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**FW: Letter for Item 4.1, August 19 CC Meeting**

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**From:** Tom Saggau [REDACTED]  
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Hi Toni,  
Please ensure each council officer receives a copy.

Thank You,  
Tom Saggau  
SJPOA

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SJPOA

August 18, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of San José  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113

RE: Item 4.1 Cardroom Regulation Fee

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of our members we are writing in support of the staff recommendation and the memorandum from Mayor Matt Mahan, Vice-Mayor Foley, Councilmember Cohen, Councilmember Mulcahy, and Councilmember Casey.

While we support the action being recommended today we are concerned that additional reduction in oversight is harmful to our mission to promote public safety. While cardrooms remain a legal business that provides tax revenue to the city, there are negative externalities that must be managed. These negative externalities include, but are not limited to;

- Crimes such as loan sharking, embezzlement, follow home robberies, and
- Social impacts as a result of addictive gambling that harm families

The police department currently licenses, permits, inspects, and audits local cardrooms to work toward ensuring there is no criminal activity associated with these establishments. With resources scarce as they are, a further reduction in fees and less oversight will reduce our ability to proactively manage risk to the community and may result in increased crime, negative social impacts and further burden our understaffed police department.

That said, we respectfully ask the City Council to take no further action or initiate additional processes that will lead to reduced oversight and increased public safety and community risk.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Steve Slack, President  
San Jose Police Officers Association