## GOLDEN STATE MANUFACTURED-HOME OWNERS LEAGUE



GSMOL Region Manager Region 1 Zone A-1

November 19, 2021

- TO: CED Committee Mayor and Council
- FROM: Martha O'Connell, Regional Manager Region 1 Zone A-1
- RE: Mobilehome Designation for All Parks -CED item 4 – Agenda 11-22-21

On March 10, 2020, the San Jose City Council voted unanimously to approve the designation for all Mobilehome Parks in San Jose as MH – Mobilehome. Previously, this action had been delayed twice since 2015.

The Mobile Park residents who packed Council Chambers, spilled into the overflow room, stood in line to testify at the microphone, sent emails and letters and signed petitions, went home with a sense of relief and gratitude. We believed that Council stood with us and understood our need for more security and peace of mind. In some four months it will be two years since Council unanimously voted and not one other MH Park has received the new MH designation except for Westwinds and Mountain Springs.

Last night the Housing and Community Development Commission unanimously passed with following motion:

"Chair O'Connell moves that the Housing Crisis Workplan item, "Apply the Mobilehome Park Land Use Designation Through City-initiated General Plan Amendments to the Remaining 56 Mobilehome Parks", be initiated, including prioritizing Parks for redesignation, and that Council approve the staff request from March 10, 2020 Council meeting for additional funding."

On behalf of the thousands and thousands of San Jose residents who live in our 59 Mobilehome Parks, 12 of which are Senior Parks, GSMOL asks that CED and Council implement the November 19, 2021 motion of the HCDC.



March 10, 2020 – San Jose Mobilehome Park residents. Photo courtesy of Huy Tran



## Fw: Written comment for Community & Economic Development

Fri 11/19/2021 4:10 PM To: CEDCommittee <CEDCommittee@sanjoseca.gov> From: Janet Williams Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:13 AM To: City Clerk <u>city clerk@sanjoseca gov</u> Subject: Written comment for Community & Economic Development

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Community & Economic Development

Blanket approval to subdivide any single family lot into two duplexes and/or allow certain single family homes to, without public input, be converted into 10-unit apartment buildings is dangerous policy. Each property needs to be reviewed for appropriateness with the existing surrounding homes, take into consideration strains on the neighborhood, and needs to invite the community to have a say about what happens next on their own street, their home values, and their quality of life.

Many of us choose to live in the suburbs for several reasons Increasing the density of our single family neighborhood will have these adverse affects:

- more crowded parking on streets
- more traffic on quiet residential streets
- More street parking and more traffic make it more dangerous for my family to walk & ride bikes to our local schools.
- more noise from both cars and residents
- Less visual space & view of the sky
- Strain on the existing (& aging) electrical grid, water, sewage, etc
- Statistically, more people simple increases the chances of predators living in proximity to my growing family
- Fire evacuation becomes more dangerous with increased population locked inside small residential streets

Please protect single family neighborhoods. Do not adopt sweeping approval for residential conversions.

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