



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
November 2, 2020 – November 12, 2020

DATE: November 18, 2020

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1. Letter from Youth Commissions, dated November 2, 2020 regarding The Selection of the New Police Chief.

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2. Letter from Cities Association of Santa Clara County regarding Cities Association Annual Membership Meeting - DATE CHANGE, dated November 7, 2020.
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10. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated November 10, 2020, regarding Blair Beekman. TE. Item d1. Nov. 2, 2020 - Public Record.

Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

November 2, 2020

To : The Honorable Mayor, City Council, and Police Chief

Subject: The Selection of the New Police Chief

Dear Honorable Mayor, City Council, and Police Chief,

Since Chief Garcia has announced his retirement, we, the San Jose Youth Commission, have gathered input from teens on what values and characteristics their ideal Police Chief would exemplify because the Chief is the face of the SJPD and their actions will affect all youth, especially underserved youth of color.

On September 26, we hosted a YAC Orientation with over 35 youth in attendance, on September 28, we heard from Mr. Ratana of the Mayor's office, and on October 5, we had a round table discussion with Acting Police Chief Dave Knopf on the issue of police reform and the roles and responsibilities of the new Police Chief. Based on the conversations we had during the three aforementioned meetings, the Commission has come to a few key recommendations.

1. We strongly encourage the Police Chief to be connected to and cognizant of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color), low-income, and other youth communities to hopefully bridge the current disconnect between residents and the SJPD that has resulted from the unnecessary use of aggression during peaceful protests. In fact, youth in San Jose have expressed their disdain for the force used by the SJPD, as seen in a City Council meeting in June, where youth explicitly stated that they felt unsafe while exercising their right to peacefully assemble for the Black Lives Matter movement. To address this issue, the Commission suggests that the Chief has extensive experience in working with communities of color and comprehensive knowledge of systemic racism. This will allow the department to be more receptive and empathetic to the needs of all citizens, regardless of class, gender, and race.
2. In terms of the qualities of the Police Chief, we strongly recommend that the Chief has no history of abuse or excessive violence, a belief in restorative justice, and extensive training (such as racial sensitivity training) that ensures they will be able to effectively lead the Police Department. Furthermore, we would like the Police Chief

to be educated in the field of ethnic studies so that the Chief is aware of the struggles of the BIPOC community. We want to emphasize the importance of a Police Chief that treats all communities equitably and fairly as police brutality impacts BIPOC youth of color the most.

3. Regarding the selection of the Police Chief, we would like to see communities of color, low-income communities, and young adults of color have an accessible space to voice their opinion on who will become the Police Chief in order to ensure an equitable selection process for our new Police Chief.

We hope the police department will take these recommendations into consideration moving forward in order to make the City of San Jose a safer place for all communities.

Sincerely,

San Jose Youth Commission

The San Jose Youth Commission

Youth Commission October 26, 2020 agenda item: VII.(c) – Approved unanimously.

Signature of the Chair



Printed Name of the Chair

Dheerj Jasuja (District 10 Youth Commissioner)

Fw: Cities Association Annual Membership Meeting - DATE CHANGE

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Mon 11/9/2020 8:21 AM

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From: Andi Jordan <andi@citiesassociation.org>

Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 12:49 PM

Subject: Cities Association Annual Membership Meeting - DATE CHANGE

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Good afternoon, Board of Directors and LAC Members:

cc: City Managers, SCCACMA, City Clerks, city management assistants, legislative contacts/IGR

SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual General Membership Meeting for the Cities Association of Santa Clara County will be on Friday, December 4th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

During the Annual Event, we give our thanks to outgoing elected officials, and our President and pass the gavel to the new President of the Association. We also honor the Cities' Champion (to be announced later in the week).

More info coming soon!

*Please forward this SAVE THE DATE to current councilmembers and those newly elected.
We welcome all councilmembers, city/county management, and our community partners.*

My best,
~Andi

Andi Jordan
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Blair Beekman. Smart Cities Committee. Open Forum-1. Nov. 5, 2020 - Public Record.

b. beekman [REDACTED]

Tue 11/10/2020 7:30 PM

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

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.

As we are becoming secure, that for the time being, we will continue to need, a police department, for some local community and neighborhood services.

I hope we can also begin, to be open, to the many ways, how the term reimagine, can be used.

As part of its goals, is to very much question, the future use, of the prison military industrial complex, in this country.

This should be an interesting concept, to most everyone.

From this, I feel, Anthony Mata, can be, a very good, chief of police, for San Jose.

And if not, I feel he is simply, something of he example, of how to look for, the next police chief.

I think he has, a very gentle way, that has been a part of, public outreach and community advocacy, for all parts of the city, for over 10 years now.

I think, he would know, how to work well, towards, the important new ideas, of what re-imagining, is more genuinely capable of. And as I have described, above.

Although, a slightly different style, the work of Ellen Washburn, should also be noted, as how to help gauge, what to look for, in your national search.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.

In Rules and Open Government yesterday, there was an item, on the beautification, of San Jose.

As fireworks issues, in San Jose, may soon be starting, a tickets, fines, & penalties system.

Please do not begin, to implement, more fines and penalties, and the use of surveillance technology, with other city government programs.

This is the time of reimagining, not re-incarceration.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Blair Beekman. SJ City Council. Item 4.1. October 27, 2020 - Public Record.

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.

To talk about, item 4.1, and another year, of SLES funding, now, with the ideas, of re-imagining, policing, and community,

SLES, is usually, a large amount of grant money, in a continuing fund, that is often dedicated to, the ideas of policing & technology.

In the beginning, of the Mayor Liccardo administration, ideas of technology innovation, often revolved around, surveillance technology.

I hope San Jose has matured, in the past several years. And is beginning to better consider, how the ideas, of openness, public oversight, and listening to everyday community, can better define, the future of innovation with technology.

And that can help with questions, of de-militarization, positive, community sustainability.

And even help bring a return, to the ideas, of We are San Jose.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Dear Community of San Jose, and city govt.,

To review, some overall ideas, of environmental sustainability, from the TE meeting, Nov. 2.

I was fairly impressed, by the tree, foliage, and green ideas, from the final speaker yesterday, Josh Quigley, working with Save the Bay

And as, I did not have time, in my own public comment, to speak about, the initial better intentions, of Vision Zero ideas.

Green environmental sustainability, community harmony, and even, more open, better govt. services.

These are ideas started, here in San Jose, over 5 years ago, and even decades earlier.

Good people, that have been working towards, positive, sustainable practices, and shared, good dialogue, long before the arrival, of Covid-19.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Blair Beekman. RaOG. Open Forum. October 28, 2020 - Public Comment.

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.

At sj city council, Tuesday, Oct. 20, Mayor Liccardo stated, there is only, \$300,000, in this year's budget, for SJPD recruitment.

And politely asked, if it needed to be raised, to \$800,000, this year.

Can we ask, that \$300,000, may already be enough, this year.

And at most, an additional \$100,000, in SJPD recruitment, can be enough, for this upcoming year.

San Francisco, and other Bay Area cities, are working to reduce, its recruitment class, each year.

I am hoping, San Jose, can be interested, in ideas, like, SJPD recruitment training, only to be held, once, every other year.

To also add, at the SJPD & city council police review sessions, of this summer.

City mgr. David Sykes, offered to work towards the ideas, of an open, negotiation process, with the SJPOA, this next year.

And with, what may be, some negligible affects of inflation, this next year - stated, among other places, at the November 5, police retirement board.

To once again mention, San Francisco, is addressing, this COLA question, as well. It seems possible, to place a hold, on COLA adjustments, for the next upcoming year.

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Blair Beekman. SJ City Council. Item 2.7. Nov. 3, 2020 - Public Record.

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.,

With item 2.7, and airport environmental issues,

A simple reminder, to try not to be, so easily satisfied, with efficient, new EIR procedures, for the San Jose airport.

Take the time, to look for, and respect, other pollution factors.

This item, seems it can be related, to long-term issues, of both San Jose, and the city of Santa Clara.

In this time of elections, I wanted to thank, San Jose City council, for much patience & compromise they had, this past January 2020.

In working how to interpret, regional Measure B funding issues, for the North San Jose City & Santa Clara area.

I felt, it brought out, some of the better parts, of our human nature. From policy makers, to advocacy, to everyday community, all around the county, and even the VTA.

Together, there was good work & good compromise, towards, important, green ideas and solutions.

While working, to also respect, decades long ideas, of possible middle to higher income, housing developments, in the north San Jose, city of Santa Clara area.

sincerely,
blair beekman

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Dear community of San Jose, city govt., and the Santa Clara Co. Unhoused Task Force

The MTC, the regional Bay Area transit agency, has to really want to develop, their BAHFA process.

They have to be willing, to want to reorganize, the current practices & bureaucracy, at the state level.

And want to facilitate & connect this, to some already, well developed ideas, from local govts. & local community advocacy.

And in what can be, important new concepts, of VLI, ELI, and mixed income housing.

CASA, has been helping, to facilitate and develop this thinking, at the local level, for the past few years, now.

Please refer to, its 2019 review of housing ideas, that is listed, on one of today's memos.

From debates, in July and August, about the overall future, of San Jose General Plan

And from, Fremont to Redwood City - cities across, 3 south bay counties, may be finding, incredibly good ways, to develop housing, equity, and the future of community, with less use, of a police dept.

Our current questions, of housing, community, mental health, policing, and the search, for more genuine, positive, community sustainability, are simply, the ideas & ways, we were already dedicated to, pre Covid-19.

I feel this can be, a part of the honest work, in re-imagining, the future of this country. And good steps, to leave this era of Covid-19, in the next few years.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

To offer a few additional thoughts, on housing.

It seems, the housing
forgiveness intentions,
of ab 3088,
has left ourselves short,
in some places,
for the next few years.

As SJ Mayor Sam Liccardo,
has politely warned, recently,
we may be headed for,
another foreclosure and recession crisis,
in the next few years.

We have to learn,
to be open, and better trust,
the funding & financial systems, being developed,
at the state level, around Covid-19 issues

And learn how, to better develop, ab 3088,
as the Covid-19 virus, itself, seems it will take,
a couple more years,
to wane.

I hope everyone is practicing how to be, safe & well, in the next recent wave of covid-19 cases.

Although, I try to keep out,
my personal, partisan feelings, in my speeches,
to local govt.,
about the good reasoning,
of how technology & surveillance, can be,
a combined, open effort,
of the entire community.

I think, Joe Biden, and a Democratic party administration,
at the national level,
can very much help develop, both, conservative & progressive, good choices, for the funding &
financial issues,
at the state level,
that will be needed,
for the next few years.

And help with a sense of unity, organization, and good practices, at the domestic level.

These forms Good reasoning, and its organization, can bring peace, and good thinking, at the local level,. to help be a part of, a peaceful world.

With the SJPD & city council review sessions, of this summer -

City mgr. David Sykes,
offered to work towards,
the ideas, of an open, negotiation process,
with the SJPOA,
this next year.

I feel, it can be asked,
to place a hold,
on COLA adjustments,
until next year.

Let's hope, the news article, below, is a part of the idea, of a good, open, negotiation process.

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.,

The initial purpose of Vision Zero, was to consider, how green new ideas, environmentalism, good govt. community practices, and neighborhood safety, could bring about, safer calmer streets.

More pedestrian & bicycles. And less automobile traffic

And, an overall, more harmonious community experience, based on green environmentalism. More trees & foliage, leading to mellower neighborhoods, and interestingly, more govt. services.

With the arrival of Covid-19, the Vision Zero & neighborhood safety, is obviously making a sharp turn, in the corporate/government surveillance state, we all fear.

I cannot emphasize enough, the importance of transparent, open public policy ideas & practices. And the simple love, of good community democratic practices, at this time.

These are the ideas, of peace, community harmony, neighborhood safety, and genuine positive sustainabilty, in these difficult, next few years.

It is good, open democratic practices, and open public policy ideas, that can address, amd ask to leave continual war, hype, and it's shock doctrine practices.

And that will naturally want to work towards, minimal use practices, of needed technology.

And help transition, into a future, of more genuine, positive ideas.

sincerely,
blair beekman

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