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Via Email:

City of San Jose City Council Council Chambers at City Hall 200 E. Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113 agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov

Re: June 7, 2022 City Council Meeting

Hearing regarding Expanding and Renewing the Downtown San Jose

Property-Based Business Improvement District

APN#ers: 24944057, 25952125, 25952126, 25952127, 25952128, 25952129, 25952130, 25952131, 25952132, 25952139, 25952140

Mayor and Council Members,

I request the City Manager or City Clerk please read this letter out loud during the public presentation of agenda item 3.6.

I am the owner of the above referenced parcels in downtown San Jose. The parcel ending 057 is an old Victorian Style building in which I operate my law practice. The parcels ending 125 through 140 are at grade in-door tandem parking spaces on the corner of First St. and Julian.

I have worked in downtown San Jose since 1972. To date, I am downtown on a daily basis and often walk from Julian to San Fernando and back at lunch time. On those walks I have occasion to observe the results of the present services designed to clean and beautify the downtown area. The services are a complete and total failure. Downtown is full of weeds, litter, garbage, and human waste. I often watch the service personal stand around talking or looking at their cell phones.

For the last 41 years, I have employed a maintenance person who cleans/weeds the sidewalks and gutters in front of my property on Julian (057). He often expands his services beyond my property line.

The parking spaces referenced are indoor and will therefore not benefit from City services even if those services are performed as designed.

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The rental market for my unique property and the parking it supports is very limited. Accordingly, the margins are very thin. An additional tax will create an undue burden.

Given the above, it is unwise and unfair for the City to saddle me with additional property taxes. Please vote no on agenda item #3.6.

Thank you for your consideration of my position on this matter.

Respectfully

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