

Nov 30 Letter to City of San Jose - Item 8.1 Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and distinguished members of the City Council,

Please find attached a letter from SVCN regarding agenda item 8.1 for the November 30 City Council meeting on Measure E's real property transfer tax.

Thank you,

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November 29, 2021

San José City Council
San José City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113

Re: Item 8.1, Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Refund Pilot Program for Qualifying Nonprofit Real Property Transfers

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

I write to you on behalf of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), an alliance of community-based organizations working to support thriving and equitable communities in Santa Clara County.

We appreciate staff's thoughtful work to try to balance the need to maximize Measure E funds and at the same time not negatively impact nonprofit organizations serving community members and neighborhoods in need.

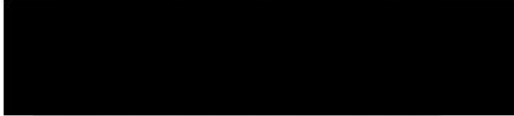
Although we are supportive of the proposed framework, we are concerned about the definition of "human services."

The definition of "human services" may exclude nonprofits that also serve communities who are disadvantaged, including very low-income folks. For example, it could exclude nonprofits who serve those who are unhoused; youth- and foster-youth-serving organizations, neighborhood-based organizations, promotora programs, some legal services, and immigrant services. It also excludes most arts nonprofits.

Our recommendation is to put a short pause on the policy so that we can make sure the definition of human services is broad enough to capture nonprofits that also primarily serve disadvantaged populations.



Regards,



Nick Kuwada, Policy Director

About SVCN

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) unifies and strengthens the voice of local community-serving nonprofits in Santa Clara County so they can become more effective advocates for their organizations and communities. SVCN's training program focuses on organizational effectiveness and capacity-building within nonprofits, while its cohort facilitation approach for collective impact forges collaboration across diverse entities to tackle community challenges together. SVCN's policy team advocates at the city, county, and state level on behalf of nonprofits on policies that affect the sector; we also team with our nonprofit community on issues it identifies as critical to creating equitable and thriving communities and furthering racial justice. SVCN's nonprofit membership is 170+ strong; we also offer Ally Membership to individuals, businesses, and foundations.

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December 7 Letter to City of San Jose - Item 8.2 Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax

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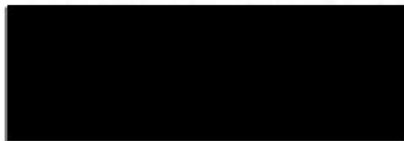
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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

I write to you on behalf of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), an alliance of community-based organizations working to support thriving and equitable communities in Santa Clara County.

SVCN gratefully acknowledges the Administration's responsiveness and flexibility in proposing a change to the definition of "human services." This definition includes the full range of the City's nonprofit partners providing critical services to those with low incomes in San Jose. We support this modified language.

Regards,



Nick Kuwada, Policy Director