

From: Jonathan Davis <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:29 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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From: Brian Wheatley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:29 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>
Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo



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From: Jacquelyn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:36 PM
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Connie Teague <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:39 PM

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:50 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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A Concerned Citizen

From: Erika Perez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:54 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Cc: Erika Perez <[REDACTED]>

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Erika L. Perez

Citizen

From: Meredith Isensee <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:56 PM

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:08 PM
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From: Angel SJVR <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:16 PM

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Evangeline Sangalang
SJ, D8

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From: Quynh Le <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:40 PM

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From: Dena Staggs <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:40 PM

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From: Lina Larionova <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:41 PM

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Subject: Item 3.1: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

This is a big change in our city government. While I personally don't believe a strong mayor system is right for our community, ultimately, I consider this decision needs more than 6 days of discussion and public outreach. The points laid out in Councilmember Peralez's memo about a Charter Review Commission being able to thoroughly study the need and report back to the council is the right way to go. There is not the time to rush to make this decision without proper community input.

There are many good points brought up in Carrasco, Esparza, and Arenas' memos about the nuanced changes we could be adding to the electoral reform process also that deserve consideration.

But with their memos and the most recent memo from the City Manager discussing the need for community input, I urge you to vote No on the Strong Mayor Ballot Proposal.

Sincerely,

Lina Larionova, District 9.

From: Lola Notproperty <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:42 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:03 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>
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My name is Helen Deng and I live in District 1 of San Jose.

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A Concerned Citizen

From: Ivan Torres <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:55 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie

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Yan-Yin Choy <[REDACTED]>
Mon 6/29/2020 3:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Yan-Yin Choy
District 3 Resident, and A Concerned Citizen

From: Lisa Mena <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:02 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

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Lisa Mena

From: Lola Notproperty <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:59 PM

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Thank you,

[Lola Notproperty, District 2]

From: Heather Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:58 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Melvis Cruz <[REDACTED]>
Mon 6/29/2020 3:10 PM

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Concerned Citizen

Blanca Carbajal <[REDACTED]>
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Joseph Richardson <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/29/2020 3:05 PM

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Sincerely,

Joey Richardson
District 6

From: Michael Toulouse <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:10 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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From: Angelica Agulto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:14 PM
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From: lananh leigh <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:36 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you,

Lanan

Lifelong San Jose Resident

From: Christine Lam <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:33 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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From: Cortez, Edward <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:33 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.1

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Ed Cortez and I am a City of San Jose employee from the Materials Testing Lab – Engineering Services Section within the Public Works Department.

I'm writing to express my opposition to giving the Mayor more power without community feedback. This measure would eliminate the independence the city manager and department heads should have to the whims of politicians when making budget and other city management decisions.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Name

Edward Cortez, P.E.

From: Isabelle Esters <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:33 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:32 PM

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:30 PM

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From: Keith Chow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:29 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Opposes the Strong Mayor Proposal



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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Keith Chow

From: Sina Dadras <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:34 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 3.1



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My name is Sina Dadras and I am an employee of the City of San Jose in the Planning, Building & Code Enforcement department.

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My name is Kira and I live in Sunnyvale.

The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is alarming.

A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20.

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P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Nho Le <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:43 PM

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Thank you
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From: Neven Kolomejec <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:59 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:17 PM
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From: Rachel Minden <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:19 PM

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Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:26 PM
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Thank you
Salvador "Chava" Bustamante,

From: Nancy Magee <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:35 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie

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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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Thank you,

Nancy Mager
Los Gatos

From: Neecha Sandoval <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:38 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> District7 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10: Vote No on the Strong Mayor Proposal

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

This is a big change to our city government. While I personally don't believe a strong mayor system is right for our community, ultimately, I think this decision needs more than 6 days of discussion and public outreach. The points laid out in Councilmember Peralez's memo about a Charter Review Commission being able to thoroughly study the need and report back to council is the right way to go. There is not the time to rush to make this decision without proper community input.

The Fair Elections Initiative had almost a year of community engagement through it's signature collection process. This helps to make clear the language of the ballot initiative to voters and give the community time to discuss. I support the Fair Elections Initiative as good campaign finance reform needed to build trust with our community and the elected officials that serve them as well as align the Mayoral Election to a presidential year to improve voter turnout. Adding the strong mayor provisions to the Fair Elections Initiative language adds an additional complex piece to a ballot initiative that will mask the desires of the community for these two very different important discussions.

There are many good points brought up in the Carrasco, Esparza and Arenas memos about the nuanced changes we could be adding to the electoral reform process that also deserve consideration.

But with their memos and the most recent memo from the City Manager discussing the need for community input, I STRONGLY URGE you to Vote No on the Strong Mayor Ballot Proposal.

Sincerely,

Kai Sandoval
District 7, absentee voter/vote by mail

From: Neecha Sandoval <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:43 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>
Cc: District7 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.10: Support the Carrasco & Esparza Proposal

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to share my support for Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memorandum. Now is the time for change in our electoral system to improve representation of our communities and reduce the influence of money in politics. In order to best represent the people of San Jose, we need these campaign finance reforms and changing all councilmember elections to the presidential year to improve voter turnout will only improve the number of voices in our city that are heard and represented.

With the passage of the needed electoral reform that will build a more representative City Council, we can then begin the a discussion that address any potential need for changes to the Council-Manager system and the Mayoral powers.

Sincerely,

Kai Sandoval
District 7, long time absentee/voter by mail Zip code 95111

From: Terrence <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:43 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: Item 3.10: Vote YES

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

This is a good change to our city government, and we needed it decades ago.

Sincerely,

Best Regards,

Terrence Reilly
District 6

From: Peter Ortiz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:47 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you

From: David Simonis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 4:47 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.1



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Dear Mayor and Council, [REDACTED]

My name is David Simonis and I am a City of San Jose employee from the Public Works Department.

I'm writing to express my opposition to giving the Mayor more power without community feedback. This measure would eliminate the independence the City Manager and department heads should have to the whims of politicians when making budget and other city management decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Sincerely, [REDACTED]
David Simonis

Christy Wright <

Mon 6/29/2020 4:53 PM

Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms

Dear Clerk City Clerk,

I am writing to share my support for Mayor Liccardo's memorandum for Better Government Reforms in the City of San José.

San José is the 10th largest city in the United States, yet it is stuck in the 1980's with a management structure more suited for small cities. In times of crisis, we need government to be nimble, responsive, and accountable to the community for results and to bring local government into the 21st century. As we face the greatest series of crises in our lifetime – a global pandemic and the deepest economic recession since the great recession – we must have the people's choice, an elected Accountable Mayor, be directly responsible for the city rather than unelected bureaucrats. The public must have confidence that their elected officials are the ones driving the community's priorities.

The proposed measure would also curb the influence of powerful special interest groups, who have dominated San José politics for far too long. The measure would implement a strict conflict of interest provision that would require City Councilmembers to recuse themselves on a vote that would benefit their special interest donors. Furthermore, professional lobbyists would be banned from making contributions to a politician's campaign.

I strongly urge you to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo's good government reforms for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

Sincerely,

Christy Wright

June 29 2020

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

I am writing to share my support for Mayor Liccardo's memorandum for Better Government Reforms in the City of San José.

As Board Chair of The SVO, this is an issue that is strongly supported by our organization.

We have talked to constituent local and remotely, supporters and detractors and I can say without a doubt that I believe this measure is in the best interest of the city.

In an era of partianship and division, strong leaders are needed to unite, no divide.

San Jose city government is a hydra headed beast. The current organization structure does not present a sustainable structure to manage such a organism. A single leader is needed.

If San Jose wants to "move at the speed of business" is should be organized like a business with a true hierarchial structure.

I've always felt that San Jose has tremendous potential and is inhabited by good people and served by dedicated individuals. Let's give the residents and civil servants the leadership advantage needed to rise to it's promise.

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Sincerely,

Michael Bangs
2020 SVO Board of Directors Chair.

From: David Nguyen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:13 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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From: Susan Chang <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:20 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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From: Alexandra Ceja <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:38 AM

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:40 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:51 AM

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A Concerned Citizen

From: Andrea Kennedy <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:08 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie

<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul

<[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena

<[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya

<[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam

<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

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A. Kennedy

From: Kaz Suko <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:14 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>
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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:35 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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From: Caleigh L. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:41 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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From: Landon Battin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:44 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
<[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena
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P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted. Police must be held accountable as they have a responsibility to preserve peace and security in our city. You cannot compare the racial tendencies of select teachers to those of the SJPD because we all know which occupation holds more power over the lives of our people.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Carrie Nicole Royer <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:55 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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From: Andrea Isais Freeman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:15 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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Sincerely,

Andrea Isais
A Concerned Citizen

From: Lauryn Ping <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:23 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
<[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena
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My name is Lauryn Ping and I live in District 9.

I am extremely upset by the proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter.

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P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen
Lauryn Ping

From: Mimi Truong <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:23 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

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From: Brenna Peters <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:31 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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Sincerely,
Brenna

From: Manuel R. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:35 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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My name is Manuel and I live in San Jose in the Berryessa area.

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From: Vivian Nguyen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:37 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:38 PM

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Tomara Hall, M.A.
Education Specialist

From: Gina Whitney <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:40 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie

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From: Christopher Luebcke <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:41 PM

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D6, San Jose

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 12:48 PM

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My name is Sandra Gregory and I live in Willow Glen. I am also a social worker for the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services. I serve some of the most vulnerable and marginalized families in our community. I often times meet these families in some of the most difficult times of their lives. Many have been impacted by the institutional racism in the police department that is supposed to protect them. For many, it was the police that initiated their involvement with the child welfare system.

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:01 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena
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Dear Councilmembers,

Do you find it ironic that the Mayor, Vice Mayor and a Council member want to consolidate power and extend their rein? I suspect that most all power hungry people want that kind of power. History is replete with people that rose to power and then took more & more power and took advantage of their station in life. The founding fathers were well aware of the fact when they created the Constitution. They did everything in their power to bind, shackle & hobble the Federal Government. We should learn from history and draw the same parallels here. **THEY ARE EXACTLY THE SAME ONLY ON A LOCAL LEVEL!**

IMHO that is why there are elections. There is enough time to allow the elected to affect change (hopefully good & positive) and not too long to get rid of them if they are not "serving & protecting". I think it was Thomas Jefferson that said that the common man should sacrifice some of his valuable time away from his business/profession/family in service to the public and then return to his business. It was not to be a long term situation and certainly not a career.

Allowing this to move forward is a rapid move away from our founding ideals and another step toward tyranny and centralized power. Much like Congress has abrogated many of its sworn duties. Stand up for America, Stand up for San Jose and Stand up for your position! As sure as the Sun rises and sets it will not be long before your position is lessened in power and or eliminated.

More & more we should look to the past to predict the future. I think that this is one of those seminal moments!

I hope that this will shine some light on the future because of your decisions today.

Do not let others rip off, usurp, take your position, power and for Gods sake do not make this a career!

Regards,

Mark Verble

Business owner and resident

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:03 PM
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From: ALEXA ATONDO <[REDACTED]>

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:23 PM
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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:27 PM
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Seleste Torres <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:28 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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We want Sam Liccardo out.

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:33 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Liccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. Instead work to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality.

Thank you,
Cristina Phan