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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
April 28 – May 5, 2022

DATE: May 11, 2022

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Letters from the Public

1. Letter from Peggy Tanger, dated May 3, 2022, regarding: SB 9 LAWSUIT.
2. Letter from Zoe Hamblin, dated May 4, 2022, regarding: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL.
3. Letter from Zoe Hamblin, dated May 5, 2022, regarding: NO on non-citizens voting in municipal elections.

Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

Fw: SB 9 LAWSUIT

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/3/2022 5:31 PM

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

Letters from the Public, thank you!

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:26 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: SB 9 LAWSUIT

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From: Peggy Tanger <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 4:45 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Sandra Delvin <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SB 9 LAWSUIT

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Please place this item on the city Council agenda for discussion at council meeting Thank you Peggy tanger Ford

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Fw: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Thu 5/5/2022 7:59 AM

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

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 3:33 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

-----Original Message-----

From: Zoe Hamblin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 3:04 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Supporting Carrasco & Arenas Memo: Expanding Voting Rights in San Jose for ALL

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Hello, my name is Zoe and I am a San Jose (Community member)

I am in full support of council member Magdalena 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

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Fw: NO on non-citizens voting in municipal elections

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Thu 5/5/2022 12:34 PM

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

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, May 5, 2022 7:42 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** NO on non-citizens voting in municipal elections

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I do not support non-citizens voting in municipal elections or any elections.

Anne Stenehjem
San Jose resident

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