

FW: Support a San Jose budget for All!

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Tue 3/21/2023 4:44 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Omar Suarez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 4:43 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Omar Suarez
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San Jose, California 95122

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Ivette Deltoro <[REDACTED]>

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The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

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From: Mitchell Austin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 11:59 PM

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From: David Eisbach <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 11:01 PM

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Peter Cocotas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:40 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agenda Item 3.5

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I am very upset to learn about the proposed cuts to library budgets. The library remains one of the few communities where people from all walks of life in San Jose can meet, learn and advance. In terms of ESL and other computer training it is doing the job of schools and helping people get to the next level. It is foolish and shortsighted to cut the vulnerable and at risk populations that daily turn to the library for help.

Peter Cocotas [REDACTED]
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From: Sigrid Jacobsen <[REDACTED]>

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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing in response to the proposed budget to make clear that it does not reflect the values of those of us who center the marginalized of our community.

As a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ @ Sacred Heart Community Services, I **emphatically oppose** and ask the council NOT to move forward with:

- language in the Mayor's Message that seeks to criminalize homelessness by creating no encampment zones.
- language in the Mayor's Message that seeks to give Measure E or other City funds to develop an additional locked psychiatric facility in San Jose.

The Mayor's proposals such as no encampment zones or spending affordable housing money on a mental health jail head in the opposite direction of the **innovative** approaches the County is taking to make sure all of us are safe. The county's Alternatives to Incarceration process is recommending moving AWAY from criminalizing our unhoused neighbors and towards non-carceral community based mental health and addiction recovery services. **Our money is better spent on implementing solutions—on prevention.** It is common sense that **prevention** isn't just cheaper, it's also effective and more humane for all of us. Prevention means spending Measure E affordable housing money on ACTUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING as well as on keeping people in their homes. Prevention means dedicating \$400,000 to fund a pilot for the alternative crisis response program for intimate partner violence. We need to **implement upstream solutions.** To that end, **we are pushing for two items in the Mayor's message that were recommended by community members in the Re-Imagining Public Safety process:**

- As described in the Mayor's message, fund and move forward with a planning process to implement a community-based interpersonal violence prevention and response pilot, and work with community members to design a plan, with a budget of \$400,000 to ensure a robust community-centric approach.
- Double down on the City's investment in prevention and intervention of violence by adding \$5 million to the San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together City-Wide Appropriation.

The Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation to develop alternative community-based response programs for intimate partner violence, directly in line with our ongoing county-wide campaign for non-police crisis response (such as the TRUST program), shows up in the Mayor's budget message but without the specific allocation it will need to succeed. And violence prevention efforts, like the effective program in Richmond CA, can also be successful without giving more money to SJPD. Another world is possible.

PLEASE do the right thing and ensure that the city budget reflects the inherent value and dignity of all people!

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