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# Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &

City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC

City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record

January 6 – January 13, 2022

**DATE:** January 19, 2022

#### ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

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- 1. Letter from Michael Maurier, dated January 8, 2022, regarding: I strongly urge you to vote No on AB 854.
- 2. Letter from Paul Soto, dated January 10, 2022, regarding: public records.
- 3. Letter from Ramsin Sayad, dated January 12, 2022, regarding: Remote Neural Monitoring & Voice-to-Skull Problem in Our Neighborhood.
- 4. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated January 13, 2022, regarding: Blair Beekman....Sj city council agenda January 11, 2022. Consent Calendar public comment.
- 5. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated January 13, 2022, regarding: Blair Beekman....RaOG. January 12, 2021. Public Comment.

Toni J. Taber, CMC City Clerk

## Fw: I strongly urge you to vote No on AB 854

#### City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sun 1/9/2022 2:30 PM

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

From: forest light < Sent: Saturday, January 8, 2022 4:02 PM Cc: City Clerk < city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: I strongly urge you to vote No on AB 854 You don't often get email from Learn why this is important [External Email]

I am a 2 unit rental home owner in Menlo Park and I urge you to vote NO on AB 854 (Lee) when it comes to you for a vote.

This bill is bad (yet more cynical, stupid political housing grandstanding) in normal times. During the pandemic, it is crippling/ruinous as well

We all have struggled for the past year - many of us without rent for some of our properties (including us).

And this bill will bring many of us to the breaking point.

When we get there, we will be prohibited from closing our rental units.

Many buildings have large vacancies due to COVID.

For the first time in generations, California will lose more population than it will gain.

Many small mom-and-pop property owners like us are struggling. Our rental units comprise a major portion of our retirement income

AB 854 (Lee) will make it extremely difficult to exit the rental housing business, even if an owner is struggling to survive without rental revenue for the past year.

Currently, the State's Ellis Act law (the focus of AB 854) prohibits local governments from interfering with a property owner's right to exit the rental housing market.

Taking units off the rental market is often the only way rental housing providers can escape from burdensome local laws or move into the units themselves.

Converting these rental units to ownership housing is often the only way many people - even tenants - can find housing in expensive areas like San Francisco and Los Angeles. If they can afford to buy.

And most, especially young first-time buyers with families, simply can't afford it.

Please vote "no" on these bills and focus on providing continued relief to tenants affected by COVID-19 and on building homes affordable to all Californians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Maurier Menlo Park Palo Alto

#### Fw: public records

## City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/10/2022 7:47 AM

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

From: Paul Soto <

Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 6:49 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Wilcox, Leland <Leland.Wilcox@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Lee, Jeff

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Subject: public records

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let the city of San Jose Grapple with this disgusting immoral unethical vile indifferent apathetic stain on the wealth of people in this city. To have Councilman Peralez and councilwoman Davis to think they should be viable candidates for the highest office in My city is the measure of their Insanity and ability to rightly assess right from wrong. Its a basic expectation for a leader to acknowledge wrong and amend it ...not practice wrong and then rationalize it...

Paul Horseshoe Soto Author



Secondly tell me how this has nothing to do with today...

working with your district in crafting a racial equity policy that reflects your districts acceptance that Racist Governmental Policies created Willow Glen&Rose Garden concentrating wealth and consequently economic political power while at the same time creating and benefiting from the Inhumane deplorable marginalized second class neighborhood of Sal Si Puedes. The District you so proudly and vigorously serve was created by Redlined racist policy..created racist immigration policies stirring up fear that both over and under policed East San Jose. Exploited the Bodies of Mexicans to support the Primary Economic

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Power..Agriculture.

Again Congratulations. You again represent the District 6.The primary beneficiary of the Systematic Calculated Ruthless Inhumane Redlining policies..Racial Discrimination..Marginalization and Criminalization of Mexicans who worked the toiled the land. Endured the poisoning of their Children with pesticides leading to thousands of birth defects. Fought valiantly and Courageously as any other race and endured the greatest amount of casualties per capita on behalf of a country that treated Mexicans and their families like slaves beast of burden existing only to maintain the comforts and privileges of White Society. Mexicans were awarded The most "Medals of Congressional Honor"during WW2 with 38 medals. Yet were refused burial back hete in the states in certain cemetaries because they were Mexican. Even in death White contempt for Mexicans held power segregating cemetaries. We fought for Democracy and Freedom abroad Yet my Mother was shamed and literally beaten physically as a matter of policy for exercising a right enshrined in the US CONSTITUTION and that her ancestors fought and died for in War...Freedom of Speech. If ALL men are created EQUAL and possess inalienable rights such as Life..Liberty..Pursuit of

Happiness???Then why were Mexicans so savagely and violently treated with contempt hatred and relegated to an impovershed existence??Taught to feel ashamed of Mexican Language as well as BEING Mexican???what kind of people treat other human beings like Whites in San Jose treated Mexicans??what churches do they worship God and righteously espouse the Virtues of a Jesus Christ who advocated on behalf and was crucified for promoting..

Food for the Hungry

Generosity to the Stranger

Water for the thirsty

Clothing for the naked

Attention to both the Orphans and Widows

Medicine to the sick

And to Love eachother as He Loved us San Jose was filled with Protestant and Catholic Churches..Mormon Churches..What dissonance exist in a mind and soul that would not only treat Mexicans as sub human but create systems to

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profit from such ruthless mainerence to numan suffering yet think so piously and righteously of themselves. So much so that Whites actually felt a RIGHT to ALL the natural resources all the devices of civil administration with a 2fold purpose in mind 1. Maintain Power and Control of All resources necessary to the Comforts of Whites and future Generations

2.Continue the campaign of Racist Marginalization.Disenfrachisement.Suspicion.Contr olling the educational system to limit the range of thought and ability to rightfully and accurately participate in a Democratic Society. We racism and sophistry chicanery willfully intended have infected our educational system so much so that it is only within the past 20 that revisions have been made to amend and rectify the lies and half truths that have been propagated and codified into law. Examples like Christopher Columbus having his own Holiday celebrating a man who sadistically enslaved peoples for profit and designating humans as property. A commodity to be bought and sold. 2. Junipero Sera who through the system of colonialism enslaved abused tortured psychologically oppressed the Native populations. Decimating them and enslaving them both psychologically as well as physically enhancing his power and influence with both the Vatican and with Spain and maintaining power via The California Missions which he is the Chief Architect of the Suffering and burdensome toil to build them. Stanford University recently removed the Name of this Tyrant from buildings at their Campus as they did not want to be associated in the promotion of a legacy that was predicated on the complete Decimation Extermination and Re Creation of Native

History...Philosophy...Spirituality...Ethics...Medicine...Cu Itural Traditions.. Mythologies.. Yet Catholicism revers such a man Canonizing him to Sainthood. This Act further demonstrates the attempt to overlay and Sanitize the Viciousness..Cruelty..Inhumanity..of Junipero Sera.

In these 2 example I have highlighted how the Educational System in schools can be best Characterized that part of the Library that has "Story Telling Time"

Text books are filled with lies conjecture half truths and omissions with 1 goal in mind....Keep the

populations in Evenasting ignorance.in so doing Manifest Destiny is maintained and the people are stripped of the most Fundamental Principle of Democracy...

A PROPERLY AND WELL INFORMED CITIZENRY. The fairy tales we are told are on par with the Easter bunny and Santa Claus. The lies demonstrate in themselves the power of the Truth. Truth is so powerful that it can confer upon the Individual as well as the Collective Our Humanity.Individuality..Legacy rooted in accurate appraisal of History. But most of all in Truth we find the most valuable of all Principles..Freedom .....Paul Soto...

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## FW: Remote Neural Monitoring & Voice-to-Skull Problem in Our Neighborhood

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 1/12/2022 1:10 PM

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

For the public record

From: Ramsin Sayad < Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12:58 PM To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Remote Neural Monitoring & Voice-to-Skull Problem in Our Neighborhood

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Hello,

Are Remote Neural Monitoring and Voice-to-Skull devices:

- Illegal in the US?
- Pose a Threat to Our National Security?
- Pose a Threat to Our Cyber Security?
- Pose a Threat to Individuals That Have Been Targeted?
- Violate The Constitution & Civil Rights of Individuals That Have Been Targeted?

If so, they are being used in our neighborhood. I am 62 and I have been targeted. I live in San Jose CA and called the SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT number of times and asked for an investigation. No action has been taken so far.

Also filed 114 COMPLAINTS with the POLICE CHIEF on this particular matter within the last 14 weeks and no response as of yet.

Your attention on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you Ramsin Sayad

# Blair Beekman....Sj city council agenda January 11, 2022. Consent Calendar public comment.



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

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Dear sj community, and city govt,

There are at least, 7 items, on the sj city council, consent calendar agenda, today, that deal with surveillance and data collection technology items. A thank you, that San Jose, has also, very wisely included, on todays, consent calendar, two tech consulting firms, that seems part of a commitment, to a more balanced approach, of human rights, green sustainability, and civil protections, to law enforcement questions, and new surveillance data collection technology, at this time,

As most can agree, with initial, well-intended, digital inclusion ideas - there is also, an added consideration, that new broadband wi-fi placement, 4g, 5g, and LED streetlights, can simply house, a vast array, of new surveillance and data collection technology. And that, will start to be put to more use, at this time.

A more direct approach, to law enforcement questions, and to solve crime issues, all around the SF Bay Area, at this time, can be a process, of good organization, simplicity, efficiency, and minimal deployment practices. This needs, sensitivity, care, and understanding. Well intended, digital inclusion ideas, also needs to look at, a larger picture,

From all of these new community questions & conversations, of law enforcement, surveillance, and data collection technology, simply needs to continue, to be asked, within the good ideas & framework, of reimagine, racial equity, health & human services, open public polices,, and accountability. These are good human rights, and civil protection guidelines, that can also help to organize, the better ideals of Vision Zero, at this time, as well.

The sudden appearance, of new law enforcement demands, across the SF Bay Area. can be a bit overwhelming. It can be, our already good commitments, to social & racial equity, and health & human services, that can help with better choices, and good organization, at this time. We are at a time of reimagine, in decision making. And how to invite, more inclusive, holistic ideas, of community decision making, to address current crime & drug issues, of local Bay Area communities, that does not have to use divisiveness.

With item, 2.15 on the consent calendar, today,, in the current approval process, of continuing, hybrid, public meetings, for local Bay Area govts. - I feel, at this agenda item, public comment time the public should be allowed, their own attempts, at responsible information sharing & planning ideas, around community public health and safety issues, in this ongoing era, of the Covid-19 pandemic, and its variants. I hope there can be, continued, open thought & discussion of this matter.

To conclude, with item 2.16, I am hopeful, an Equity Roundtable, can help facilitate, how the future of Boards, Commissions, and community, can have more at voice, in local govt. projects & decision making.

sincerely, blair beekman

## Blair Beekman....RaOG. January 12, 2021. Public Comment.

b. beekman <

Thu 1/13/2022 10:31 AM

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

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

In the importance, of possibly developing, better voting rights, for DACA children, their parents, and for immigrants, with working visas, at this time - I hope, it was noticed yesterday, that there was not, Spanish & Vietnamese translation available, for the first part. of the Zoom city council, public meeting yesterday.

And to also mention, language interpretation, was not available, for the many other languages spoken, in San Jose.

It is a safe guess, the reason why translation for Zoom meetings, is so expensive - is to try to uphold to, some very questionable, 1980s English-only policies, of this state & country.

I feel, these English-only policies, can be a part, of the same logic & reasoning, as the Chinese Exclusion Act issues, of the late 1800s. An act, and a time, that received, abborance & condemnation, in recent commemorations, of Chinese American contributions, at a sj city council public meeting,

It seems, the ideas, logic, & reasoning, of early Chinese exclusionary acts, in this country, may be a part of, the same academic arguments, we are practicing to this day, in this country. And in order to better respect, what can be, some questionable notions, of American isolationism & exceptionalism, based mostly,, on northern European customs and traditions. And that tends, to exclude or dismiss, more progressive, liberal, humanistic ideas of multiculturalism.

I have spoken adamantly, in the past few years, at public comment time, about the need, to lower the high fees, that Zoom charges for translation. And what can be, a more accessible, language interpretation process, that can include - community volunteerism, for language interpretation, at public meetings. As we simply need to consider, a more progressive idealism, of what can be, good multiculturalism practices, for both California and U.S. And that, multiculturalism & unification ideas, in this country, and in the state of California, does not have to be, so much based, on English-only laws.

I feel, these can be ways, we can work together, as an entire community, that can ask Zoom, to learn how to lower, their current high prices for translation. And how we can begin to move forward, into a new era, where the sharing of different languages, within local communities, and at the local govt. public meeting process, can be the ideas of unity. And in how to create, a better functioning, more engaging community for everyone.

In all of our interesting, regional, open study efforts, there will be, in voting rights, at this time - I hope we can also be working on, the serious drawbacks of 1980s English-only laws.

sincerely, blair beekman