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**From:** Geoffrey Russell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10  
**Subject:** 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - Safer Streets

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Thank you!  
Geoff

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- Thank you, Mayor and Council for recognizing the importance of street safety. San Jose is one of the few cities locally that has officially adopted Vision Zero and is actively working to pursue a vision that facilitates walking, biking and transit.
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- The pavement maintenance program is a great way to restripe streets however, it's too slow. **Fund staff capacity to avoid deferrals and expedite the pavement maintenance program.**
- **Fund this work out of the general fund**, which is a key way a City demonstrates its priorities.
- Please increase funding for streets that are, by design, safe, and build those projects ASAP.

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**From:** Cameron Finley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10  
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Thank you, Mayor and Council for recognizing the importance of street safety. San Jose is one of the few cities locally that has officially adopted Vision Zero and is actively working to pursue a vision that facilitates walking, biking and transit.

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation San Josean and for the past 3 years have used public transit and been a pedestrian exclusively because I simply cannot afford to have a car and the cost of housing. I commute several times a week from my home near the Cupertino border (district 1) to my company's office near Brokaw and Junction (district 4). This trip usually takes me anywhere from 90-120 minutes. I'm not writing to rant about the high cost of housing or the long trip times for my commute, though. When I come from the Karina light rail stop, pedestrian infrastructure is nearly non-existent let alone safe pedestrian infrastructure so I was thrilled when the line 60 bus opened and dropped me a couple of blocks from the office.

On September 22, 2021, I was struck by a vehicle while crossing Brokaw at Junction on my way in to the office. I had a green light and walk signal, I was within the boundaries of the crosswalk, and I looked both ways before entering. The driver that struck me did so while making an unprotected left turn after yielding for another vehicle. I just happened to be in the way when he accelerated. Fortunately, I only suffered a few broken bones and fractures but it could have been much, much worse. It is my opinion that this accident was 100% an infrastructure design flaw and could have been prevented if there was a dedicated left-turn signal that safely allowed pedestrians to cross without having to dodge cars coming through the crosswalk.

My story is just one of 100's every year in San Jose, however. It is alarming that the level of traffic violence continues to skyrocket in San Jose and while we understand the complexity of balancing a budget with many important priorities, the City needs to do even more to ensure that our streets are safe. San Jose needs to put even more money into building safe streets, approximately \$100 million annually above the City's existing funding, which would cover the City's Bike Plan, Vision Zero improvements, Complete Streets projects and the trail network.

Furthermore, we need stop funding expensive and damaging car-centric infrastructure and commit more resources to develop and redevelop our neighborhood streets, cycle lanes, and public transit capabilities so that there are fewer cars on the road, period. I applaud the goal of reducing auto commutes 40% by 2040, but that's not fast enough. For myself and those that have unfortunately lost their lives, we should be much more ambitious and I urge the City to set a more aggressive target. Overall, Vision Zero is a good start for pedestrian and cyclist safety, but it is not enough for the long term health and safety of our growing communities.

Thank you,  
Cameron Finley



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**From:** Ana Lopez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10  
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Hi Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

I am reaching out to ask that more money be allocated towards funding transportation safety improvements. San José is setting a record number of crashes this year, and this has been an ongoing trend for the past few years. While national and statewide trends are on par with what's going on at the local level, I believe that the city of San José has the unique opportunity to take action to reverse these trends. I strongly believe that safety improvements should prioritize the most vulnerable road users: pedestrians and bicyclists. Pedestrians includes the paletero who needs to get around on foot to do his job, the parent who is taking their children for a walk to the park or to a local business, the person walking their dog, the older adult walking to a nearby food pantry, the children walking home after school, the unhoused, etc. Many, if not all residents in the city of San José would identify themselves with any of those scenarios and that is because we are all pedestrians. One of the ways that I would hope money be spent towards is educational campaigns and programming to help increase awareness about factors that are contributing to crashes including behaviors like speeding and drunk driving. While infrastructure improvements would be great, I think they have to be paired with programming that creates overall awareness about why driving safe is important. I was recently visiting family in Los Angeles and I was scared by the chaotic environment and frenzy I felt even while driving, which I understand provides a layer of protection if I were to get into a collision. I think that as the city of San José continues to experience population growth we have the opportunity to invest now and change the course of our future so that San José does not become a car dominated chaos like the city of Los Angeles. As a new resident living in D3, I have recently begun to bike around downtown San José because I understand the health and environmental impacts, and I hope to continue to bike even further as the bike network expands. Allocating more money towards transportation safety would allow that process to be accelerated.

Best,  
Ana

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**From:** Greg Colton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 8:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10  
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I ride 100 miles a week+.it terrifies me to read almost every week that someone dies. Please continue invest in improvements and safe roads. I found some wonderful improvements in my tours of the bay and woyld love to see more.

Regards, Greg Colton

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**From:** majwilsonlion <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 6:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10  
**Subject:** Please support budget for safer streets: 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - Safer Streets

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Hello, Council Members,

Thank you for tackling the hard work of managing our city. San Jose has been my home for the past 27 years, and I hope to retire here. One main reason for wanting to live in the south bay is that we have a fun and growing infrastructure for bicycle commuting. I sold my car in May 2020, and have been using the bike lanes and trails to go to the post office, grocery store, picture framers, nursery, hardware store - you name it!

But our bike system needs to improve. There are many streets that are simply not protected, like what you see in thriving cities like Shanghai, Amsterdam or Valencia, Spain. And as you must be aware, deaths due to careless and reckless drivers in the South Bay have been getting out of control.

Please help make San Jose a showcase city for other American cities to model by strongly allocating budget this year to increase bike-lane infrastructure. I would like to see a focus on keeping the bike-ways clear and clean. I also would like to see more barriers implemented, similar to what has already been done on 10th St near SJSU, or along Yerba Buena east of Hwy-101.

Thank you for your attention to this. If we can make San Jose more bike accessible for everyone, we will be able to grow the city without necessitating more car traffic and pollution. And we will be able to attract a younger population who will help boost the city's economy.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Jon Williamson  
San Jose, District 4

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**From:** Diana W <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 4:42 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10  
**Subject:** Please Prioritize Safe Streets in the Budget ---3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message

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Hello Mayor Liccardo and Team,

The level of traffic violence continues to skyrocket in San Jose and while we understand the complexity of balancing a budget with many important priorities and appreciate the City and Mayor's efforts to increase funding for safe streets, given the amount of traffic violence, we encourage the Mayor and Council to go even further.

San Jose needs to put even more money into building safe streets, approximately \$100 million annually above the City's existing funding, which would cover the City's Bike Plan, Vision Zero improvements, Complete Streets projects, and the trail network. Also:

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Thank you,

Diana Wu

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District 10  
**Subject:** 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - San Jose Needs Safer Streets

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One specific way to show our city's commitment to getting more people out of cars and using more climate-friendly modes of transportation is to expedite the pavement maintenance program which would include restriping. The program needs staff to expedite the maintenance program and avoid delays.

**Please show your commitment to providing safer streets by voting to increase the city budget to fund some of these programs.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
Mary Frances Lynch, a San Jose resident

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:25 PM  
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**Subject:** Prioritize Safe Streets in the Budget

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Dear San Jose City Council,

If the city wants to be PRO-ACTIVE about PREVENTING automobile injuries on streets, I recommend more budget money be allocated to prioritize street safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Currently San Jose spends large sums of money responding to car accidents (police, ambulance costs, resultant injuries, a lower quality of life in those neighborhoods, and depressed property values because nobody wants to live near unsafe streets.)

Whenever I am in conversation with DOT about implementing traffic calming measures to the busy street I live on, DOT tells me they lack the resources to implement safety and traffic calming measures. I think, " Penny wise, pound foolish" because maintaining the unsafe status quo still costs the city. It also decreases quality of life, and can cause injuries and death.

If San Jose streets were better designed to prevent accidents than cops wouldn't need to go to the accident scene of so many accidents. Those cops could then be put to work doing other important activities.

**Please increase street safety funding** to keep pedestrians and bicyclists safer--and make San Jose a more livable city.

Thank you for taking this into consideration,

Marylou Avanzino

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**From:** Alan Williams <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 1:01 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District3  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - Safer Streets

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I'm a resident of district 3 and have enjoyed seeing the build-out of the many streets for safer biking and walking. I have 2 areas of concern/comments:

- While a lot has been done with regard to improving walkability/bike-ability - I don't see any statistics that reflect street fatalities and injuries are decreasing due to these measures. I feel we need stronger metrics associated with these to not only help select future areas for improvement but also show how dollars are being spent towards the overall goal to reduce fatalities.
- I love the new bike lanes, markings, and protection barriers (poles, cement, parked cars) - but I feel bike lane maintenance gets completely overlooked. Cars can easily go over garbage, wet leaves, and even broken glass without an issue. The air movement by the cars also pushes garbage into the bike lanes. Bike lanes need to be maintained AT A HIGHER RATE than normal street cleaning. If you want the general public to feel comfortable in using bike lanes, keeping it clean MUST be a priority. Sure - I can report broken glass and other obstructions when I see it - but whenever I report that wet leaves need to be swept up more frequently, SJ DOT tells me it's done twice a month and rejects my request for more frequent cleaning. I recommend adding a maintenance line item as part of every capital bike improvement project - similar to how other cities fund this. SJ DOT shouldn't have to maintain more bike lanes with the existing budget - they should have more \$\$ identified with the improvements. Quick hit bike improvements are great - but quickly become a hazard if maintenance isn't allocated at the same time. Asking citizens to report issues isn't the answer - it should be a rare occurrence.

Thank you,  
Alan Williams  
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**To:** City Clerk; District1; District 10; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager  
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Hi, I am writing in support of increasing funding for vision zero initiatives in the City of San Jose budget.

First of all, i would like to thank you for continuing support of the safety initiatives, and actively working to pursue the Vision Zero priorities.

With the recent increase in traffic casualties, City of San Jose needs to put even more money into building safe streets.

Please kindly increase Capital allocations to fund more than 4 quick-builds and fund staff capacity to manage and deliver these projects. In addition, fund staff capacity to avoid restriping referrals and expedite the pavement maintenance program.

Thank you  
Mikhail Haurylau  
Resident of Willow Glen

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; Carrasco, Magdalena; Liccardo, Sam  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mayor's Budget Meeting 3.15.22 Supporting Item # 3.3  
**Attachments:** image001.png

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members

My name is Sandy Flores, I'm a long-time resident in District 5. I'm asking to support a CERT expansion to facilitate disaster preparedness which is much needed in our neighborhoods.

We need more CERT training and gear in our neighborhoods to improve the response capability of neighbors helping neighbors by being prepared for a disaster.

We appreciate the additional police force in our city, but we remain concerned during an unexpected major disaster, professional first responders will be overwhelmed.

Our neighborhoods will only rely upon their own resources. CERT volunteers are trained as multi-functional disaster response teams will address small fires, conduct disaster medical operations, engage in light search and rescue, and provide other services until the professionals arrive.

Thank you,  
Sandy

Have a WONDERFUL day!



Working Together We Can Make a Difference!

Sandy Flores

President

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**From:** Anne Krolczyk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; Mossing, Mackenzie; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Danny Moran  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda Item# 3.3  
**Attachments:** March 15th - City Council meeting - UVI letter - Agenda item 3.3.docx

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March 14, 2022

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo & City Council Members City of San Jose 200 East Santa Clara Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor San Jose, California 95113

**Re: March 15, 2022, Mayor's Message - City Council Agenda Item# 3.3**

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We respectfully concur with the attached UVI letter, stating the City Council approve the mayor's memorandum and support funds to help provide relief to help continue providing opportunities for communities to gather, establish community policing efforts in the downtown corridor and high crime areas and also to clean and beautify our city.

Our small family business depends on San Jose succeeding and feel these funds will put our community on the right track.

Best regards,  
Anne Krolczyk, Business Development



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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:37 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fwd: CERT Help for San Jose  
**Attachments:** CERT Request for Needed Help.pdf

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**From:** cferguson@rocketmail.com <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:12:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> District1  
<[REDACTED]> District10 <[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]> District4  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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To Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

As a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member since 2019, I've participated in a number of CERT member needed events including, assisting with food distribution during COVID-19, assisted with COVID -19 vaccine information dissemination, preparedness for PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) during wildfire season, assisted with CERT training of new CERT members and other such duties as needed relating to community preparedness.

I am ready, willing, and able to assist, when the time comes (not if it comes) to help keep my community with what is needed, to perform search & rescue, turn off gas lines to homes, provide first aid, access emergency needs, communicate with available communication devices, and other duties as needed.

For the number of people living in San Jose, our city needs to be prepared for the emergencies that will happen, in advance, and not scramble for help after the emergency occurs. **Do you know how much time you'll have to get what will be needed when the disaster is before you?**

Take any emergency that has occurred in any state, county or city in America as an example. Folks don't know what to do when that unforeseen occurrence occurs. **When one stays ready, one needs not get ready...**



**Please, Please, Please** don't let San Jose wait until its too late to get ready. Train more CERT members than is needed to keep our city safe and trained.

**Craig Ferguson**

*Expect Something Do Something, Do Nothing Expect Nothing...*

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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:38 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fwd: CERT Expansion

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**From:** Sandi Kovach Long <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 12:52:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** CERT Expansion

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Trained civilians are of utmost importance in a disaster. We are a large area both in population and geographically. Having support for emergency services will be beneficial for everyone.

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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 9:39 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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**From:** Juvie Calderon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:54:23 AM  
**To:** District1 <[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>  
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<[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is Juventina Calderon and I am a San Jose community member. I was born in San Jose and have lived and worked in San Jose for over 42 years!

I am in full support of council member Magdalaena Carrasco and Silvia Arenas memo in expanding the voting rights to everyone living in San Jose. The road to a more inclusive, democratic, and racially just San Jose starts with ensuring that everyone has a voice and vote in local elections.

It is unfair to tax residents and yet they have very limited representation and power in our society. According to New American Economy, it is estimated that in 2018, immigrants in the San José Metro Area - a portion of which are undocumented - brought in \$5.3 billion in state and local taxes alone. Federally, the immigrant contribution is \$12.9 billion. While immigrants help build our city's wealth, it is unfair that they do not have the power to make decisions over local ballot measures and elections. We need to end taxation without representation in our city and expand the voting power to all.

Expanding the vote will have a positive impact on all communities. San José Immigrants (green card holders and undocumented) are a diverse ethnic group that includes Vietnamese, Latino, Chinese, Hindi, African, Filipino/Tagalog, Europeans, and various other diverse communities. As part of our San José community, they contribute to building this city's wealth as business owners, teachers, tech workers, constructions, hospitals, hospitality, nurses, artists, nonprofit workers, promotoras and provide the pool of labor for all industries. Expanding the voting power to all residents will benefit all communities in San Jose and create a more inclusive city.

Expanding the vote to all residents will align San Jose with a growing movement to expand the power to voter to all residents across the nation. Municipalities across the U.S. that permit non-citizens to vote in local elections. 11 of these municipalities are in Maryland, two in Vermont and one in California. New York has recently passed a measure to give



voting rights to approximately 900,000 legal noncitizens. In 2016, voters in San Francisco approved Proposition N, which permits non-citizen parents of children in public schools to vote in school board elections. It is time for San Jose to join the movement for a deeper democracy and expand the voting power to all residents, including non-citizens.

Expanding the voting power to all residents is a racial and social justice issue. The history of excluding immigrants and marginalized people from voting comes from the legacy of white supremacy. During the first 150 years of our nation's history, over 40 states provided the right for non-citizens to vote. During colonial times, voting was tied to being white and property ownership and therefore excluded women, Black Americans, Mexicanos/Latinos, Natives Americans, and poor whites. As the population of communities of color grew in this country (1880's and 1920's), White elites enacted various barriers to prevent the poor, people of color and women from voting. Literacy laws, poll taxes, felony disenfranchisement laws, voter registration requirements and restrictive residency were instituted to disenfranchise millions of poor people, people of color and immigrants. Exclusion from voting was also tied to nativist views of belonging and residency. The women's suffrage, civil rights movement and Black, Asian, and Chicano movements played a critical role to end these unjust restrictions at state, local and federal levels. San Jose must now do its part to end voting exclusion tied to racial and social injustice and expand the voting power to all residents.

Please expand the right to vote to all San Jose residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,  
Juventina Saenz Calderon

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**From:** Caro Jauregui <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 10:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** Mihaela Tomuta  
**Subject:** Re Agenda Item 3.3 for 3.15.22 Meeting

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Good morning,

My name is Caro Jauregui and I am the Co-Executive Director of California Walks and at this time I am also leading our Walk San Jose efforts. This written public comment is in regards to item 3.3 on your agenda. We ask that you please consider the following:

- Increase Funding for Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure
  - On [page 8 of the Budget Message](#) 5 A reads that the City Manager is directed to identify at least four high-priority projects with a focus on quick build projects. We estimate that the cost for four quick build projects could be at most \$200,000, and this would only be one time funding.
  - Before accepting this direction we encourage the City Council to get a clearer idea of what will be the total costs for four quick build projects and ask themselves if this is the correct amount to address the traffic violence increases across the City. Additionally, we encourage the City to invest and commit beyond one time funding.
- Do Not Grow Your Police Force in the Name of Traffic Enforcement
  - On [page 6 of the Budget Message](#) B 1 reads that the City Manager is directed to increase ongoing funding for sworn officers to work on various issues including to improve traffic enforcement. [Per the City of San Jose's pay plan](#), the starting salary for a police officer, without benefits, is \$105,726. In one year you are committing to spend over \$1.5 million on an increased police force if you move forward with this plan.
  - Traffic enforcement will not properly address pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in San Jose. What we need are self-enforcing streets for drivers and more pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Please consider moving funds from this line item to actual street safety improvements beyond just one year.

Thank you for your time.

**Caro Jauregui**  
**Co-Executive Director**



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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Council Agenda Item 3.3, 22-310

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**The Honorable Sam Licardo, Mayor of San Jose, and**

**Members of the San Jose Council**

**Via email sent March 14, 2022**

**Subject: Comments on and Support for the Mayor's 2022 Budget  
Message**

My name is Jim Carter, I am the current chair of the San Jose Neighborhoods Commission. Today I am writing on behalf of myself as a lifelong resident and neighbor in San Jose.

Prior to the release of the Mayors March Budget letter, the Neighborhoods Commission submitted budget recommendations. I was pleased to see that several recommendations contained in our budget letter were included in the mayor's message. There are many areas in the March message where there is strong support. Several are listed in this email.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### The Mobile Crisis Assessment Team(MCAT)(Sec.B item 3)

This pilot program has proven to be very successful responding to our residents in need of mental health support services. The Neighborhoods Commission supports expanding this team and increase funding to staff the team 24/7. The teams have responded to over 1000 calls for service.

### Walking and Bike Patrols in Downtown and other High-Need Neighborhoods. (Sec B, item 2)

The need for officers to be visible and in contact with our residents is vital in establishing a level of trust between SJPD and the residents the foot patrols will cultivate that. Foot patrol have shown to reduce crimes of opportunity in those areas where implemented.



### Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Innovations(Sec B item 5)

Sideshows and excessive speeding have resulted in a record number of fatalities and injuries this year. Expanding the Traffic Control Division with the addition of more motorized officers to curb speeding especially in residential neighbor hoods will deter those who wish to ignore the speed limits.

Additionally, strong support exists among neighbors for changing roadway designs to include bollards and roundabouts to discourage the outbreak of sideshows.

### Hire ahead program (Sec B item 6)

The exit of police officers has hit San Jose hard and continuing to fund the Hire Ahead Program to help San Jose get the proper ratio of police officers to residents where it should be for a city the size of San Jose is essential and is strongly supported.

### **Battling Blight**

#### Support funding for Beautify SJ (Sec C item 1)

The residents of San Jose support recommendations A through H under the **Beautify SJ** heading with particular attention to H, Abandoned Vehicles and supporting the hybrid vehicle abatement model. Neighbors have been impacted by the lack of enforcement. This well managed program has improved the quality of life for the homeless and residents across the entire San Jose Area.

**Please consider the following for increased funding for the safety of our neighborhoods**

### **Neighborhood Watch Program**

Neighbors are increasingly dependent upon each other in normal times on a daily basis for assisting with simple things like turning on or off the water, gas or electricity. In a time of natural disasters, the neighbors will be left on their own for extended lengths of time until the arrival of emergency response personnel. The Neighborhood Watch Program introduces neighbors to neighbors and makes aware neighbors who may need added help. Please consider additional funding to be added to this program

### **Community Emergency Response Teams(CERT)**

As mentioned above the Neighborhood Watch Program introduces neighbors to each other. The CERT program trains our residents how to act and help each other during times of a natural disaster. Pursuing grant funding for the valuable program will enable neighbors to be aware and better prepared for the inevitable disaster that will happen not if but when..



## **Fireworks**

I was disappointed to not see any mention of a problem that has harassed our residents for the past several years since the elimination of organized public fireworks displays. This year Fireworks appear to be a problem again. Please increase funding to the San Jose Police Department, Code enforcement and the San Jose Fire Department in order for these departments continue expanding their programs to protect our property, residents, veterans and pets against the onslaught of explosions frequent during the fourth of July and other observed holidays.

**Jim Carter**

**Chair, San Jose Neighborhoods Commission**

**Submitting comments on behalf of myself.**

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** FW: Make safer streets a priority

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From: Daniel Castillo <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:05 AM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo  
<[REDACTED]> Webmaster Manager <[REDACTED]>  
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<[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Make safer streets a priority

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I commute by bicycle everyday and I can say first hand San José needs to do better. Put your money where your mouth is and put traffic safety, especially for cyclists, as part of the general fund. Cycling and pedestrian infrastructure always pays off when it's done right. Without a usable metro, bus, or train system these improvements can be vital.

Sincerely, Daniel Castillo

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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** FW: Request for CERT support from D5  
**Attachments:** SJ City Budget Request 2021\_22 More Context.pdf

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**From:** Melissa Lopez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:34 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]>  
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<[REDACTED]> District8 <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena  
**Cc:** Cole Cameron <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Request for CERT support from D5

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To Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

I am an active resident in the east foothills in District 5, and I am requesting that the city support and train our CERT members and its program. It is a certainty that a natural disaster or other emergencies will occur and that our city and specific neighborhoods will be hit hard.

As a CERT graduate since 2019, I have continued my disaster preparedness training to ensure I am ready when needed and I've also built a network of like-minded committed neighbors and experts to help create a self-reliant community. The east foothills are especially vulnerable with our dense population, fires in the east foothills, an eventual earthquake, PG&E outages, etc, so programs that help train and prepare our residents are necessary and I am requesting the city's support.

Please consider the funding request attached and help support the members of the community who are willing to volunteer and help our own neighbors in times of crisis.

Thank you.

Melissa Got-Lopez  
*Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association - President*  
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**From:** Carl Salas <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; Mossing, Mackenzie  
**Cc:** Eric Glader  
**Subject:** March 15, City Council Agenda Item# 3.3  
**Attachments:** 3.15.22Council Agenda Item# 3.3 .pdf

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I'm hoping to make the meeting. But we also wanted to go on the written record.

THANK YOU

Energetically yours,

Carl Salas, P.E.  
Founding Principal  
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**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:32 PM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Need for the City of San Jose to Continue to Support Feeding Hungry Neighbors

Sorry, not sure if this is on the Agenda 😊

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**From:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: Urgent Need for the City of San Jose to Continue to Support Feeding Hungry Neighbors

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**From:** Father Saju Joseph <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 11:33 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Urgent Need for the City of San Jose to Continue to Support Feeding Hungry Neighbors

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Honorable Sam Licardo,

I'm Fr. Saju Joseph and I'm the pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish, San Jose. I am writing to express my appreciation for your direction to the City Manager's office to include funding for continued food distribution in collaboration with the County, Second Harvest and other Community Based Organizations. I strongly support continued City funding for food distribution.

Every week I see hundreds of cars lined up in my parking with families seeking food. My parishioners and I volunteer to distribute food. Many of the beneficiaries' stories are close to my heart. Thanks to the City of San Jose's funding of Catholic Charities to organize volunteers and staff to distribute emergency food from Second Harvest, thousands of our neighbors impacted by the pandemic have been protected from hunger and homelessness. Hundreds more of homebound seniors, people with disabilities, and those forced to isolate due to COVID 19 continue to stay fed and housed thanks to the City's funding of home delivered groceries.

The cost-effective investment of City funding in the emergency food distribution leverages the power of donated food, and dedicated volunteers from my parish and dozens of other faith communities, businesses, schools and the community, along with the expertise of multiple community-based organizations like Catholic Charities and Second Harvest.



I understand that there is danger that funding from the City may end in June; however, the pandemic continues. And on top of the pandemic, inflation is causing an increase in the cost of rent and food, leaving more families vulnerable and at risk of hunger and homelessness.

I therefore strongly support your support to continue funding the emergency food distribution and to work closely with the County to develop a smooth transition of funding from the City to the County to ensure our neighbors never go hungry.

Sincerely,

Fr. Saju Joseph  
Pastor  
St. Martin of Tours Parish  
[REDACTED]  
San Jose, CA 95128

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**Subject:** FW: Be prepared

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**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: Be prepared

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**From:** Herb Bowen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 10:03 AM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Be prepared

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Mayor,

Please prioritize the security and safety of our citizens in San Jose's 2022-2023 budget.

Below is a few suggestions.

1. Add more SJPd officers to protect our streets and traffic issues. We have had to many sad story's of traffic deaths. Also ask DOT for a traffic mitigation plan to make changes on our streets, will need funding.
2. Please bring back Safe Parking sites for car's and RV's, was involved with this successful program.
3. San Jose CERT program need additional funding to support our under service and diverse communities. Lets train and prepare the community to support emergency events. Need addition trainings and equipment for these communities.

Appreciate your commitment to our city.

Regards,  
Herb Bowen  
Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 12:59 PM  
**To:** #WebSubmittal.Clerks  
**Cc:** Agendadesk; Schmanek, Gloria; CMOAgendaServices  
**Subject:** FW: 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - Safer Streets  
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Please support budget for safer streets: 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's  
March Budget Message - Safer Streets; Please Prioritize Safe Streets in the Budget  
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Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - San Jose Needs Safer Streets;  
Prioritize Safe Streets in the Budget

You may have already posted these to Item 3.3 for Letters, but just in case... please post. Thanks.

Thank you,  
Rachelle

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**From:** Webmaster Manager <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 8:32 AM  
**To:** CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - Safer Streets

Good morning CMO Agenda Services,

The City Manager's Office received the email below, as well as the nine emails attached, with public comment for Item 3.3 in the upcoming 3/15/22 City Council meeting.

Please let me know if you would like me to forward these emails to any additional team members.

Thank you.

Best,

-matt

**Matt Opsal**

*Communications Team - COVID-19 Recovery*

Senior Executive Analyst

City Manager's Office of Communications

City of San José

200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

P: [REDACTED]



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**From:** Mikhail Haurylau [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:53 PM  
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< [REDACTED] > Webmaster Manager < [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - Safer Streets

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Hi, I am writing in support of increasing funding for vision zero initiatives in the City of San Jose budget.

First of all, i would like to thank you for continuing support of the safety initiatives, and actively working to pursue the Vision Zero priorities.

With the recent increase in traffic casualties, City of San Jose needs to put even more money into building safe streets.

Please kindly increase Capital allocations to fund more than 4 quick-builds and fund staff capacity to manage and deliver these projects. In addition, fund staff capacity to avoid restriping referrals and expedite the pavement maintenance program.

Thank you  
Mikhail Haurylau  
Resident of Willow Glen

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**Subject:** FW: Make safer streets a priority

Another one...

Thank you,  
Rachelle

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From: Webmaster Manager <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:15 AM  
To: CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: FW: Make safer streets a priority

Hi CMO Agenda Services,  
Please find public comment below related to Item 3.3 on the upcoming City Council agenda for March 15, 2022.

Best,

-matt

Matt Opsal  
Communications Team - COVID-19 Recovery  
Senior Executive Analyst  
City Manager's Office of Communications  
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200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113  
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**From:** Eleni Jacobson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 1:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Webmaster Manager; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10  
**Subject:** 3/15/22 Council Meeting Item 3.3 - Mayor's March Budget Message - Safer Streets

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Hello, I wanted to submit some input about the SJ City Budget decisions!!

Using affordable transportation modes like walk, bike, and bus helps take the edge off of living in this expensive area. Please, please prioritize the City's Vision Zero goals, Bike Plan, Complete Streets projects, and the trails network using money in the budget's General Fund!

We want cars not on freeways or expressways to operate on narrower lanes, and we want on-street parking demand to be shifted to surface lots or garages, so that dedicated space can be created for those who move around SJ using more affordable modes of transportation.

Thank you,

Eleni Jacobson  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 2:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; Mossing, Mackenzie; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Michael Strem  
**Subject:** Foot Patrol: City Council meeting March 15 - Agenda item 3.3  
**Attachments:** March 15th - City Council meeting - UVI letter.docx

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Dear City Council Members-

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend tomorrow's council meeting, yet feel the need to concur with Urban Vibrancy's position for funding 15 FT officers for our downtown community. The presence of peace officers will help connect the community as a whole by providing a safe environment, and assuring those who have not been sure of downtown San Jose's future that there is hope. We will never be the true Silicon Valley if we cannot merge our residential community and businesses together to feel safe and become the vibrant city San Jose is meant to be unless we connect. Community officers will help put us in the right direction.

Please approve Agenda Item 3.3 for community policing/foot patrol.

Sincerely,

**Robin Rudnick** | Property Manager | CA License #01435043

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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 3:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; Jones, Chappie; Jimenez, Sergio; Peralez, Raul; Cohen, David; Carrasco, Magdalena; Davis, Dev; Esparza, Maya; Arenas, Sylvia; Foley, Pam; Mahan, Matt; Webmaster Manager; Liccardo, Sam  
**Subject:** 3.15.22 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.3 Mayor's Budget Message - Increase Funding for Safer Streets  
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Good afternoon Mayor & Councilmembers,

I hope you're all continuing to be safe and well!

On behalf of Gardner Health Services (GHS), I'd to express our support for agenda item 3.3 in matching a grant of up to \$1MM for the School of Arts and Culture (SOAC) at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. Attached, please see our formal letter of support.

Thank you for your continued hard work during these challenging times. We hope we can count on your support to help catalyze SOAC and GHS' next level of work in the Mayfair community and San Jose's creative sector.

Sincerely,  
Reymundo

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Chief Executive Officer  
Gardner Health Services, Corporate Office  
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More letters.

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Hi CMO Agenda Services,  
Please find public comment below on Item 3.3 for tomorrow's City Council meeting.

Best,

-matt

**Matt Opsal**

*Communications Team - COVID-19 Recovery*  
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Hello, I wanted to submit some input about the SJ City Budget decisions!!

Using affordable transportation modes like walk, bike, and bus helps take the edge off of living in this expensive area. Please, please prioritize the City's Vision Zero goals, Bike Plan, Complete Streets projects, and the trails network using money in the budget's General Fund!

We want cars not on freeways or expressways to operate on narrower lanes, and we want on-street parking demand to be shifted to surface lots or garages, so that dedicated space can be created for those who move around SJ using more affordable modes of transportation.

Thank you,

Eleni Jacobson  
95112

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Another letter.

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Best,

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- Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Our City has too many pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities. Please make our City's Vision Zero Program effective.

Please quickly deliver Vision Zero projects by reserving a more significant funding of general fund money to the coming budget..

I'm 68 years young and use my bicycle to travel on our City's streets for recreation and to run errands.

The Vision Zero corridors ARE UNSAFE and will remain unsafe without adequately funding the Vision Zero program.

Please provide the funding that is needed for this program to be effective.

Diane Solomon,  
Chabrant Way, SJ 95125

PS: I'm a member of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, History San Jose, San Jose Museum of Art, a MACLA supporter, and a San Jose Bike Partier.

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Best,

-matt

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Dear All:

I support Foot Patrol to be back in San Jose. I am responsible for leasing many retail storefronts in downtown San Jose and am having great difficulty in attracting new and expanding businesses to downtown because of the unhoused and garbage penetrating these commercial projects.

Marie Anderson | Vice President | Lic. 00919144  
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I'm writing with my full support of Community Policing/Foot Patrol as well as San Jose Abierto Funding and the Beautify San Jose Consolidated Model. Community Policing and increased Foot Patrol is desperately needed in the neighborhood of New Ballet's studios, adjacent to St. James Park. We bring 125 families to the neighborhood every week, and not a week goes by where we don't have an incident of indecent exposure, threats of violence, or intimidation of my ballet school families. This has gotten much worse throughout the pandemic.

Abierto funding is also very important to revitalize our neighborhood, and we look forward to continuing to help activate this neighborhood with performances and classes outdoors for our community.

I and New Ballet are in full support of Eric Glader's attached letter.

Sincerely,  
Dalia Rawson

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Dalia Rawson, Artistic and Executive Director  
New Ballet - San Jose, CA  
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I agree with and support the attached memorandum from the Urban Vibrancy Institute. San Jose is at a critical point in its recovery and trajectory and community policing foot patrol units, assistance to small businesses, and beautification programs will help San Jose recover quicker so that the community as a whole can move forward and thrive.

Best,

Nate Guido  
Pestana Properties

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Please do whatever it takes to get foot patrols back in the San Jose downtown area. Safety is a primary concern for return to office and having foot patrols for our staff that park outside of the garages and also for those that take public transportation would be an asset.

Thank you.

Suzan L. Webb  
PwC | Senior Manager | WX Services  
Las Vegas | Peoria | Portland | Sacramento | San Jose | Seattle  
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Public spaces – the streets, sidewalks, squares and parks of a city – are an expression of society and a force for democracy. They are about our public life, our relationships with our fellow citizens, and how we live together. No other place in Silicon Valley is better positioned to be a place for all people, a place for vibrancy, civility, health and beauty, than Downtown San Jose. Sharing public space forces us to acknowledge what we have in common. When public space is eroded, our democracy suffers. I strongly support the advocacy of the Urban Vibrancy Institute to establish community policing efforts in downtown and high crime areas and also to clean and beautify San Jose, as outlined in the attached letter.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Wagener  
Founding Principal  
WOWA

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Good Afternoon Mayor Liccardo & Councilmembers:

We hope all is well with you and your loved ones. On behalf of the [School of Arts and Culture at MHP](#) (SOAC), we are attaching letters of support for agenda item 3.3 in matching a grant of up to \$1M for SOAC. The following partners have signed our letter of support:

- 1) Creative Sector:** San Jose Jazz, MACLA, San Jose Taiko, Chopsticks Alley, and Mosaic America
- 2) Si Se Puede Collective:** SOMOS Mayfair, Amigos De Guadalupe, Grail Family Services, and Veggielution.
- 3) SVCcreates**

Thank you for your continued hard work during these challenging times. We hope we can count on your support to help catalyze SOAC and Gardner Health Services' next level of work in the Mayfair community and San Jose's creative sector.

With gratitude,

-Jess

**Jessica Paz-Cedillos**  
Co-Executive Director  
**School of Arts and Culture @ MHP**  
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March 14, 2022

Mayor Sam Liccardo & Councilmembers

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**Re: Mayor's March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Item 3.3)**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Honorable City Councilmembers:

In regard to the Mayor's March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Item 3.3.), GARDNER HEALTH SERVICES is in favor of the Mayor's recommendation to support the [School of Arts and Culture at MHP](#) (SOAC) with a match grant of up to \$1 million, which will provide a \$1 match for every \$1 that SOAC raises from other individuals and organizations to facilitate their fundraising efforts.

The SOAC is a vibrant, cultural institution in East San Jose. Founded in 2011, the SOAC activates a vital local asset – the [Mexican Heritage Plaza](#) (La Plaza). Through the SOAC's programming, East San Jose's community's culture is practiced, affirmed, and celebrated through authentic place-making, relevant multicultural productions, and arts education. Their mission is to catalyze creativity and empower community.

For this specific request, SOAC seeks to acquire and redevelop a mostly vacant 45,000-square-foot building on Alum Rock Avenue, across the street from La Plaza. The project will expand SOAC's cultural impact with new performance and rehearsal spaces, a theater and café — and through a partnership with our organization, Gardner Health Services, it will bridge a significant gap in availability of mental health care services within the Mayfair and East San Jose communities. Success will enable a dramatic increase in the number of families served by our two anchor institutions in East San José.

The Mayor's March Budget Message directs the City Manager to allocate up to \$1 million to provide a \$1 to \$1 match for every dollar that SOAC raises from other individuals and organizations to facilitate their fundraising efforts. This infusion of support will help SOAC leverage approximately \$20 million, which is the total cost of the project funded by SOAC, Gardner Health Services, New Market Tax Credits, bank financing, and philanthropic sources.

The School of Arts and Culture is an anchor cultural institution in East San Jose that sees over 150,000 individuals a year. During the pandemic, SOAC (which is home for many artists and arts organization here in the City of San Jose) and Gardner Health Services (a majority minority serving medical and mental health care organization) tested over 15,000 individuals and vaccinated over 25,000 residents. Your support will help to catalyze SOAC and Gardner Health Services' next level of work in the Mayfair community and San Jose's creative sector.

With gratitude,

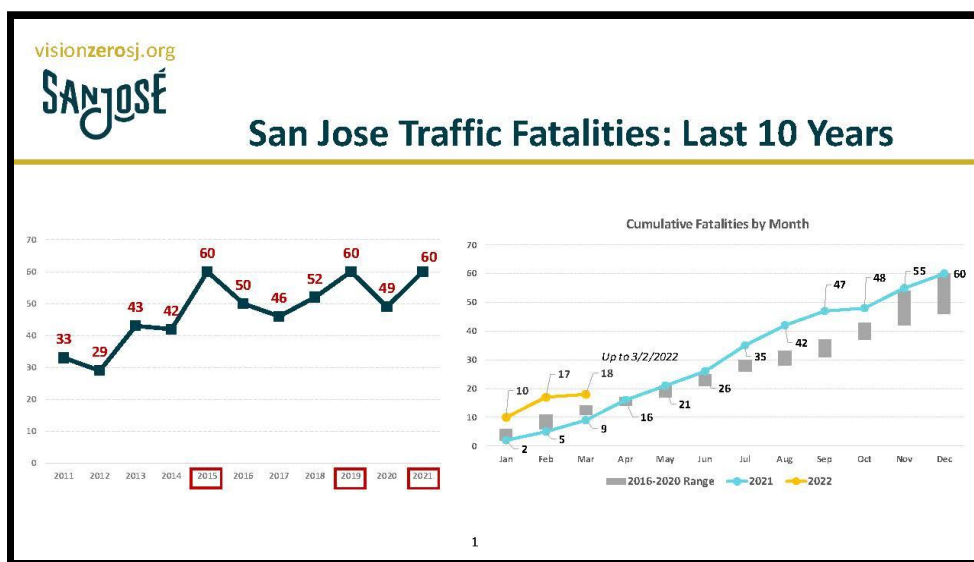


Reymundo C. Espinoza  
Chief Executive Officer



Hello Mayor and Council,

Please increase the investment into safe streets above and beyond what the current March Budget Message includes. Driving, walking, biking, etc. have all gotten very dangerous in San José and traffic-related deaths have increased greatly since the City declared Vision Zero in 2015. 2022 is on pace to be the most deadly in decades. While this is a national trend, I think it's unacceptable that we have to merely follow the rest. Two of the city's key plans to Vision Zero, the Vision Zero Program and the Better Bike Plan 2025, are both dramatically underfunded. The paving program, another key to implementing safety improvements, is fully funded but it is complex and slower by nature. The City needs to expedite the implementation, as infrastructure improvements have the most impact on slowing cars and improving traffic safety for all types of mobility methods.



The City's Vision Zero Program and Better Bike Plan 2025 are key plans to reduce vehicle speeds throughout the city. Staff's analysis indicates that speeding is the primary factor in traffic fatalities. Even modest reductions in a vehicle's speed can be the difference in surviving a collision with a car. Making progress on these plans at a faster pace can truly transform San José and lead to reductions in deaths and greenhouse gasses and lead to hitting the mobility metrics as described in the City's important Climate Smart San José plan.

The Mercury News quoted the Mayor saying this is a "constrained budget". While that may be true, this March Budget Message calls for additions of up to ~\$3 million in ongoing funding for 15 additional officers, and calls for more in the next 5 years. This will be \$15+ million over just a 5 year time span. It calls for the renewal of a \$7 million PD hire ahead reserve (one-time funding). It dedicates \$1 million in other one-time PD initiatives. These additions don't suggest that it is a constrained budget. As Councilmember Peralez noted in the last T&E committee meeting, traffic deaths are almost 2 times the amount of homicides in San José and the city should start to invest a similar level of resources in combating traffic violence. For comparison,



the quick-build treatment at Tully & Ruby came at a price of about \$7,500. For \$3 million, 400 intersections could be funded. For \$3 million, 13 corridors equivalent to the improvements at Hillsdale Avenue could be done. The Vision Zero Program and the Better Bike Plan 2025 are underfunded, both capital dollars and staff to implement them quicker.

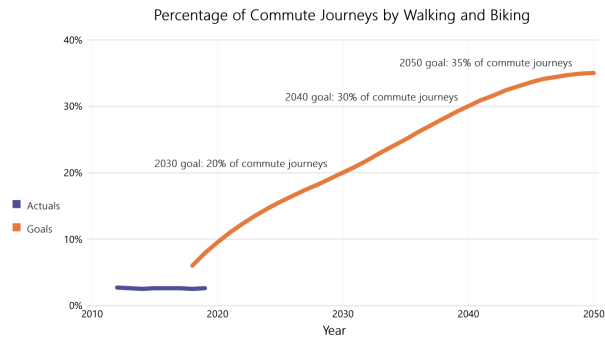
<b>Vision Zero*</b>	
Estimated Cost	\$25,000,000
Funded	\$13,430,000
<b>Need</b>	<b>\$11,570,000</b>
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<b>Better Bike Plan 2025 - Rapid Implementation Materials*</b>	
Estimated Cost	\$263,000,000
Grant Funding in CIP**	\$10,900,000
<b>Need</b>	<b>\$252,100,000</b>
*Better Bike Plan 2025 Page 77 **Adopted CIP Page 830	
<b>Better Bike Plan 2025 - More Permanent Infrastructure*</b>	
Estimated Cost	\$370,000,000
Grant Funding in CIP**	\$10,900,000
<b>Need</b>	<b>\$359,100,000</b>
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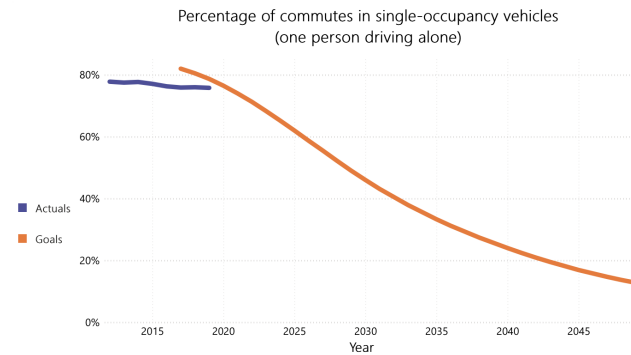
I agree with Councilmember Peralez's sentiment. We need to be prioritizing traffic safety as much as other high priority issues in the city. Property crime has been decreasing, about 7% from 2020 to 2021, and yet our Mayor was in front of Oakridge Mall hosting a press conference on retail theft. He was on America's Newsroom, a national show on Fox News, to talk about the same subject. In a search of the Mayor's Twitter over the last fiscal year, he has tweeted about the record level of traffic deaths once. I hope this serious issue can one day get as much attention as the Nordstrom in Valley Fair. The whole premise of Vision Zero is that it should never be acceptable for people to be killed or seriously injured within the transportation system.



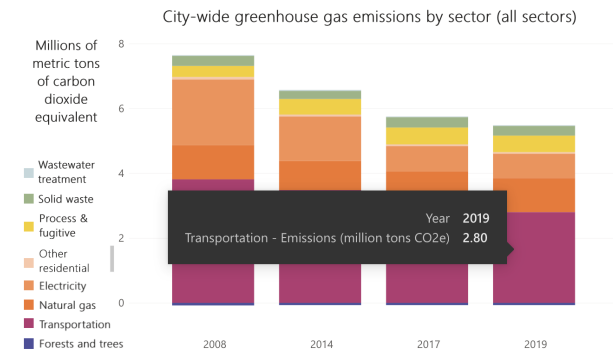
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March 12, 2021

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo & City Council Members City of San Jose 200 East Santa Clara Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor San Jose, California 95113

**Re: March 15, 2022, Mayor's Message - City Council Agenda Item# 3.3**

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We respectfully request that the City Council approve the mayor's memorandum and support funds to help provide relief to help continue providing opportunities for communities to gather, establish community policing efforts in the downtown corridor and high crime areas and also to clean and beautify our city. To that end, we recommend the following:

**1. COMMUNITY POLICING/FOOT PATROL**

To help enhance public safety in areas affected by high crime rates, we support and ask that the City Council approve ongoing funds so that 15 full-time officers can join the force and these officers can be deployed and the Downtown Foot patrol can be fully reinstated with routinely assigned community policing walking beats as well as other high crime areas in San Jose. Creating a permanent budget now will allow San Jose to not only keep this program funded but allow it to grow in the coming years to ensure its success as the city grows. We ask that sufficient ongoing funds be allocated to fund community policing efforts so that the downtown corridor and the rest of San Jose's areas experiencing higher crime rates can be protected. The safety of San Jose's Downtown and city neighborhoods, in general, should be a top priority so that we ensure that all families feel safe where they live, work, and play.

**2. SAN JOSE ABIERTO FUNDING**

Abierto funding allows for programming that creates vibrancy while celebrating different events, arts, music, and cultures throughout the city. Community gatherings also help the local small businesses who have been hurt hard by the pandemic by creating a mass of people around their establishments who, hopefully, provide some business for the various establishments. We support and ask the City Council to continue funding the Abierto program to further create and activate safe vibrant outdoor spaces and community and to support local, small businesses.

**3. BEAUTIFY SAN JOSE CONSOLIDATED MODEL**

We recommend the BeautifySJ funding become permanent with an emphasis on maintaining or expanding programs that empower the unhoused to become part of the BeautifySJ solution, such as San Jose Bridge and Cash for Trash. The City Manager should identify one-time funding to pilot a two-year expansion of the BeautifySJ encampment management team to include



therapeutic specialists who can coordinate behavioral health and other services for unhoused residents, and respond effectively to their crises. This work along with the Homeless Response Team will be great assets to the city. We also fully support the fight against blight and the efforts BeautifySJ makes to improve the city as people come to visit, work and live. BeautifySJ's work will help present a clean city that is also taking care of all its inhabitants.

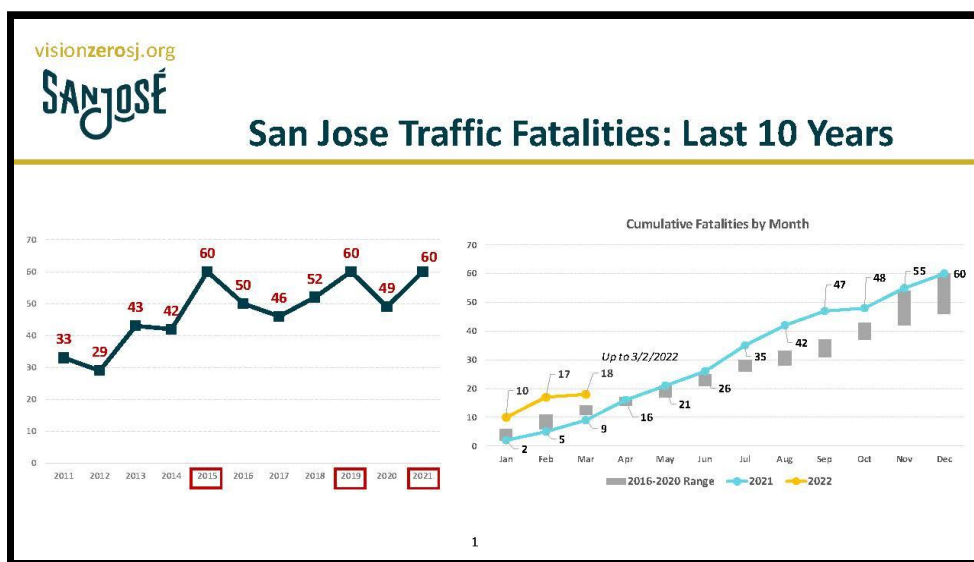
Again, we request that the City Council approve the Mayor's message to help establish community policing efforts downtown and in other high crime rate neighborhoods, to fund efforts that create vibrancy and culture in our city, and to fund clean/beautification programs in downtown and other areas of San Jose. These areas of focus can also assist employers in attracting existing and new workers back to the office while adding to the appeal of living downtown. Our City San Jose is at a crucial point in its recovery and community policing foot patrol units, vibrancy, and beautification programs will help San Jose recover quicker so that the community as a whole can move forward and thrive.

Sincerely,  
Eric Glader  
Executive Director, Urban Vibrancy Institute



Hello Mayor and Council,

Please increase the investment into safe streets above and beyond what the current March Budget Message includes. Driving, walking, biking, etc. have all gotten very dangerous in San José and traffic-related deaths have increased greatly since the City declared Vision Zero in 2015. 2022 is on pace to be the most deadly in decades. While this is a national trend, I think it's unacceptable that we have to merely follow the rest. Two of the city's key plans to Vision Zero, the Vision Zero Program and the Better Bike Plan 2025, are both dramatically underfunded. The paving program, another key to implementing safety improvements, is fully funded but it is complex and slower by nature. The City needs to expedite the implementation, as infrastructure improvements have the most impact on slowing cars and improving traffic safety for all types of mobility methods.



The City's Vision Zero Program and Better Bike Plan 2025 are key plans to reduce vehicle speeds throughout the city. Staff's analysis indicates that speeding is the primary factor in traffic fatalities. Even modest reductions in a vehicle's speed can be the difference in surviving a collision with a car. Making progress on these plans at a faster pace can truly transform San José and lead to reductions in deaths and greenhouse gasses and lead to hitting the mobility metrics as described in the City's important Climate Smart San José plan.

The Mercury News quoted the Mayor saying this is a "constrained budget". While that may be true, this March Budget Message calls for additions of up to ~\$3 million in ongoing funding for 15 additional officers, and calls for more in the next 5 years. This will be \$15+ million over just a 5 year time span. It calls for the renewal of a \$7 million PD hire ahead reserve (one-time funding). It dedicates \$1 million in other one-time PD initiatives. These additions don't suggest that it is a constrained budget. As Councilmember Peralez noted in the last T&E committee meeting, traffic deaths are almost 2 times the amount of homicides in San José and the city should start to invest a similar level of resources in combating traffic violence. For comparison,



the quick-build treatment at Tully & Ruby came at a price of about \$7,500. For \$3 million, 400 intersections could be funded. For \$3 million, 13 corridors equivalent to the improvements at Hillsdale Avenue could be done. The Vision Zero Program and the Better Bike Plan 2025 are underfunded, both capital dollars and staff to implement them quicker.

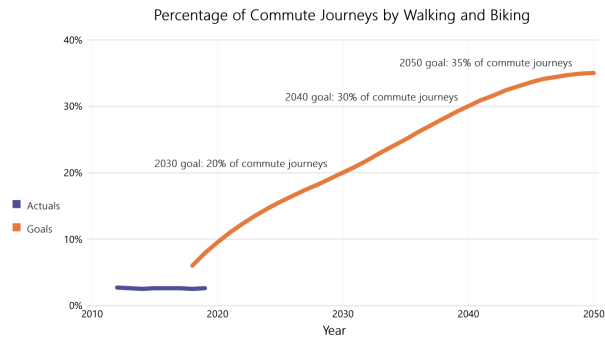
<b>Vision Zero*</b>	
Estimated Cost	\$25,000,000
Funded	\$13,430,000
<b>Need</b>	<b>\$11,570,000</b>
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<b>Better Bike Plan 2025 - Rapid Implementation Materials*</b>	
Estimated Cost	\$263,000,000
Grant Funding in CIP**	\$10,900,000
<b>Need</b>	<b>\$252,100,000</b>
*Better Bike Plan 2025 Page 77 **Adopted CIP Page 830	
<b>Better Bike Plan 2025 - More Permanent Infrastructure*</b>	
Estimated Cost	\$370,000,000
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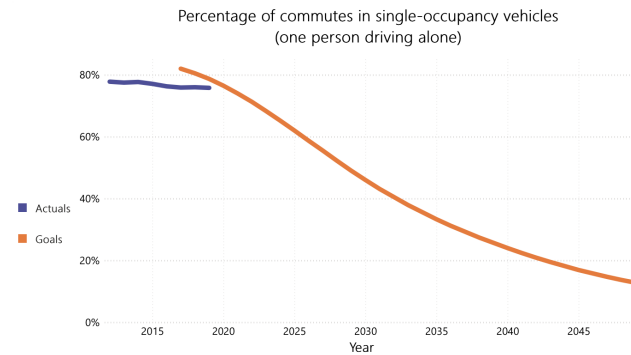
I agree with Councilmember Peralez's sentiment. We need to be prioritizing traffic safety as much as other high priority issues in the city. Property crime has been decreasing, about 7% from 2020 to 2021, and yet our Mayor was in front of Oakridge Mall hosting a press conference on retail theft. He was on America's Newsroom, a national show on Fox News, to talk about the same subject. In a search of the Mayor's Twitter over the last fiscal year, he has tweeted about the record level of traffic deaths once. I hope this serious issue can one day get as much attention as the Nordstrom in Valley Fair. The whole premise of Vision Zero is that it should never be acceptable for people to be killed or seriously injured within the transportation system.



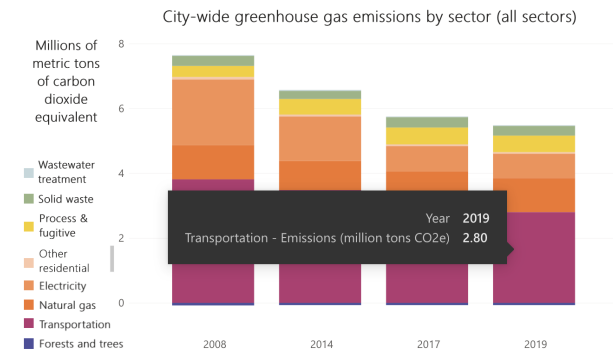
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Below is the Executive Summary, which is also attached, for your review and support. I include a 2-page version for those that want more context for this request

## San Jose Budget Request - FY 2022-2023

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- The **NEED**: We have estimated over 1,000 neighborhoods in San Jose with a population of over a million. I used Campbell as an established CERT organization where we have 1 CERT for every 100, extrapolating that to SJ, that would be 10,000 CERTs. If we only have 1 for every 250, that would still be 4,000 CERTs, ~1 per block.
- CERTs have already helped distribute Covid flyers door to door to shut ins, installed smoke alarms in mobile home parks and staffing vaccination stations. We will be creating a CERT Lite to begin the education and preparedness of mobile park shut-ins, because we have over 1,000 in our city's mobile home parks. We can also support our Cadre (Collaborative Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort) team with volunteers for all their non-profit related projects.
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  - Their training cost for instructors is ~\$7,500/class x 2/district x 10 districts or ~\$150,000.
  - Each student would need to get a backpack of gear at ~\$70x800=\$56,000 in personal gear.
  - General gear needed would be ~\$10,000/district or ~\$100,000 city wide.
  - The total ask is ~\$306,000
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More details of the above are below:

Three years ago we started rebuilding CERT, thanks to our new leadership at the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) with the commitment from our Mayor and his team! It was rewarding to be part of completing a first round of CERT Training in each council district and to supply each CERT training graduate with a backpack of essential gear. We also appreciate the Mayor and council's support in approving \$80,000 to provide each council district with general preparedness tools for each district's team so they can communicate, offer basic first aid and set up a field command post to do both practice exercises and support in a disaster.



The next phase requires more support. It pleased us to learn of the Mayor's continued support of CERT on page five of the Mayor's March 5th budget memo.

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In summary, CERTs can be IN their own neighborhoods for building a richer, connected neighborhood and then immediately help, and between disasters we can bridge to other agencies and provide ongoing services for an enriched community.

I am always happy to discuss what I have described above with any of you, Cole

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With gratitude,

Brendan Rawson  
Executive Director  
San Jose Jazz & SOAC Board Member

Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez  
Executive Director  
MACLA

Roy Hirabayashi  
Founder of San Jose Taiko  
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CEO  
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