



# Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
May 12 – May 19, 2022

**DATE:** May 25, 2022

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## **ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD**

### **Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

#### **Letters from the Public**

1. Letter from Brian Schmidt, dated May 16, 2022, regarding: Open Forum 5.17.22 comment: Social Media Shows Opposition to the “Breeze of Innovation.”
2. Letter from Becky Parker, dated May 17, 2022, regarding: Lake Cunningham.
3. Letter from T. S., dated May 19, 2022, regarding: Homeless population is now close to 10,000.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Toni J. Taber".

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Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**Fw: Open Forum 5.17.22 comment: Social Media Shows Opposition to the "Breeze of Innovation"**

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/17/2022 8:41 AM

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

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Open Forum Submission SJ City Council 5.17.22.pdf;

**From:** Brian Schmidt <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 4:48 PM

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

**Subject:** Open Forum 5.17.22 comment: Social Media Shows Opposition to the "Breeze of Innovation"

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Dear Clerk,

Please include the attached written comment for Open Forum agenda item for tomorrow's City Council Meeting.

Best,  
Brian Schmidt

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**Brian Schmidt**  
Policy and Advocacy Director

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May 17, 2022

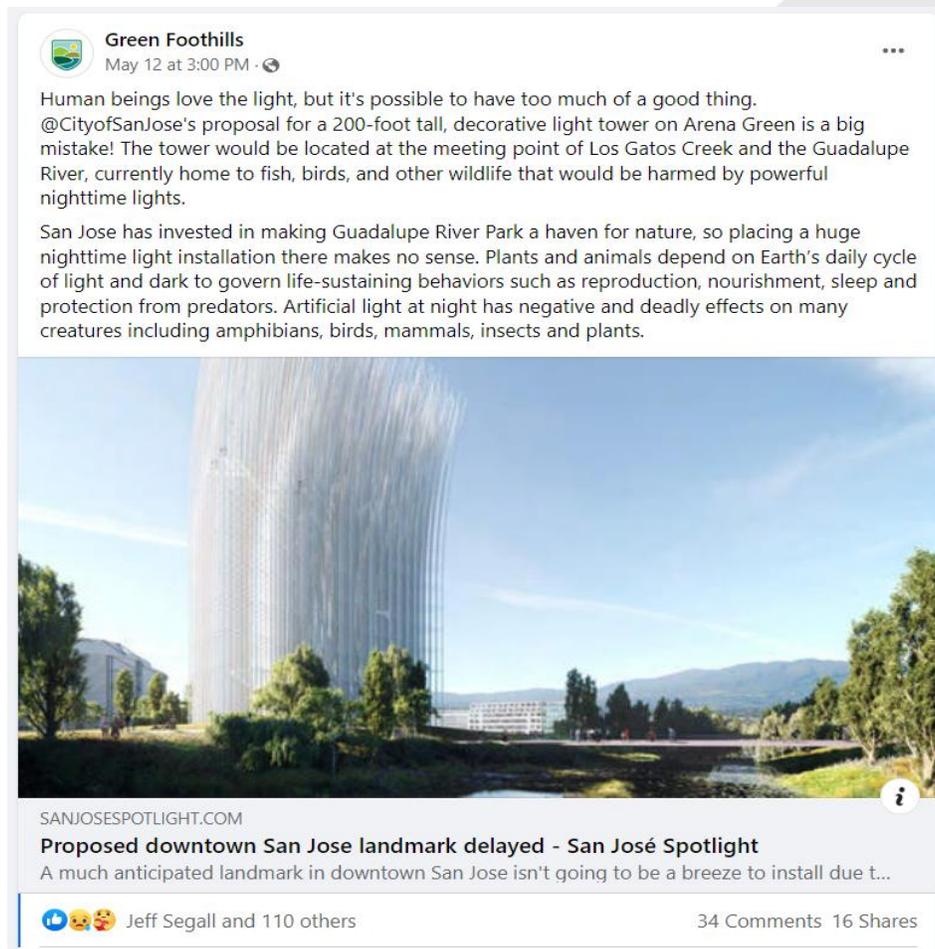
San Jose City Council

**Re: Open Forum – Social Media Shows Opposition to the “Breeze of Innovation”**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

Green Foothills has long opposed the environmentally-destructive “Breeze of Innovation” proposal for a 200-foot tall light-pollution source bordering the sensitive riparian zones of both Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River. We provided a quote in the May 11 San Jose Spotlight article to that fact, saying “Our concern has always been that nighttime lighting next to the creek corridor will negatively impact local species, particularly insects and birds. This is inexcusable, especially on public parkland, with the global biodiversity crisis we are facing.”

It's not just us. A recent Green Foothills Facebook post attracted substantial public support as well:





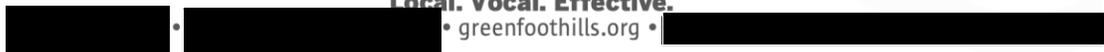
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We expect public opposition to this destructive proposal will only increase.

Sincerely,



Brian Schmidt  
Policy and Advocacy Director



**Fw: Lake Cunningham**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 5/18/2022 8:30 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Becky Parker <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:24 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Lake CunninghamYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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I live very close to Lake Cunningham. I walk around it once or twice a week and I pick up trashumancia on my walk. The park is in very bad shape. The water is disgusting. It is so sad to see what little care is taken of it.

We need to spend money on getting the Lake in better condition so we can do activities on it again.

Please help our park!

Becky Parker

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**Fw: Homeless population is now close to 10,000**

Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Thu 5/19/2022 9:49 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** T S <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:06 AM**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>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Homeless population is now close to 10,000

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What is your plan for this?

San Jose, the 10th largest city in the U.S., is **facing a reckoning** with its homeless crisis that has exploded in recent years. In 2019, the city **saw a 40% jump in the unhoused population**—from 4,350 to 6,097. Santa Clara County experienced a 31% jump during the same period from 7,394 to 9,706.

Why do you allow housing increase of 10% while most jobs only give 3% raises? Why aren't rent increases capped at 3-5% ?

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