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Dear Mayor & Council,

Please find attached letters of support for items 3.7, 3.8, 3.10, 3.11, and 3.12. We appreciate the opportunity to share our comments for your consideration.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Kat

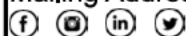


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June 9, 2025

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Re: Support for Item 3.7: Spending Priorities and Percentage Allocation of Measure E Real Property Transfer Taxes and Item 3.8 - June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, **we urge your support for the Mayor's June Budget Message and the proposed allocation of Measure E funds.** The Chamber supports this balanced, focused, and forward-looking budget that takes seriously the City's fiscal constraints while making critical investments in San Jose's long-term economic health.

We are particularly encouraged by the alignment with several key priorities that matter deeply to the business community:

Leveraging 2026 Sporting Events for Long-Term Economic Growth

Next year, San Jose will help host a remarkable lineup of sporting events: Super Bowl LX, the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, and six FIFA World Cup games. These aren't just moments of pride—they are catalytic opportunities for long-term economic impact.

We applaud the City's investments in:

- Developing a sports and entertainment district near SAP Center
- Funding a feasibility study for the expansion of the San Jose Convention Center
- Activating downtown with watch parties, live music, and fan experiences in 2026

These are foundational steps toward establishing San Jose as a premier destination for major events. Events bring not only tourism dollars but sustained investment in hotels, restaurants, retail, transportation, and local hiring.

We recommend further coordination between the City's Office of Economic Development and regional tourism and business organizations to create a comprehensive legacy strategy around these events—one that ensures long-term ROI through infrastructure improvements, private investment attraction, and branding San Jose as a world-class host city.



Supporting Small Business and Fixing the Permitting Process

Small businesses are the backbone of San Jose's economy. We strongly support:

- The Manager's Budget Addendum (MBA) #22: Long-Range Planning and PBCE staffing improvements
- Investments in ADA compliance for small businesses
- Efforts to address commercial corridor blight and vacancy

Fixing the permitting process and unlocking stalled real estate potential is a top concern for our members. Long delays and inconsistent standards in PBCE continue to constrain growth. We appreciate that this budget begins to address that challenge.

We applaud the ongoing oversight of PBCE reforms and regular performance reporting to the Council and the public to ensure accountability and improved outcomes.

Embracing the AI Economy and Infrastructure Modernization

San Jose must be at the forefront of the AI-driven economy. We commend the City for:

- Leveraging PG&E funds to support infrastructure modernization for large-load users
- Continuing funding for the AI Innovator Meetup Series

The Chamber believes that San Jose can lead the region in attracting AI firms, but only if we invest in energy, permitting, and real estate readiness now. We would further support the creation of a formal AI and Advanced Industries Strategy that aligns infrastructure, land use, and workforce development to prepare for the next wave of innovation.

Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness with Urgency

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis—and a significant economic one. Unsafe sidewalks, encampments near businesses, and diminished public confidence affect commercial vitality. We strongly support:

- Allocations of Measure E for Interim Housing Construction and Operations

We also urge the City to maintain or increase investments in prevention, which is critical to reducing future inflow into homelessness. A strategy focused only on shelters misses the full arc of need. Supporting small to large businesses so they can grow, create jobs, and contribute to local economic stability is a vital form of prevention.

This budget message takes meaningful steps toward restoring public confidence, improving the conditions for local businesses, and investing in San Jose's future economy. From sports tourism to AI innovation, small business support to homelessness solutions—this proposal reflects a serious and strategic approach.

We urge adoption of the Mayor's Budget Message and Measure E allocations as proposed. The Chamber stands ready to support implementation and partner on shared economic development goals.



**San Jose
Chamber of Commerce**

Sincerely,



Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO
San Jose Chamber of Commerce

FW: REAL Coalition Letter re FY 2025-2026 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, & 3.12 (June 10)

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council,

Please see the letter from the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition regarding the FY26 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, 3.12 (June 10). We look forward to your discussion on this topic.

Thank you,

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June 9, 2025

San José City Council
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San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: City of San José FY 2025-2026 Budget (June 9) and Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, & 3.12 (June 10)

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, Members of the City Council, City Manager Maguire, and Budget Director Shannon: This letter is being submitted by 40 organizations, members of the REAL Coalition and allies, that represent thousands of San Jose residents. Please consider these comments regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Preservation of Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Funding

The REAL Coalition urges the City Council to allocate 15% of Measure E funds toward cash assistance programs that prevent eviction, housing instability, and homelessness. With the federal government planning to eliminate Section 8 and end emergency housing vouchers in Santa Clara County—putting thousands of families at risk—San José must be prepared to respond proactively. Preventing homelessness through targeted financial assistance is significantly more cost-effective than helping individuals exit homelessness once displaced. We support the memorandum from Councilmembers Campos, Salas, and Doan, relating to Item 3.7, to reallocate Measure E funds with more emphasis on prevention and family homelessness and revert allocation changes after 2 years.

REAL supports a balanced and comprehensive approach to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis—one that includes both shelter solutions and the construction or preservation of permanent housing. We also recommend that the City return to the original Measure E allocation model within two years, allowing

time to evaluate outcomes and assess changes in federal funding before determining future allocations.

We are hopeful that adding a fifth focus area to build more housing will indeed lead to increased investment in housing for people on the lower end and bottom of the income spectrum. As we build market-rate housing we must remain watchful that we're not in turn displacing our lower-income neighbors.

Avoid Criminalization of Homelessness

The REAL Coalition strongly opposes any budget allocation to implement the proposed Neighborhood Quality of Life Unit within the San José Police Department. As outlined in our recent letter to the City, we continue to have serious concerns and unanswered questions about both this unit, the expanded Code of Conduct, and the Enhanced Engagement Program, including the lack of transparency and clarity regarding their scope, purpose, and implementation. Establishing a new police unit that targets unhoused residents risks leading to more arrests and further criminalization of poverty—approaches that have consistently proven harmful, traumatic, and ineffective.

Policing is not a solution to homelessness. Arresting, punishing, and incarcerating our most vulnerable community members will only deepen their hardship and increase long-term costs for the City. This truth was recognized in two separate votes against the plan by the Housing & Community Development Commission. Rather than funding punitive measures, San José should invest in proven strategies that focus on prevention, supportive services, and housing solutions. Consistent with REAL's earlier letter, we urge the Council to reject this proposal and reallocate resources toward approaches that uphold dignity, equity, and lasting impact.

We support the memos from Councilmember Campos to defer this policy and delay some ordinance changes until there is far more clarity on how this work will be operationalized.

Stop Enforcement Against People Living in Vehicles

The REAL Coalition opposes the proposed increase in spending on parking enforcement against people forced to live in their vehicles, particularly as the City simultaneously cuts essential community programming. It is fiscally irresponsible to expand punitive enforcement while failing to invest in supportive resources. The City should not impose additional penalties on individuals living in their vehicles without first providing adequate safe parking options. Penalizing residents for outdated vehicle registration effectively punishes poverty and drives people deeper into crisis and debt.

For many unhoused individuals, a vehicle is a vital lifeline—offering shelter, mobility, and a degree of stability. Stripping people of this lifeline through enforcement actions will only exacerbate hardship and lead to higher public costs associated with street homelessness. A more compassionate and fiscally sound approach is to support residents in maintaining this form of temporary shelter while investing in long-term housing solutions.

Continue Investment in TRUST

REAL supports the outreach and communication strategies outlined in MBA #8 to supplement the County's public awareness campaign for the 988 crisis line. Survey results from 2024 show that approximately 75% of San José residents are unaware of the services available through 988. A targeted public education campaign by the City, designed in collaboration with the County and providers, is critical to increasing awareness and driving greater use of this life-saving resource.

We also commend the recent collaboration between the City and County to implement new protocols that will expand the diversion of appropriate calls from 911 to 988. Continued investment in public education and service infrastructure is essential to realizing the full potential of 988. Additionally, we support the expansion of the TRUST program and appreciate City staff's efforts to identify opioid settlement funds to sustain and grow this vital, non-policing response to

mental health crises in our community.

Community-based Prevention and Intervention of Violence

The REAL Coalition asks that the City Council make a \$80,000 investment in moving forward towards a community-designed interpersonal violence prevention and intervention program, consistent with the Reimagining Public Safety recommendations and Council's previous direction. This community-driven idea was acknowledged and approved two budget cycles ago, and we encourage the Council to keep its promise to the community to move forward with an innovative pilot.

REAL also acknowledges the importance of additional DV and BEST services, which were presented as alternatives by staff, and encourages the City to find resources for these important services. REAL has a longstanding request to the City to significantly deepen its investment in BEST services as alternatives to policing and incarceration.

Expand Immigration Services Funding

The REAL Coalition supports the request from Amigos de Guadalupe, numerous allies and the memo from Councilmember Ortiz for \$1.5 million for immigration services. This is a small investment relative to the \$45 billion being invested by the federal government for mass deportation infrastructure, about ten times what the government had been spending in this area. It is inevitable that the ICE activity we're seeing in Los Angeles will come to San José. The City has a responsibility to protect all residents, and it is not ready for what is about to happen. This funding will provide the services and resources necessary to protect its immigrant residents and the stability of families and our neighborhoods.

Support Investment in Community-Driven Services at MACSA

In solidarity with SOMOS Mayfair, the Sí Se Puede Collective, and other allies, REAL supports the Mayor's direction to use \$500,000 in Community Development

Block Grant funds to facilitate the revitalization of the Mexican American Community Services Youth Center (MACSA). Data from the Latino Health Assessment showed the harsh realities impacting Latino youth and their families, particularly in East San José. Investment in children, youth and our families in disinvested communities should be a priority. MACSA can serve as a multi-hub center for Latino youth, providing cultural services, leadership development, and healing.

Older Adults Health and Wellness Funding

We stand in solidarity with the nine providers and almost 150 organizations and community members who signed the letter in support of restoring the full \$526,434 in funding for the Older Adults Health and Wellness program. These critical services support thousands of San José's older adults—especially those who are low-income, non-English speaking, isolated, and medically vulnerable.

Racial Equity Staffing in City Departments

The REAL Coalition opposes the proposed cuts to racial equity staffing in several departments in the City of San José's FY26 budget. These positions are essential to ensuring that equity is not just a stated value, but a lived practice across city services and decision-making. Slashing these roles undermines years of progress and community trust, particularly among Black, Latine, Asian, and Indigenous communities that continue to face systemic disparities. This move also runs counter to the priorities advanced by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), which emphasizes the need for sustained institutional commitment, infrastructure, and leadership to embed equity into governance. GARE's framework makes clear that cutting dedicated equity roles threatens the long-term structural change necessary for just and inclusive communities. In a moment when racial equity work must be deepened—not diminished—we urge the City to protect and strengthen these vital positions.

Families and Children

REAL also supports the proposal by Councilmember Doan, Campos, Casey, and Mulcahy, relating to Item 3.8, to maintain support for the Family, Friend, and Neighbor Early Education Program and incorporate direction from BD #45.

Support for childcare advances racial equity by reducing barriers to economic opportunity for families of color, who are disproportionately affected by high childcare costs and limited access to quality early education.

Please consider this letter signed by 40 organizations as you decide what action to take on June 9 and 10. You can reach us by emailing IselaR@sacredheartcs.org.

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Hello Toni Taber,

I appreciate your assistance getting this message to our city decision makers.
(As you're aware, although I waited until nearly the end of the meeting for my public comment card to be called, and then my name was called...
I was not permitted to make my public comment.
I'll send a follow up communication regarding my complaint.)

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

San Jose City Hall 6/9/25
Agenda Item 3.1

Shereen Jarrett
With LEAC, URG, Destination Home, Poor People's Campaign, Freedom Church of the Poor, CFJ, SF Bay F4A, and additional professional organizations.

Public comment:
Honorable Mayor and Council members,

As an educator, I believe: more exposure to more information will solve most issues in society... There's not a lack of resources and solutions!

I know we can do this, together,
and make advocates of this entire chamber; even those currently opposing the new budget...
I know we can set an example for other cities, how to respond to the governor's ignorant homeless sweeping orders...

Forget the flawed, "responsibility to shelter"...

I strongly recommend existing EEP, and not a new NQOL, handle this new direction. This is the most logical, as well as will cost a lot less!!!

Reality:

NO ONE IS REFUSING THE SHELTERS, THAT DON'T EXIST!

Stop this false narrative!!!

We all want the homeless crisis solved!

But, it's time for less noise from all these ignorant voices!!!

Regrets y'all.

But,

ONLY employ solutions based on existing accurate research, evidence, and data provided by actual experts on this issue!!!

The experts all agree, there are not enough beds for the ever increasing need. These near future proposals, need to happen first...

[Mayor Mahan, and I, keep trying to bring up some points, even our own supporters aren't hearing...

Including, a needed strategy for preventing an influx of other towns' people in need...

So, my personal recommendation is (an alternative to) section 8 vouchers, as the county hasn't reopening ours since the early 2000s; despite dire need, and cost effectiveness in comparison to new developments.]

Although our police spokespersons will always support the Mayor... silently, the many individual officers I've listened to, strongly oppose police priority being diverted away from violent crimes and emergencies!

They don't want the unhoused to be their issue!

Turning police against our impoverished, harms public relations!

As a small woman of mixed ethnicity...

I will never feel safe in these mass, coed temporary shelters, where I can't attend to my medical needs nor keep my late, supply heavy jobs...

Homelessness can happen overnight to a large percentage of our paycheck to paycheck local residents:

Victims of crimes,

Survivors of DV, abuses, and crisis,

Veterans with PTSD, elderly, disabled, etc.

Don't force us into inappropriate temporary sheltering experiments!

Don't cause legal problems for us!

Don't incarnate us!

Don't tell police to harass us!

We'll likely bounce back if given permanent housing options and needed resources.

Different unhoused populations have very different needs!!!

It costs less to provide different services for different populations!!!

Summarized example:

1. High resource needs for severely mentally unstable and/or potentially harmful
2. Moderate resource needs for addicted and/or mentally struggling
3. Low resource needs for those experiencing temporary crisis and/or unexpected financial hardships

Forcing populations 2 and 3 into temporary shelters and also letting them fall further into homelessness, increases, and in most cases causes, addiction issues.

Population 1 (...is still a left over crisis started during the Reagan Administration's closure of in patient mental facilities.)

Allowing population 1 to go without needed resources, endangers the public; and creates public confusion and hostility towards populations 2 and 3.

We just need to employ researched solutions overseen by actual experts on these issues...
And work together to make revolutionary changes, creating a city we're all proud of.

I'm actually a researcher and author of societal conditions and crisis; including unhoused topics and advocacy,
I'm also a born and raised San Jose local, who's been a Santa Clara County: performing arts company owner/director,
professional folkloric dancer and artist, youth educational administrator, curriculum and program developer, teacher,
officer of several nonprofit boards, multiple businesses owner, home owner, landlord, tenant,
As well as a victim of several crimes, and a first hand unhoused lived experience advocate,
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