



## **PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

**Regular and General Plan Hearing  
Commencing at 6:30 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting: <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/96140212594>

**Rolando Bonilla, Chair**  
**George Casey, Vice Chair**  
**Mariel Caballero   Charles Cantrell**  
**Jorge A. Garcia   Justin Lardinois**  
**Maribel Montañez   Pierluigi Oliverio**  
**Sylvia Ornelas-Wise   Deborah Torrens**  
**Michael Young**

**Christopher Burton, Director**  
**Planning, Building & Code Enforcement**

**\* COVID-19 NOTICE \***

Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 79485, 80237, 80266, 80290, 80323, and 80343, this meeting will not be physically open to the public and the Planning Commission Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.

The Planning Commission is meeting via teleconference from remote locations in accordance with state and local orders and measures taken as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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**How to provide spoken Public Comment during the Planning Commission Meeting:**

1. By Phone: (888) 475 4499. Webinar ID is 961 4021 2594. Click \*9 to raise a hand to speak. Click \*6 to unmute when called. Alternative phone numbers are: US: +1 (213) 338-8477 or +1 (408) 638-0968 or (877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)
2. Online at: <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/96140212594>
  - a. Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. Mute all other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause an audio feedback.
  - b. Enter an email address and name. The name will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
  - c. When the Commission calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raise hand.” Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
  - d. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

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## **SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES**

The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants, and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The meeting technician will connect persons who desire to speak to the commission to the meeting so they can be heard.
- Each speaker will have two minutes. Speakers using a translator will have four minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

**If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.**

**The Planning Commission's action on re-zonings, pre-zonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items.** Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on re-zonings and pre-zonings. The Planning Commission's action on Conditional Use Permits is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and all staff reports for this meeting may be accessed at: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/commissions-and-hearings/planning-commission/agendas-minutes-2020>

# AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to the Planning Commission Meeting. This meeting is being held via Zoom Conference Call due to the COVID-19 crisis. Members of the public may participate by following the instructions listed on the Agenda. You may also view and listen to the meeting on live stream Cable TV, Granicus, and YouTube.

## **ROLL CALL**

## **SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Public comments to the Planning Commission on non-agenalized items. Please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom or click \*9 to raise a hand to speak. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to two minutes. The commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

### 3. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

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Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral or removal.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral and removal is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring or removing these or any other items, please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom or click \*9 to raise a hand to speak.

**No Items**

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of individual Consent Calendar items as they are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Commission requests debate, separate vote or recusal on a particular item, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair and considered separately. The public may comment on the entire Consent Calendar and any items removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair.

Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items individually, please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom or click \*9 to raise a hand to speak.

- a. Review and Approve Action Minutes from [January 12, 2022](#). *Deferred from 1/26/2022.*
- b. Review and Approve Action Minutes from [January 26, 2022](#).
- c. [CP21-020 \(Administrative Hearing\)](#). Conditional Use Permit to allow the removal and replacement of an approximately 60-foot-high wireless monopole on an approximately 2.6-gross acre site located at 500 Willow Glen Way (San Jose Water Company, Owner). Council District: 6. **CEQA:** Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities.  
*PROJECT MANAGER, ALEC ATIENZA*

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the categorical exemption in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities; and
2. Adopt a resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the removal and replacement of an approximately 60-foot-high wireless monopole on an approximately 2.6-gross acre site.

- d. [CP18-019 and T18-024 \(Administrative Hearing\)](#). Vesting Tentative Map to subdivide one parcel into four residential condominium units and a Conditional Use Permit to allow the conversion of four existing residential apartment units into four residential condominium units on an approximately 0.29-gross acre site located on the northside of Hillsdale Avenue approximately 430 feet easterly of Pearl Avenue (829 Hillsdale Avenue) (Tran Victor ET AL, Owner). Council District: 6. **CEQA:** Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(b) for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.  
*PROJECT MANAGER, MAIRA BLANCO*

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Consider the exemption in accordance with CEQA;
2. Adopt a Resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Vesting Tentative Map to subdivide one parcel into four condominium units; and
3. Adopt a Resolution approving, subject to conditions, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the conversion of four existing residential apartment units into four residential condominium units .

## **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

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Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

- a. [PP21-002](#). Adopt an ordinance of the City of San José amending the following sections of Title 20: part 9.75 and 9.76 of Chapter 20.80; Table 20-90 of Chapter 20.40, Table 20-110 of Chapter 20.50, Table 20-138 of Chapter 20.55, Table 20-140 of Chapter 20.70, Table 20-156 of Chapter 20.75; Part 13 of Chapter 20.100. These amendments would allow Cannabis retail storefront (dispensary) in the Commercial Zoning districts, disallow a Cannabis dispensary in Industrial Zoning districts, change distance requirements from Cannabis businesses to sensitive uses with special consideration for the Downtown and Urban Village areas, allow a Zoning Verification Certificate Letter to expire, and make other technical, non-substantive, or formatting changes within those sections of title 20 of the San José municipal code (Citywide). Council District Citywide. **CEQA:** Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the San Jose Cannabis Business Ordinance Update. *Deferred from 1/26/2022*  
*PROJECT MANAGER, ALEXANDRE HUGHES*

**Staff Recommendation:**

**The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council take all of the following actions:**

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the Cannabis Business Ordinance Update Initial Study and Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. Adopt an ordinance of the City of San José amending the following sections of Title 20: part 9.75 and 9.76 of Chapter 20.80; Table 20-90 of Chapter 20.40, Table 20-110 of Chapter 20.50, Table 20-138 of Chapter 20.55, Table 20-140 of Chapter 20.70, and Table 20-156 of Chapter 20.75; Part 13 of Chapter 20.100. These amendments would allow Cannabis retail storefront (dispensary) in the Commercial Zoning districts, disallow new Cannabis dispensaries in Industrial Zoning districts, change distance requirements from Cannabis businesses to sensitive uses with special consideration for the Downtown and Urban Village areas, allow a Zoning Code Verification Certificate Letter to expire, and make other technical, non-substantive, or formatting changes within those sections of title 20 of the San José municipal code.

## **6. OPEN THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING (2022 CYCLE 1)**

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## **7. GENERAL PLAN CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**No Items**

## **8. GENERAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

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a. **[GP21-016, GP21-017, C21-041, C21-042 & PP21-014.](#)**

**GP21-016:** General Plan Amendment to include the modifications to the North 1st Street Local Transit Village boundary and changes to General Plan land use designations on properties within the boundary of the Village Plan area as shown on the Land Use/Transportation Diagram .

**GP21-017:** General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation in the Land Use/Transportation Diagram for 103 properties adjacent to the North 1st Street Local Transit Village.

**C21-041:** Rezoning the zoning map for 24 properties from the CO Commercial Office, CN Commercial Neighborhood zoning districts to the CP Commercial Pedestrian zoning district; one property from the CN Commercial Neighborhood Zoning District to the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District; 34 properties from the CO Commercial Office, CP Commercial Pedestrian, R-2 Two-Family Residence, and R-M Multiple Residence Zoning Districts to the TR Transit Residential Zoning District, 12 properties from the CO Commercial Office, CP Commercial Pedestrian, and R-2 Two-Family Residence Zoning Districts to the UR Urban Residential Zoning District; and nine properties from the CO Commercial Office, CG Commercial General, and CN Commercial Neighborhood Zoning Districts to the UVC Urban Village Commercial Zoning District, all located within the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Local Transit Village boundary.

**C21-042:** Rezoning the zoning map for 42 properties from the CO Commercial Office, CN Commercial Neighborhood, R-2 Two-Family Residence, R-M Multiple Residence, and A(PD) Planned Development Zoning Districts to the CP Commercial Pedestrian Zoning District; two properties from the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District to the MUC Mixed-Use Commercial Zoning District; three properties from the R-1-8 Single-Family residence and CO Commercial Office Zoning Districts to the OS Open Space Zoning District; four properties from CO Commercial Office, R-1-8 Single-Family Residence, and LI Light Industrial Zoning Districts to the PQP Public/Quasi-Public Zoning District, 43 properties from the R-2 Two-Family Residence, R-M Multiple Residence, CO Commercial Office, CP Commercial Pedestrian, and A(PD) Planned Development Zoning Districts to the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District; six properties from the CO Commercial Office, LI Light Industrial, and R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning Districts to the TR Transit Residential Zoning District; and 11 properties from the CO Commercial Office and LI Light Industrial Zoning Districts to the UR Urban Residential Zoning District, all located adjacent to the North 1st Street Village.

**PP21-014:** Adopt an ordinance approving changes to the San Jose Municipal Code Section 20.85.020 to make the height requirements reflect the height requirements of the North 1st Street Local Transit Village.

(Citywide). Council District Citywide. **CEQA:** Consider the Determination of Consistency with the Envision San José 2040 General Plan EIR (Resolution No. 76041) and the Envision San José General Plan Supplemental EIR (Resolution No. 77617), and Addenda thereto.

*PROJECT MANAGER, JENNIFER PIOZET*

**Staff Recommendation:**

**The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council take all of the following actions:**

1. Consider the Determination of Consistency to the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (Resolution No. 76041) and the Supplemental EIR to Envision San José General Plan EIR, Resolution No. 77617, and Addendum thereto, in accordance with CEQA.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the following:
  - a. General Plan Amendment to modify the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Local Transit Village boundary and change the General Plan Land Use Designations on the Land Use/Transportation diagram on specified properties within the boundary of the Urban Village Plan area; and
  - b. Adoption of the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Local Transit Village Plan as the guiding policy document for new development and identified public improvements within the urban village area;



3. Adopt a resolution approving a General Plan Amendment changing the General Plan Land Use Designation on the land use/transportation diagram on specified properties located adjacent to the North 1st Street Local Transit Village boundary;
4. Approve an ordinance amending the regulation of maximum height limitations in San Jose Municipal Code Section 20.85.020 ((see proposed resolution amendment in Exhibit F));
5. Approve rezoning specified properties within the North 1st Street Local Transit Village as follows:
  - a. 24 properties from the CO Commercial Office and CN Commercial Neighborhood zoning districts to the CP Commercial Pedestrian zoning district;
  - b. One property from the CN Commercial Neighborhood zoning district to the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence zoning district;
  - c. 34 properties from the CO Commercial Office, CP Commercial Pedestrian, R-2 Two-Family Residence, and R-M Multiple Residence zoning districts to the TR Transit Residential zoning district;
  - d. 12 properties from the CO Commercial Office, CP Commercial Pedestrian, and R-2 Two-Family Residence zoning districts to the UR Urban Residential zoning district; and
  - e. Nine properties from the CO Commercial Office, CG Commercial General, and CN Commercial Neighborhood zoning districts to the UVC Urban Village Commercial zoning district; and
6. Approve an ordinance rezoning specified properties in the vicinity of the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Local Transit Village as follows:
  - a. 42 properties from the CO Commercial Office, CN Commercial Neighborhood, R-2 Two-Family Residence, R-M Multiple Residence, and A(PD) Planned Development zoning districts to the CP Commercial Pedestrian zoning district;
  - b. Two properties from the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence zoning district to the MUC Mixed-Use Commercial zoning district;
  - c. Three properties from the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence and CO Commercial Office Zoning District to the OS Open Space Zoning District;
  - d. Four properties from the CO Commercial Office, R-1-8 Single-Family Residence, and LI Light Industrial zoning districts to the PQP Public/Quasi-Public zoning district;
  - e. 43 properties from R-2 Two-Family, R-M Multiple Residence, CO Commercial Office, CP Commercial Pedestrian, and A(PD) Planned Development zoning districts to the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence zoning district;
  - f. Six properties from CO Commercial Office, LI Light Industrial, and R-1-8 Single-Family Residence zoning districts to the TR Transit Residential zoning districts;
  - g. 11 properties from the CO Commercial Office and LI Light Industrial zoning districts to the UR Urban Residential zoning district.

## **9. CLOSE THE GENERAL PLAN HEARING (2022 CYCLE 1)**

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## **10. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES**

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**No items**

## **11. GOOD AND WELFARE**

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- a. Report from City Council
- b. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business
- c. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions
- d. The Public Record

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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## **2022 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<i>January 12</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Special Meeting: Study Session</i> <i>2021 General Plan Annual Performance Review</i>	<i>Virtual Meeting</i>
January 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Virtual Meeting
January 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Virtual Meeting
February 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Virtual Meeting
February 23	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
March 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
March 23	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
April 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
April 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
May 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
May 25	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
June 8	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
June 22	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
July 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
July 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
August 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
August 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
September 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
September 28	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
October 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
October 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
November 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
November 16	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
December 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD
December 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular	TBD

## ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION

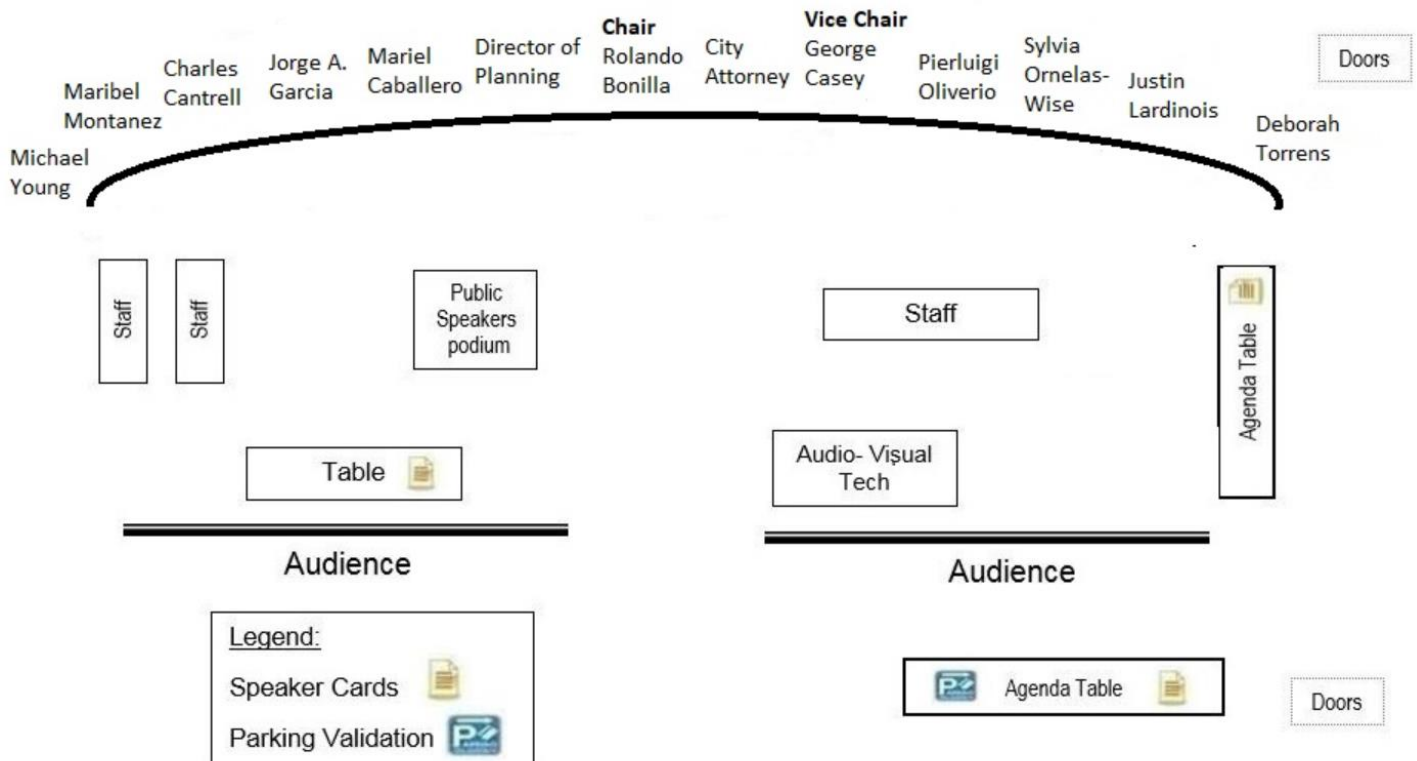
The Planning Commission is a eleven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which performs two types of actions:

- One type is “Quasi-Legislative” in nature in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, Zoning Code provisions, or regulations related to the land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs.
- The second type of action is “Quasi-Judicial” in nature in which the Planning Commission applies previously adopted legislation to particular applications and acts as a decision-making or appellate body. Examples of these types of actions include Commission decisions on Conditional Use Permits, appeals of the Planning Director’s decisions on certain land use permits, and the certification of Environmental Impact Reports.

A notation of “Administrative Hearing” for an agenda item indicates that the item is a Quasi-Judicial action of the Commission in order to assist the public in understanding the role of the Planning Commission on a particular item.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine to proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m., or to continue this hearing to a later date, or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date. The decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

### Seating Chart within the City Council Chambers:



The San José Planning Commission generally meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Agendas and Staff Reports for Planning Commission items may be viewed on the Internet at <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/commissions-and-hearings/planning-commission>

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If you have any agenda questions, please contact Support Staff at (408) 535-3505 or email [PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov). Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

### **FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>CEQA</b>	California Environmental Quality Act
<b>CP</b>	Conditional Use Permit
<b>DA</b>	Development Agreement
<b>PD</b>	Planned Development Permit
<b>PDC</b>	Planned Development Zoning

## **CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS**

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

### **1. Public Meeting Decorum:**

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

### **2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:**

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
  - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
  - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
  - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:
- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
  - b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
  - c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
  - d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
  - e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
  - f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
  - g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.