



May 31, 2022

San Jose Mayor and City Council  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Re: San Jose Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement**

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Councilmembers, and City Clerk,

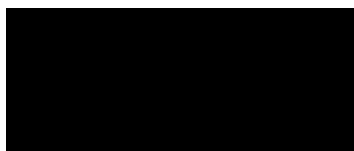
The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy submits this letter for a one-time consideration of \$54,000 allocation in the upcoming City Budget FY 22-23. Funds would support the hiring of a part-time horticulturalist to provide specialized expertise in botanical care in the Guadalupe Gardens, public programming support, promotion and program measurement, and supplies to address both the needs of enhanced horticulture and repair stewardship elements in the Guadalupe Gardens.

Funds would align with a number of priorities in the Mayor's March budget message:

- **Battling blight and supporting parks:** specialized horticulture care would enhance existing park assets at the Guadalupe Gardens and encourage more park usage. Repairs to fencing, toolshed, and other Gardens structures would enhance the efficacy and experience of our volunteers.
- **Health of the urban forest:** support would increase the survivability of our Historic Orchard and Heritage Rose Garden, which has undergone significant restoration efforts last year. The increase in biodiversity, and the challenges of an extended drought, warrant expertise to ensure the Orchard and Rose Garden will provide health and environmental benefits for the next generation of San Joseans.
- **Community programming:** this allocation request would promote park use, volunteerism, neighborhood health, and civic pride, in line with stated Budget Message goals around park activation and cultural programming. Strengthening connections between residents and our agricultural history and natural landscape would uplift the unique civic and natural resources formative to our city.

To maximize the use of funds from this one-time allocation, the scope would also include horticulture-related public programming to build capacity and education around the planting needs in the Gardens, empower neighborhoods to care for their River Park, public promotion, and measurements that track stewardship and program milestones. We thank the Mayor and City Council for your ongoing leadership and we look forward to your consideration of our request, which we believe aligns with many existing City and community priorities.

Regards,



Jason Su, Executive Director

## FW: Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measuremen

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/31/2022 3:37 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Pamela Dougherty [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 3:29 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>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** Jason Su [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measuremen

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### Re: Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As a 2 1/2 year volunteer at the Heritage Rose Garden and a downtown resident, I submit this letter in support of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's (GRPC) **Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation** for the FY22-23 San Jose City Budget.

This Allocation raises awareness to the environmental, botanical, and cultural assets of our City and region, and addresses the growing needs such unique features require. It would also enable park users, volunteers, and residents to better connect with the community, ecology, and history through greater understanding of our natural resources and empowering civic ownership around park stewardship.

Personally, I volunteer with weeding and deadheading. I have adopted 6 rose bushes to honor my friends and help support the garden. Each moment in the Heritage Rose Garden is a joy. I often see people wandering through this accessible garden. Nevertheless, it saddens me to see roses die and support poles fall in the four rows that are my focus. We have many empty spots that need new bushes. How sad it is to see a sign naming a rose when the rose has vanished. The big picture is even more daunting.

I am proud to support the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and I give my enthusiastic support for GRPC's Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation in this upcoming FY 22-23 City Budget cycle.

Sincerely,

Pamela Dougherty.



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In honor of Representative John Lewis

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June 2, 2022

San Jose Mayor and City Council  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Re: Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As the Santa Clara County Master Gardener's (SCCMG) Demonstration Garden Lead of the Guadalupe Family Historic Orchard, I submit this letter in support of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's (GRPC) **Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation** for the FY22-23 San Jose City Budget.

The UC Master Gardener Program of Santa Clara County is a volunteer organization sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Our mission is to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to county residents. We have been able to provide public classes on winter dormant pruning, summer shaping and pruning, new tree planting, and other aspects of home tree care in the Guadalupe Orchard. Our mission would be greatly enhanced by a thriving GRPC. It is a huge asset to the city of San Jose to have such a resource as the Guadalupe River Park close to the center of downtown and deserves care in bringing it to its full potential. This Allocation raises awareness to the environmental, botanical, and cultural assets of our City and region, and addresses the growing needs such unique features require. It would also enable park users, volunteers, and residents to better connect with the community, ecology, and history through greater understanding of our natural resources and empowering civic ownership around park stewardship.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Kameya  
MG Demo Garden Lead  
Guadalupe Family Historic Orchard

## SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

JoEllen Victoreen <[REDACTED]>

Sun 6/5/2022 11:33 AM

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Cc: Jason Su <[REDACTED]>

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June 5, 2022

San Jose Mayor and City Council  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

### Re: Support for SJ Budget Allocation for GRPC Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As a long-time and dedicated volunteer at the Heritage Rose Garden in the Guadalupe River Park, I submit this letter in support of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's (GRPC) **Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation** for the FY22-23 San Jose City Budget.

The Heritage Rose Garden, established in 1994, is deserving of the San Jose Council's financial support. We have always tried to nurture and maintain this civic resource with a dedicated group of volunteers. The last few years have been particularly difficult for our group of volunteers, what with the loss of our volunteer Master Gardeners, the neglect caused by Covid shut-downs, and the increased vandalism and general chaos caused by the homeless population in the park near the garden. This allocation will help our volunteer staff keep the rose garden healthy and thriving.

This Allocation will also raise awareness to the environmental, botanical, and cultural assets of our City and region, and addresses the growing needs such unique features require. It would also enable park users, volunteers, and residents to better connect with the community, ecology, and history through greater understanding of our natural resources and empowering civic ownership around park stewardship.

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Sincerely,

JoEllen Victoreen

[REDACTED]  
San Jose, CA  
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## FW: Safer Streets

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 6/3/2022 2:09 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Reid Brozek <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, June 3, 2022 12:21 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

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**Subject:** Safer Streets

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Dear San Jose Mayor and City Council,

I'm writing to you as an avid biker to thank you for prioritizing the importance of street safety. There has been an impressive commitment to the issue of bicycle safety for many years.

I appreciate that San Jose is one of the few cities in the area to have formally adopted the Vision Zero initiative, with the ultimate goal of eliminating severe injuries and traffic deaths, as well as improving the safety of roadways. I have family members that have been personally impacted by close calls on the roads.

While I do applaud that bike projects are in the pipeline as part of the Pavement Maintenance Program in San Jose, these are long-term projects, and we also need shorter-term solutions. I ask the council to please consider increasing funding for quick-build projects including funding staff to manage these projects.

Finally, I would like the council to consider funding bike safety and infrastructure from the general fund budget as a way of demonstrating commitment to the cycling community.

Sincerely,  
Reid Brozek

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Sincerely,

Roger Wedel

June 2, 2022

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As the Manager of the UC Master Gardener Program of Santa Clara County, I submit this letter in support of the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's (GRPC) **Horticulture, Repairs, Programming, & Measurement Allocation** for the FY22-23 San Jose City Budget.

UC Master Gardeners (MGs) provide research-based education on sustainable gardening and landscaping to volunteers and visitors of GRPC. MGs have two educational demonstration sites at Guadalupe River Park, one in the Fruit Tree Orchard and another in the Community Garden. This Allocation raises awareness to the environmental, botanical, and cultural assets of our City and region, and addresses the growing needs such unique features require. It would also enable park users, volunteers, and residents to better connect with the community, ecology, and history through greater understanding of our natural resources and empowering civic ownership around park stewardship.

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Sincerely,

*Katherine Uhde*

Katherine Uhde  
Program Manager  
UCCE Santa Clara County





## Agenda Item 3.1 - 2022-2023 Proposed Operating/Capital Budgets

Dinah Hayse <[REDACTED]>

Fri 6/10/2022 10:59 AM

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Support for Councilmembers Mahan & Davis Budget Document #s 31, 83 & 91

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

Thank you for considering the additional Budget Documents proposed by Councilmembers Mahan (#83 & #91) and Davis (#31). We greatly appreciate the Mayor's responsiveness and recognition of the challenges the shelter faces and taking steps to move in the right direction to prevent unnecessary suffering and death of animals in the community, provide assistance to the unhoused and their pets, improve overall conditions and relations at the shelter, alleviate staffing turnover and be better equipped to meet the needs of the community.

I strongly support Councilmember Mahan's proposal for San Jose's Animal Care Center, to help restore operations and staffing to the effective levels needed by the community and the proposals by Councilmembers Mahan and Davis regarding funding for spay/neuter services by partnering nonprofits such as St. Francis Animal Protection Society.

I urge the Councilmembers to consider the urgency of the need and the long-term beneficial impact to the community and approve these requests.

Thank you,

Dinah Hayse - District 6

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## FW: Catholic Charities support for REAL budget recommendations for FY23 City Budget

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 6/10/2022 1:50 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Gregory Kepferle <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 10:12 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Catholic Charities support for REAL budget recommendations for FY23 City Budget

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

RE: Support for REAL Budget Justice Recommendations for FY23 City of San Jose Budget

As a member of the REAL coalition, Catholic Charities supports the REAL budget recommendations.

We appreciate the City's efforts to move some of these priorities forward. At the same time, more needs to be done to promote racial equity and inclusion.

Based on our long and close working relationship with the City to address many of the challenges facing our residents, Catholic Charities encourage the City Council to put more resources into several priority areas:

1. **Food Distribution:** The pandemic is not over. Economic hardship and income inequality are rising due to increased inflation. Our staff and volunteers are seeing increased numbers of families seeking food at our parish drive-through distribution sites throughout San Jose. While we are grateful for the opportunity to seek additional funding for one more quarter to assist in distribution, the need continues to rise. We appreciate the City reaching out to the County for joint talks, but to date the County has not committed to fund food distribution other than through the shelter system and the normal senior nutrition system. Meanwhile tens of thousands of families in San Jose are still going hungry. The nonprofit sector can't solve this by ourselves. We need your help. The City has been a valuable and essential partner in the solution and until the County is willing and able to step up, our neighbors will still need the City's help.

**Recommendation:** Double the investment of ARPA funds in food distribution while continuing to coordinate, advocate and negotiate with the County to do its part to address hunger in our community.

2. **BEST Prevention and Intervention:** The most humane, efficient and cost-effective way to address criminal justice is to prevent the causes of youth violence and involvement in the system. The City has a proven model of an alternative to the increased cost of policing with the Mayor Gang Prevention Taskforce and the BEST programs. As a BEST partner Catholic Charities stands ready to partner with the City to develop new approaches that are trauma-informed.

**Recommendation:** Build on those successes by investing more resources in what is working in the BEST programs and scale them. Develop trauma-informed models and mental health supports that have been proven to work in

other communities.

**3. Promotoras and Civic Engagement:** Catholic Charities is encouraged by the proposed funding of a Promotora pilot in San Jose. One powerful way to engage local neighborhood members in creating a just and compassionate community is by training community members in peer support to help families navigate services and address their needs. Catholic Charities has found that families trust trained neighborhood members to connect them to the community resources they need. It not only improves family wellbeing, but also the health of the community.

**Recommendation:** Fully fund the Promotora Pilot.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations and thank you for your dedicated service to our community of San Jose.

Sincerely,

Gregory R. Kepferle, CEO

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

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Gregory R. Kepferle, CEO  
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County



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## FW: Budget Assistance for San Jose Animal Care & Services

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 6/10/2022 1:51 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Deb Codioli <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 12:35 PM

**Subject:** Budget Assistance for San Jose Animal Care & Services

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I ask the Councilmembers to consider the urgency of the need and the long-term beneficial impact to the community and approve these requests.

Thank you,  
Deb Codioli, Council District 1

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Deb Codioli, Foster Coordinator  
The Dancing Cat

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City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor  
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**Re: FY23 Budget – Request for 4% Adjustment for Nonprofit Partner Sustainability**

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I write on behalf of Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits and our over 200 nonprofit and ally members. We ask that you include in the City's Fiscal Year 2023 budget:

- an increase of 4% for renewal contracts with your nonprofit partners, and
- adopt the recommendations made by the nonprofit Racial Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition.

As the City's Budget Director points out in MBA#28, "CBOs have been invaluable partners in identifying service needs and extending the City's reach for the delivery of pivotal services in challenging times." We hope it goes without saying that not only were the City's nonprofit partners key responders to the pandemic, but also that the City will continue to rely on nonprofits to be efficient and effective service deliverers and trusted messengers between the City and the community.

We are grateful for the analysis in MBA#28 and the acknowledgement of nonprofits' cost needs, and it is important to point out that nonprofits (and we all) are facing unusually exorbitant increases in operations costs as well as significant challenges in hiring and retention in the current job market; all while, we struggle to return to a new normal in this liminal time of partial recovery and ongoing pandemic response.



Even in good times—because of funder practices that limit overhead and sometimes even require match requirements—nonprofit sustainability is often just an oasis on the horizon. Organizations that build healthy infrastructure—IT and data systems; financial systems; fund development processes; strategic plans; staff capacity building; and safe, efficient, and accessible physical spaces—are more likely to succeed than those that do not. The cost of not succeeding is high:

The effects of such limited overhead investment are felt far beyond the office: nonfunctioning computers cannot track program outcomes and show what is working and what is not; poorly trained staff cannot deliver quality services to beneficiaries. (*The Nonprofit Starvation Cycle*, A. Goggins & D. Howard, Stanford Social Innovation Review (2009).)

Nonprofit instability contributes to community instability. And the converse is true. The organizational health of the same nonprofits that were incredibly nimble during the pandemic and stepped up to respond to community needs will be needed if we are to “build back better.”

Over the last two years, the City of San José stepped up to fund nonprofits, funded technical assistance and training for nonprofits; purchased PPE and other essentials for nonprofits, recruited volunteers for nonprofits, and disseminated information to nonprofits. For example, dozens of organizations were provided with rescue funding by the City of San José through the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Nonprofit Grant Program, focused on services to communities in designated zip codes. The City’s Local Assistance Center set up a CBO liaison function that worked with SVCN to provide information to nonprofits about its services and plans and to serve as a conduit for input to the City’s response to COVID. Whereas some of this support was specific to the pandemic, we would like to see the City continue to support nonprofits much in the way that it regularly supports other small businesses.

We ask that the City continue to be a good partner to nonprofits by addressing the cost increases that we experience year over year—which are particularly pressing this year with a CPI of nearly 5% over the last year—by providing a cost of doing business increase in this year’s budget and future budgets as a best





practice. This should include General Fund contracts and pass-through contracts. By way of benchmarking, this year, Santa Clara County provided a minimum of 4% cost of doing business adjustment for its nonprofit partners.

Lastly, we hope the City Council will strongly consider the requests made by members of the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition.

Thank you for your attention to this request and please let me know if you have any questions – (408) 605-6586.

Sincerely,



Kyra Kazantzis, CEO

## Support of Budget Documents Mahan (#83 & #91) and Davis (#31)

Vanessa Forney <[REDACTED]>

Sat 6/11/2022 8:47 PM

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We urge the Councilmembers to consider the urgency of the need and the long-term beneficial impact to the community and approve these requests. Without immediate and urgent changes like these, the animals and our community are going to suffer for years to come.

I am the founder of Bay Area Cats ([bayareacats.org](http://bayareacats.org)) and we help community members fix cats in their neighborhood. In the last year, we have received 178 requests for a total of 1213 cats from San Jose, Cupertino and Milpitas. These people and cats can't be helped without trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs and spay/neuter. These 1200 cats will quickly multiply, and one cat reproduces to be ~50 in a year.

Please understand that without spay/neuter, we are going to have kittens and cats breeding uncontrollably on our streets for years to come. All the kittens who are now at the shelter, have mothers that are not fixed because they were turned away due to no spay/neuter. These mothers are pregnant or have given birth already. We can't fix this problem and end the suffering without making TNR an utmost priority.

Thank you,  
Vanessa Forney  
[bayareacats.org](http://bayareacats.org)

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## Letter for the Budget

Annie Borders <[REDACTED]>

Sun 6/12/2022 9:05 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

The San Jose Animal Care center is in dire need of funding. I am writing you today as an animal advocate.

Please consider the additional Councilmembers Mahan's memo (#83 & #91) and Councilmember Davis' memo (#31). I strongly support Councilmember Mahan's proposals for San Jose's Animal Care Center, to help restore operations and staffing to the effective levels needed by the community. I also support the proposals by Mahan and Davis regarding funding for spay/neuter services by partnering nonprofits such as St. Francis Animal Protection Society.

Vets, vet staff, adoption staff, and volunteers are worn thin with the amount of animals coming into the shelter. While other shelters take in animals from one or possibly two cities, the San Jose Animal Care Center is currently taking in animals from six different cities in the bay area. They are the ones doing the most for our bay area citizens and animals, and need the most help.

I believe that these dogs and cats at the San Jose shelter are not being given the proper care, training, and enrichment that they deserve. Dogs and cats do not adapt to shelter environments easily, as much as we'd hope them to do. The least we can offer are walks, and love, and training. They need enrichment that I believe they are not receiving at this time.

SJACC is in desperate need of help. They are in desperate need of funding. They are in desperate need of support-from you. I ask you to strongly consider giving your help through funding at this time.

Thank you,  
Annie Borders (District 10 Resident and Animal Welfare Advocate)

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**FW: Letter to CSJ re: FY 2023 Budget**

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

Mon 6/13/2022 11:37 AM

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

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**From:** Claire Kennedy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Mossing, Mackenzie <Mackenzie.Mossing@sanjoseca.gov>; Kyra Kazantzis <[REDACTED]>; Alan Gouig <[REDACTED]>; Nick Kuwada <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to CSJ re: FY 2023 Budget

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Hi Toni,

Our team was checking public record and noticed that our letter may have been missed from last week. I wanted to re-up our letter in your inbox to make sure that it was noticed.

Reattaching our letter to this email for convenience.

Best,

**Claire Kennedy, MPA** | Policy + Advocacy Fellow**Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits**Phone: [REDACTED] | Web: [svcncn.org](https://svcncn.org) | Twitter: @SVCN

Pronouns: she/her/hers

It's Membership Renewal Time!

SVCN offers [Nonprofit Memberships](#) & [Ally Memberships](#)!



**From:** Claire Kennedy

**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 9:23 AM

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**Subject:** Letter to CSJ re: FY 2023 Budget

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and members of the City Council,

Please see attached a document prepared by the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, in consultation with the Racial Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition regarding the City's Proposed FY 2023 Budget. We look forward to your discussion around this and other related items.

Warmest regards,

**Claire Kennedy, MPA** | Policy + Advocacy Fellow

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Mayor & City Council  
City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor  
San José, CA 95113  
Sent via electronic mail

**Re: City of San José Fiscal Year 2023 Budget -- REAL Coalition Proposals**

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

This letter was prepared by the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, in consultation with the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition.

**REAL Coalition**

The REAL community of nonprofit leaders and allies has been meeting since June 2020 to use our positional power to advocate for a more racially-just and equitable society; to establish a peer network of leaders committed to fighting white supremacy and systemic racism in ourselves and our institutions; and to hold each other accountable to the promises we made in the Nonprofit Racial Equity Pledge. The REAL coalition is broadly representative of the nonprofit community including human and community services, behavioral health and health, arts and culture, domestic violence, older adults, food distribution, education, environmental, farming, legal, disability rights, LGTBQ rights, ethnic, immigrant rights, housing and homelessness, criminal justice reform, urban planning, and intermediary organizations, and others. Over 125 organizations have participated in the REAL coalition.

Please consider this letter signed by 41 nonprofit and ally members of the REAL coalition in your deliberations regarding the City of San Jose's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

## **Background**

In June 2021, over 90 nonprofits REAL leaders conveyed a letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting that the City of San José use its American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to advance the recovery of those who have been hardest hit by the pandemic; the proposal was called an Equity Investment Agenda for Recovery. In October 2021, these same leaders submitted a list of more specific, detailed proposals for Council and the Mayor's consideration. In March 2022, REAL leaders submitted feedback to the Mayor's March Budget message. We incorporate these proposals and feedback by reference in this letter.

Additionally, we would like to emphasize the following priorities that the undersigned would like to see reflected in the FY23 budget:

### **Alternatives to Policing**

While we appreciate the earmark for \$800,000 for proposals that may come out of the Reimagining Public Safety (RIPS) process. Please consider these additional recommendations:

- The City should make a financial commitment to staffing infrastructure that will further implementation of the proposals and use the earmarked funds for this purpose. The City should also commit support to the Trusted Response Urgent Support Team (TRUST) in partnership with the County of Santa Clara to ensure more individuals and families have access to mental health and crisis services without involving law enforcement.
- It would serve the City well to internalize the fact that trauma-informed prevention and intervention is more effective and less expensive than down-stream reactions like policing and incarceration. The City should be resourcing prevention and intervention to at least the same degree as it is resourcing policing.

- On a related note, the current strategic planning process for the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF), that will likely wrap in the middle of this budget year, is an opportunity. The City Council should consider earmarking funds that could be deployed to move forward the next three years of work; PRNS staff and the cross-sector planning group is working hard to incorporate community voices into what the MGPTF will look like moving forward and how best the City should support and work with youth to prevent violence and system involvement. The City's BEST prevention and intervention framework is currently one of the City's most effective but under-resourced alternatives to policing and is potentially a strong place for future such investment, consistent with RIPS proposals.

## **Racial Equity**

- Consistent with REAL's ARP proposals around racial equity as well as wealth-building, we are eager to see the City make a meaningful investment in the African/African Ancestry community. REAL's October 2021 proposals relating to ARP expenditures recommended an initiative that included funding for a displacement study, a UBI/reparations program, youth development, place-making, government employment pipeline, small business grants and support, and homeownership strategies. Specifically, there is a current opportunity for the City to support funding for planning and development of the African American Cultural Center. REAL supports the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet's request for funding for the Center.

## **Recovery Needs**

- We appreciate the allocation of \$2 million to the community Recovery Task Force, although we're concerned that \$2 million won't stretch very far. Creating a body of community leaders to think through what the residents of San José need to recover from the harms of the pandemic was a priority for the REAL members who signed our ARP funding proposals. Ensuring that this brain trust of dedicated servant leaders has access to resources—to

potentially launch new initiatives or to improve what we're already doing—will make this process all the more meaningful.

### **Wealth-building**

- As we have previously pointed out, there is increasing evidence of the success of cash assistance programs in lifting families and individuals out of poverty. A number of organizations in REAL are already taking leaderships roles in UBI/GBI pilots. There is a current opportunity to leverage potential support from the state to launch a large, regional GBI pilot that is being shepherded by the Lighthouse collective at Joint Venture Silicon Valley. We urge the City to invest in this initiative.

### **Additional REAL Priorities**

- As we have said from the start, the City should use ARP (and other funds) to continue to support those who have been most impacted by the pandemic. Accordingly, we appreciate the continued support for providing groceries and meals to our community, including those who are unhoused, people with disabilities, those who are ineligible for CalFresh, and older adults. We continue to believe that ongoing support for food distribution should be a joint County/Cities obligation and that the City should also address food system resiliency, as it has addressed other resiliency and preparedness needs, as reflected in the Mayor's March Budget Message.

### **Civic Engagement/Centering Community Voices**

- We are pleased to see \$500,000 allocated for a promotora program. This is a good start in creating structures that can bring community voices to City decision-making tables. We encourage additional investment in creating a City-wide civic engagement strategy that centers the voices of lived experience.



Thank you so much for your consideration of this feedback and we thank you for your work and dedication to our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Kyra Kazantzis  
**Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits**

Sarita Kohli  
**AACI**

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**Affordable Housing Network of  
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**FW: Support for Councilmembers Mahan & Davis Budget Document #s 31, 83 & 91**

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Thank you,

Sankar Basak

Community Member

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## support Councilmember Mahan's proposals for San Jose's Animal Care Center

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Dear City Council,

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Thank you,

Julie Henig

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## San Jose Animal Shelter

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Thank you,  
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## Support for San Jose Animal Care Shelter

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