



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
May 16 – May 23, 2024

DATE: May 29, 2024

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

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Letters from the Public Comment:

- 1-4. Letters from four members of the public, dated May 17 - 21, 2024, regarding: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing.
5. Letter from Rich Crowley, dated May 21, 2024, regarding: City Manager's Budget Balancing Proposal.

Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

FW: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 5/20/2024 8:49 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Julian Marmolejo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 8:24 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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City Clerk City Clerk,

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,

We are deeply concerned that, once again, this year's budget proposes to shift critical funding for affordable housing into temporary shelters and abatement efforts. We are looking to the City Council's leadership to support an alternative sustainable funding source for interim shelters and a realistic and humane approach to supporting our unhoused neighbors living along our creeks.

San Jose residents, your constituents, have consistently ranked affordable housing as a top priority for the community. This is always the top priority for Black and Latinx residents who suffer the most under the weight of our housing crisis.

Our community is facing a severe affordable housing crisis. The exorbitant cost of housing in our city has left approximately 70,000 families rent-burdened and struggling to simply get by. Studies show that affordable housing greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence. We can agree that all of these should be prioritized.

We appreciate the City's efforts to increase shelter options in our city, but we can not do so at the expense of desperately-needed affordable housing. Instead of pitting one strategy against another, it's time to start exploring how we can raise new revenue so that we can advance BOTH community priorities.

Hi, my name is Julian Marmolejo and I am here on behalf of SV@Home to express my concerns about this year's budget proposal. Once again, the focus is to shift funding from affordable housing into temporary shelters and abatement efforts.

Here are some of the issues that arise when viewing this year's budget proposal:

The budget proposal cuts \$36 million from affordable housing—342 bedrooms in 240 new affordable homes—which would serve thousands of families over 99 years.

As an individual who works for the City of San Jose, I have a first-hand experience of homelessness in San Jose. I have also worked on abatement projects, so I've seen what they actually do. Oftentimes, after abatement projects, the unhoused who once occupied those spaces simply move to another space. While this may satisfy the residents of that area, it becomes another community issue and does nothing to assist the unhoused individuals. Taking funding away from affordable housing and focusing it on short term, temporary solutions for the community, like abatements, is nowhere near as helpful.

The proposed temporary solutions will never work unless we have permanent homes for people to move into. We all know that the proper solution to homelessness is housing, and we cannot afford to spend millions on temporary shelters in lieu of long-term solutions.

The lack of affordable and adequate housing in San Jose will only continue to grow the issue of displacement of families. Displacement of families only contributes to homelessness. Families will continue to be forced to move out of San Jose or potentially end up homeless because of the growing economic disparities that are present in the city.

Julian Marmolejo



SAN JOSE, California 95122

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Mon 5/20/2024 8:49 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Hugo Amezcua <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2024 8:49 AM

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

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Hugo Amezcua



San Jose, California 95116

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Mon 5/20/2024 8:49 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Luis Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2024 2:16 AM

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

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Luis Garcia



San José, California 95110

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Tue 5/21/2024 8:03 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Veronica Morales [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 1:56 AM

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

Subject: Please protect Measure E funding for affordable housing

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City Clerk City Clerk,

Hi, my name is Veronica Morales , and I am here on behalf of (your organization or Sacred Heart Community Service to express my concerns about this year's budget proposing, once again, to shift critical funding for affordable housing into temporary shelters and abatement efforts. (Choose 1 or 2 of the following points to support)

. The budget proposal cuts \$36 million from affordable housing—342 bedrooms in 240 new affordable homes—which would serve thousands of families over 99 years.

This budget directly ignores the will of your constituents, who, in the Annual Community Survey, expressed that providing more affordable housing is a top priority.

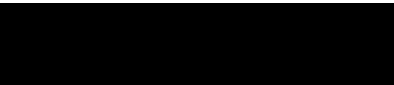
The exorbitant cost of housing in our city has left over 70,000 families rent-burdened and struggling to simply get by. We know that this is the primary factor driving more of our neighbors into homelessness every day. Affordable housing is essential to the well-being of our communities. It greatly improves health outcomes, educational attainment, and employment stability and helps reduce family and community violence. I know we can agree that these should all be priorities for our city.

The temporary solutions being proposed will never work unless we have permanent homes for people to move into. We all know that the true solution to homelessness is housing, and we cannot afford to spend millions on temporary shelters in lieu of long-term solutions.

We are looking to the City Council's leadership to support an alternative sustainable funding source for interim shelters and a realistic and humane approach to supporting our unhoused neighbors living along our creeks.

Thanks for you support !!!!!

Veronica Morales



San Jose, California 95111

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FW: City Manager's Budget Balancing Proposal

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Tue 5/21/2024 4:45 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rich Crowley [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 4:00 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; district10@sanjoseca.gov

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

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Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers;

The last time San Jose dealt with a significant budget shortfall by reducing staffing, it took nearly a decade for services to recover (if you count what we have today as full recovery). Mayor Mahan's proposed realignment of Measure E funds to address our city's current budget shortfall facilitates closing the gap without reducing existing employees and the services supported by them. A city council vote to adhere to the restrictions placed on Measure E funds by the previous council would necessitate closing this gap by firing existing employees, thus impacting the city's ability to deliver core services that we residents deserve. We know from experience that recovery from such a reduction will impact services for many years to come.

Yes, diverting Measure E funds from permanent housing to interim solutions will delay the availability of sufficient permanent housing to finally solve our homeless problem. But permanent housing is a solution that is years out while our homeless situation is a problem requiring an immediate solution. The city manager's proposal provides a humane solution to today's crisis while preserving the delivery of critical core services.

I am by no means in favor of a permanent reallocation of Measure E funds, simply a one-time, one-year reallocation of funds to address the homeless crisis we currently face. After the immediate crisis is dealt with, the funds can once again support construction of desperately needed permanent housing solutions.

I urge you to vote in favor of the reallocation of Measure E funds in the current budget proposal.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community,

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***Rich Crowley
Vice Chair, Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility***