

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF SAN JOSÉ NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AND COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA CHILDREN, SENIORS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

The Special Joint Meeting of the City of San José Neighborhood Services and Education Committee, Committee members; and Santa Clara County, Children, Seniors, and Families Committee, Board Members; was held in the Council Chambers and convened at 10:07 a.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Davis, Ortiz, Doan, Candelas, Torres.

Absent: Councilmembers - All present.

City Staff: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Karin Murabito; Chief Policy Officer, Mackenzie Mossing; and Deputy City Clerk, Yasmin Johnson.

Present: Board of Supervisors - Chavez, Arenas.

Absent: Board of Supervisors - All present.

County Staff: Chief Operating Officer, Greta Hansen; Assistant County Counsel, Michaela Lewis; and Deputy Clerk, Colin Kutch;

1.) Blue Zones Readiness Assessment Report

(a) Receive and Discuss the Blue Zones Readiness Assessment Report.

Margaret Brown, Vice President, Business Development, Blue Zones; Mark Ishikawa, Vice President, Operations-Community Transformations, Blue Zones; and Jaclyn Cheves, Director, of Policy and Partnerships, Blue Zones offered the presentation and responded to questions.

(b) Discuss next steps and approve recommendations, if any.

Councilmember Peter Ortiz spoke to the historic inequities that occur in his district such as: the lack of tree canopies, smoke shop and liquor store concerns, and park issues. He also expressed his concerns with the smoke shop that opened up across the street from James Lick High School.

Councilmember Bien Doan addressed the importance of implementing the changes mentioned in the Strategic Plan. He also spoke to the importance of residents having access to affordable fresh vegetables and fruits.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez requested that the next phase of planning include an analysis of the outside forces that impede the work being done.

Supervisor Sylvia Arenas urged for a strength based approach regarding youth and the importance of highlighting the good work being done such as the Youth Master Plan. She also addressed her concerns with the lack of displacement discussed in the report.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez wanted to inquire about City and County staff perspectives of opportunities for joint collaborations regarding policy work, food systems, housing, issues around displacement. She also requested to know what senior staff members are involved in both institutions that are playing leadership roles.

Councilmember Domingo Candelas spoke to the importance of creating a system that's for everybody, that allows the community to be stronger together, and representation for everyone being key.

Councilmember Dev Davis stated that focusing on the pilot areas identified in the Children Youth Services Master Plan and the three zip codes mentioned is a productive way to figure out the best way to reach underserved communities.

City Motion: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember , Peter Ortiz, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the San José Assessment Report, along with the comments discussed, and cross-referenced the report to *both* the City Council at the October 22, 2024 City Council Meeting and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on October 22, 2024. (4-0-1; Absent: Torres)

County Motion: Upon motion by Supervisor Cindy Chavez, seconded by Supervisor Sylvia Arenas, and carried unanimously, the Committee received the San José Assessment Report that is to be heard by *both* the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on October 22, 2024 and the San José City Council at the October 22, 2024 City Council Meeting. (2-0)

2.) Public Comment

None provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Dev Davis and Supervisor Cindy Chavez adjourned the Special Joint meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,



Yasmin Johnson
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

Attest By:

Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk, City of San José