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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
June 16 – July 28, 2022

DATE: August 3, 2022

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public

1. Letter from Blanca Alvarado, dated June 29, 2022, regarding: Fwd: Historical Perspective on Low Rider community and No Cruising Zones.
2. Letter from Jan Vetrano, dated July 18, 2022, regarding: El Paseo Mixed Use Village.

Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

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Fw: Historical Perspective

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 6/29/2022 10:40 AM

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Historical Perspective

From: Blanca Alvarado <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:13 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Jean Cohen <[REDACTED]>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Perez, Raul <Raul.Perez@sanjoseca.gov>; Amigos 95116 <[REDACTED]>; Victor Vasquez <[REDACTED]>; Mayra Pelagio <[REDACTED]>; Medina, Ofelia <[REDACTED]>; maria G. Reyes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Fwd: Historical Perspective

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From: Pete Carrillo <[REDACTED]>

Date: Wed, Jun 29, 2022 at 9:19 AM

Subject: Fwd: Historical Perspective

To: Blanca Alvarado <[REDACTED]>

Here u go!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pete Carrillo <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Historical Perspective

Date: May 13, 2022 at 10:50:06 AM PDT

To: Blanca Alvarado <[REDACTED]>

well stated; your recollection mirrors what i remember. I mentioned this to Raul and Sylvia!

Pete Carrillo
Principal



Government Relations - Lobbying - Land Use Planning

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On May 13, 2022, at 10:02 AM, Blanca Alvarado <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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From: **Blanca Alvarado** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, May 13, 2022 at 9:59 AM

Subject: Historical Perspective

To: Raul Perez <[REDACTED]>, Perez, Raul

<Raul.Perez@sanjoseca.gov>

Dear Raul,

I applaud your efforts in embracing the cultural richness of the Low Rider community. Your work to validate their importance is inclusive and worthwhile.

It is necessary, however, to understand the intrusive conditions on Story Road that led to the No Cruising Zones.

In the late '70's, Story Road was dubbed the cruising capital of the world by the Dominguez Brothers. As a result Low Riders descended on San Jose every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They did not only promenade the street. They also blocked driveways, they took over business parking lots, they played loud music, and they attracted underage youth to drugs and alcohol. Jim McEntee, as head of Human Relations, spent entire weekends attempting to protect the youth from violence and drug abuse. The situation became so impactful on the residents and business communities because police officers, ambulance drivers, firefighters were impeded in doing their work. As a member of the Council in 1981, legal efforts were crafted to relieve the Story Road inhabitants and merchants of this unregulated invasion. I was not happy to take on this cultural phenomenon, but as a Representative for the area, I had no choice but to act on behalf of these constituents, To set conditions and the proper location to exhibit these activities was my responsibility and that of the Council.

Blanca Alvarado

I write this narrative to set the historical record in perspective.

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Fw: El Paseo Mixed Use Village

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 7/25/2022 9:13 AM

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

From: Jan Vetrano [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 4:46 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

<TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2

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<district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: El Paseo Mixed Use Village

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I want to follow up with you on your recent unanimous vote for the El Paseo development. While I am very disappointed in the vote, I am not surprised. Your choice in favor of a well-connected developer over the needs and concerns of constituents is just further evidence of the failed leadership we continually experience under your governance.

During your tenure on our City Council, we have witnessed a consistent pattern. It is your lack of commitment and responsiveness to the needs and concerns of the people of San Jose.

A once great city is now a mecca for homelessness and illegal encampments. Open illicit drug use and the selling of dangerous and deadly narcotics is now commonplace in San Jose. Crime is everywhere and continues to be on the rise. The streets, roads, and sidewalks are filthy and need repair. Walls, signs, and fencing throughout the city are covered with graffiti. Our infrastructure is so bad that delivering basic needs, such as water and energy, is becoming a challenge. And finally, the traffic congestion and the overcrowding in a city that was designed to be a community of suburbs, are beyond intolerable and yet these issues are continually ignored by you.

The destruction and devastation you have already brought upon this city seems to be only usurped by your systematic and deliberate undertaking of initiatives designed to dismantle thriving and healthy middle-class suburbs of San Jose. An effort purportedly intended to undermine the quality of life and the property values of the residents and homeowners who live in those neighborhoods.

In my opinion, your approval of the current El Paseo proposal served a purpose that was in direct conflict with the people you were elected to serve. Upon reflection, I believe you chose alliance with and access to a big money developer over the concerns and suggestions of those who pay your salary.

Ronald Reagan probably summed up the sentiment the best.

“It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.”

I would challenge each of you to review the long-term design for this city and do so with an eye to serving the people of San Jose. After such a review, if you still consider your vote for the El Paseo development a success and visionary, then I would suggest you step aside and resign. Allow others invested in this city and the issues of the individual taxpayers to assume the leadership.

Sincerely,

Jan Vetrano

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