Competition Winner, "Breeze of Innovation"

As we approach city council agenda item 7.1 on May 4, we want to reiterate the following items we feel should be reinforced. For simplicity and clarity, we have listed some critical items we hope you will take into consideration.

Breeze of Innovation will convert Arena Green into an inclusive and welcoming urban park that will become a global landmark. It is a poetic design that befits the true spirit of innovation and represents a "once-in-a-generation" moment to build an artistically inspired icon that will define our region visually and give a meaningful gift to all our families, the City of San Jose, Silicon Valley, and the world.

This project is privately funded and no city funds will be used to build, operate, or maintain the project.

Urban Confluence Silicon Valley has always been mindful of protecting the riparian corridor (including flora, fauna, and lighting) and the airport since the beginning of the project four years ago. We previously engaged biologists and lighting experts to recommend best practices at Arena Green, and we have followed all of their scientifically driven guidance. Detailed designs will be developed adhering to scientifically driven biological and lighting studies in all future phases of the project. All future design details of the project will be publicly reviewed as part of the mandatory EIR/CEQA process that will follow city council approval. We fully embrace the rigorous process that will protect and improve the Arena Green environment.

We have strictly followed all instructions included in the past two city council approvals.

Arena Green was selected in accordance with a site selection process mandated and approved unanimously by the city council. See May 2018 council File 18-582, Item 5.1.

The Community Competition Panel (CCP), previously referred to as the "Local Advisory Group", was part of the selection process for the winning design. Members of the environmental community were invited and participated in the CCP and competition Jury. Urban Confluence Silicon Valley followed all instructions that were unanimously approved by the city council on March 12, 2019. See city council file 19-049, item 5.2.

Massive outreach has taken place since the formation of Urban Confluence Silicon Valley including seven community meetings held after Breeze of Innovation was selected as the competition winner by the jury. All city council offices were asked to share invitations with their constituents to join community meetings. Urban Confluence Silicon Valley formed an "Arena Green Stakeholders" committee in June 2020. The group includes PRNS and other city staff, the Sharks, SPUR, the San Jose Downtown Association, Little Italy, the Knight Foundation, GRPC, Valley Water, Google, and others. Monthly meetings are held to make sure all stakeholders are working together for the benefit of Arena Green.

We will arrive at an equitable arrangement to reimburse the city for future staff costs spent supporting the creation of this gift.

This is a gift to the citizens of San Jose. Communicating to potential large donors that we have your unanimous support is crucial to a successful outcome.

The project's mission is genuinely one of philanthropy, community benefit, significant economic growth, and environmental sustainability. Our goal is to be your partner in creating a spectacular world-class landmark at the epicenter of our city.

Respectfully,

Jon Ball, Christine Davis, and Steve Borkenhagen

Board of Directors

San Jose Light Tower Corporation / Urban Confluence Silicon Valley