

## Election of Representatives

Glenna Howcroft <[REDACTED]>

Thu 11/24/2022 3:00 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> District1  
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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am calling on City Council to conduct a special election to place two new members on the City Council in accordance with our democratic traditions.

Uphold our civic right to elect our representatives.

Glenna Howcroft

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## Let Mobilehome Park residents vote

martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>

Fri 11/25/2022 8:06 AM

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Toni,

Please ensure it gets in the proper agenda packet.

See attached letter.

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. – Desmond Tutu

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GOLDEN STATE MANUFACTURED - HOME OWNERS  
LEAGUE



GSMOL Region Manager Region 1 Zone A-1

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November 25, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Martha O'Connell, Regional Manager  
Region 1 Zone A-1

RE: Let Mobilehome Park Residents Vote

GSMOL is the oldest and largest statewide organization representing residents in Mobilehome Parks. We are celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

As GSMOL Regional Manager, I write to ask the Mayor and Council to allow the voters in D8 and D10 to elect their representatives to fill the seats left vacant by the successful candidates for Mayor (D10) and County Supervisor (D8). Many Park residents would be disenfranchised by the appointment of their Councilpersons. There are four Parks in D8 and two in D10.

I submit that if the City Council is allowed to appoint people to these two open City Council seats it is a travesty of democracy. It is D8 and D10 today. It could be other Districts down the line depending on who runs for, and is elected to, what office.

Mobilehome residents need to be able to elect their Council members not have them picked for them by someone else. This is the very definition of democracy.

## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

jim gailey <[REDACTED]>

Sun 11/27/2022 1:16 PM

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Esteemed Council Members,

I am a resident in District 10 and feel there is a strong consensus of fellow residents that want to have the chance to elect a representative that reflects the unique needs and concerns that we have.

I encourage you all to do the right thing and let's us have a referendum that reflects the true nature and values that we hold.

Thanks for taking is important matter under consideration,

Jim Gailey  
D10 resident

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

acsaplar <[REDACTED]>

Sun 11/27/2022 2:43 PM

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As a resident in District 10, I would like to vote on who will replace Councilman Mahan to represent me.

Thank you,

Andras Csaplar

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**Good Morning councilmen and woman,**

**I'm a resident of the 9th district. I feel that these two vacancies for district council should be assigned by the people vs the council. I know this will cost additional funds to have an election but I want district leaders who share similar beliefs as me.**

**Thanks for your time,**

**Julie sardana**

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Lloyd Bass <[REDACTED]>

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SJ City Council Members:

Please let the citizens decide who should fill the council vacancies.

Thank you

Lloyd Bass

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Helen Blain <[REDACTED]>

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I believe that the City Council represents and works for “we the people” and that it is our right and responsibility to ELECT those we want to represent us. I request that the San Jose City Council create an expedited process for a Special Election to fill the vacancies in the D8 & D10 Council positions. I oppose the current 2022 Council appointing individuals to the D8 & D10 Council positions without a vote of the citizens of these districts.

Helen Blain  
[REDACTED]

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

LINDA SNELL <[REDACTED]>

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As a voter in District 10 I would like to vote on the next candidate to replace Matt Mahan. Do not take this from us,  
Thank you  
Linda Snell

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**FW: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 10**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Mon 11/28/2022 7:34 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; Taber, Toni &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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

From: [REDACTED] &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:50 PM

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Honorable Mayor and Council-members,

My neighborhood, now in District 10, will be represented by a new Council-member soon, until the 2024 election. That is a long time.

Please consider that I prefer to have a person who I voted into that position instead of a person appointed by a City Council that does not know my District 10 concerns and needs as well as I do, a resident in my neighborhood for 50 years.

You can find a way to make the special election happen in a cost effective manner. You can.

Regards,  
Greg Peck  
District 10 resident

## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Lydia McClure <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/28/2022 4:52 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members,

I believe in representation that is fair, transparent, accountable and unencumbered by conflicts of interest created by council appointments. The quality of life and advocacy for local district issues has the greatest impact on quality of life for residents in my district. The right to choose who represents my interests should not be usurped by city council members not the voters.

Appointment robs the voters in a district of the ability to assess the qualifications, values and ability to serve our community. But more importantly it changes the equation from public service to constituents to alignment and loyalty to council members.

I urge you to vote in favor of the needed special election to fill these vacancies. Failure to let the voters decide will further undermine the mutual trust and respect between voters and their elected representatives.

Do not usurp my right as a voter to elect my city representative. Approve the special election.

Regards,

Lydia McClure

[REDACTED]

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## Filing Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

barbara fontana <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/28/2022 7:03 AM

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Preserving every citizen's voting rights requires that they be allowed to elect their representatives (Council members), regardless of the cost. The highest priority of our representative, democratic form of government is elections – which means that citizens have voted for and a majority have selected the person that represents them.

San Jose City Council members should move the process forward as quickly as possible to hold a 'special election' to fill these two vacant council district seats. Allowing citizens to elect their representatives is the most fundamental governmental function - more important than any other, including police & fire, health & welfare – and the cost of the election should not be considered a constraint or relevant factor. EACH CITIZEN of San Jose needs to have their voices heard on this important issue.

On this and other important issues impacting the well being of the citizens of San Jose, the voice of we, the tax-paying citizens of San Jose, needs to outweigh a majority ("by right") vote of just the mayor and other city council members. Absent our input through VOTING, the City Council could (continue to) be very unbalanced in representing the voice of its tax-paying citizens.

Sincerely,  
Robert and Barbara Fontana  
DISTRICT 10

**LET US VOTE!!!!**

Ruth Callahan <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/28/2022 7:31 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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City council appointments of 2 vacant seats with 5 lame duck votes is morally corrupt and ethically bankrupt. Let us vote. If the city has money to change pronouns in the city charter they have money for a special election. Let us vote!!!!

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**FW: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Mon 11/28/2022 9:35 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Don Chamberlin <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 9:32 AM**To:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Perez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> District4 <[REDACTED]> District5 <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> District7 <[REDACTED]> District8 <[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members:

I live in Almaden Valley, District 10. I ask you to allow us vote for our successor councilmember. District 8 should vote for theirs too. While appointments are legal, they are not appropriate in this case. Current councilmembers should not be appointing two more councilmembers. We constituents deserve to vote. In similar situations in the last 20 years, there has been a special election. The precedent should stand. **I urge you: schedule a special election.**

Thank you,  
Donald Chamberlin  
District 10

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**FW: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Mon 11/28/2022 12:58 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** Terrence Reilly <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 12:53 PM**To:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Perez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> District4 <[REDACTED]> District5 <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> District7 <[REDACTED]> District8 <[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Mayor, Councilmembers,

Please keep democracy alive by allowing the people to pick their representative. Support a special election for D8 and D10.

Best Regards,

Terrence

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**Fw: Election for seats 8 and 10**

City Clerk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Mon 11/28/2022 4:46 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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**From:** David Eisbach <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 4:02 PM**To:** District1 <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

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District5 &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; District3 &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Election for seats 8 and 10

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**Members of the Council:**

I believe the appointment of vacant council seats by the Council is a terrible precedent and it's undemocratic.

With Councilpersons Arenas District 8 and Mahan District 10 moving on to County Supervisor and San Jose Mayor, there are two empty seats, that need filling, but how? Chavez's forces want the Council to fill the seats saving money and time. It seems to me that money shouldn't hold sway, when it comes to a citizen's right to vote. Time is a problem for those two districts, but so would it be to have two districts filled for two years by a Council, who incidentally, all endorsed Chavez except Liccardo and Mahan. I am shocked that there is even a challenge to filling the seats without an election in the two districts. I didn't vote for any of the council persons other than my own district 1. It's hard to imagine bowing to either faction in the council.

David Eisbach

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Koti Ancha <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/28/2022 9:29 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>

Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]>

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I request the San Jose City Council create an expedited process for a Special Election to fill the vacancies in the D8 & D10 Council positions. I oppose the current 2022 Council appointing individuals to the D8 & D10 Council positions without a vote of the citizens of these districts.

Regards,  
Koti Ancha

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Kelly Cavanaugh <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/29/2022 9:58 AM

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Let the people vote!!!! Stop the dictatorship.

Look in the mirror. If you do not decide "for the people to choose"  
One day your Billy's will be coming for you.

Please be courageous.

Sincerely, an American citizen.

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Perry Invest <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/29/2022 10:05 AM

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To ALL:

I want to vote in an election to fill vacant City Council seats. This is how it has been done in the past and no changes should be made. Please support me in this matter.

Joan

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## FW: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/29/2022 2:51 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: Cynthia Freedman <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 2:50 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio

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Hello,

There should be a special election for residents of Districts 8 and 10 to choose their own representative. Anything less erodes democracy, regardless of expense.

Regards,  
Cynthia Freedman

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Reneé Ingold <[REDACTED]>

Wed 11/30/2022 12:43 AM

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A special election for the two vacant seats is DEMOCRATIC and MUST be done. Mayor Mahan is on the right track to keep democracy strong in San Jose. Whoever votes AGAINST our right to CHOOSE those who represent us will have a black mark on their names in my book. Cindy Chavez was one of these and I voted against her for her past actions. I DO REMEMBER..... THANK YOU MATT MAHAN!

Renee' Ingold  
Magic Sands Mobilehome Park

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Georga King <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/29/2022 5:22 PM

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I Demand you uphold our civic right to elect our representatives, Thank You for your consideration,

Georga King  
District 6

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10 -> Calling for a Special Election

Mitchell Blank <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/29/2022 6:41 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

As a result of the recent November election, 2 city council seats will be vacant on 1/1/2023. D10 Council member Matt Mahan was elected Mayor of San José. And D8 Council member Sylvia Arena was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

The city council is considering appointing new council members for these 2 seats without conducting a special election ! While this is legal under the city charter, it runs squarely against 20+ years of San José history. In the past, when council seats became vacant, a special election was held to determine the will of the people for their representation.

Appointing 2 council members to serve the remaining 2 years of the terms is unprecedented. It will affect every resident of San José, not just residents of D8 and D10. Two new council members—hand-picked by city hall insiders with pressure from special interest groups—will swing the balance of city power in ways that residents may not approve. These new council members will be voting on important legislation, land use issues, public safety policies and budgetary priorities.

And it will set a precedent for future council vacancies as well!!

Therefore, please call for a Special Election to fill these council seats.

Respectfully,

Mitchell Blank

[REDACTED]

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Angela Sharp <[REDACTED]>

Tue 11/29/2022 8:57 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, city council members and staff,

As a resident of District 10, I urge you to support holding a special election to replace the two vacant city council seats. I feel this election is essential to insuring that our new council representatives are chosen by and represent the neighborhood constituents and their needs. Previous special elections in San Jose have set this precedent when replacing council members. I understand that it is an expensive process but feel that it is worth the cost to protect our voting rights.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

Angela Sharp

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## FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 11/30/2022 2:46 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** blanca Alvarado <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:20 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am writing in support of the City Council appointing new members of council to fill Districts 8 and 10. According to the City Charter, the City Council has the discretion to appoint someone to fill the two vacancies for the remainder of the term. This option would require no city funding and create an opportunity for a genuinely representative electorate to select their next councilmember. The alternative, a special election, could cost \$7-11 million dollars, have extremely low, consequently unrepresentative, voter turnout and will not yield a councilmember until August of next year, months before the 2024 election cycle begins, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

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blanca Alvarado

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95127

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## FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 11/30/2022 3:09 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** betsy hammer carr <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:58 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

Hi Dev,

Hope you are well and had a great Thanksgiving with your family.

I am writing in support of the City Council appointing new members of council to fill Districts 8 and 10. According to the City Charter, the City Council has the discretion to appoint someone to fill the two vacancies for the remainder of the term. This option would require no city funding and create an opportunity for a genuinely representative electorate to select their next councilmember. The alternative, a special election, could cost \$7-11 million dollars, have extremely low, consequently unrepresentative, voter turnout and will not yield a councilmember until August of next year, months before the 2024 election cycle begins, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

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Thanks for your consideration.

betsy

betsy hammer carr



san jose, California 95126

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## Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

BRIAN HABERLY <[REDACTED]>

Wed 11/30/2022 10:43 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am writing in strong support of the City Council appointing new members of the council to fill Districts 8 and 10. According to the City Charter, the City Council has the discretion to appoint someone to fill the two vacancies for the remainder of the term. This option would require no city funding and create an opportunity for a genuinely representative electorate to select their next councilmember.

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BRIAN HABERLY

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95112

## FW: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 12/1/2022 7:32 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Marg Cimafranca <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 5:28 PM

**To:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio  
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<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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I am writing and sending this email to let you know, that I am totally against the council making appointments to the vacancies, left after the election, for districts 8 and 10.. I demand that you uphold our civic right, to elect our own representatives.

Sincerely,

Margaret Cimafranca, District 7

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FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 12/1/2022 2:00 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 1:53 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am writing in support of the City Council appointing new members of council to fill Districts 8 and 10. According to the City Charter, the City Council has the discretion to appoint someone to fill the two vacancies for the remainder of the term. This option would require no city funding and create an opportunity for a genuinely representative electorate to select their next councilmember. The alternative, a special election, could cost \$7-11 million dollars, have extremely low, consequently unrepresentative, voter turnout and will not yield a councilmember until August of next year, months before the 2024 election cycle begins, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

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San Jose, California 95134

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## FW: Council Vacancies

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 12/1/2022 1:15 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Pat Waite <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 1:11 PM

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

**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOff

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District 10 <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Council Vacancies

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Clerk and Council, I am writing regarding the agenda item for the special session of the City Council on December 5th.

People express concern about the cost of holding a special election to fill the upcoming vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10. They point to how that money could better be used to fund additional police, road repair and the like. Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility has often argued that the City should be focusing funds on such core services. We often refer to the imperative of providing the 3 Ps: public safety, parks and pavement. We need the efficient and excellent delivery of the "must haves" before spending on "nice to have" things.

I ask you this though, what is more core and "must have" than our residents' voting rights? We are talking about several million dollars per year for the next two years to allow the residents of voters in Districts 8 and 10 to exercise their right to vote. With a budget totaling nearly six-billion dollars, I think the Council is quite capable of identifying funds being spent on non-core services to fund the special elections. CFR is happy to share our ideas on where they might look.

Article II, Section 1 of the California Constitution begins "all political power is inherent in the people." CFR believes that the appointment process is an illegitimate usurpation of voters' rights. It is not just wrong, it is a violation of our council members' oaths to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California."

I sincerely hope that our City Council sees the importance of calling for a special election.

I thank you for your time in this matter, and I thank you for your service to the residents of San Jose.

Pat Waite  
President  
Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility  
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Fwd: Special Election in Districts 8 & 10`

Ann Webb <[REDACTED]>

Thu 12/1/2022 11:34 AM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]> Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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For the Council meeting on Monday, December 5 - for insertion into the letters from the public.

Ann Webb  
Community Activist

Ann Webb  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ann Webb <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Special Election in Districts 8 & 10`

**Date:** December 1, 2022 at 11:16:28 AM PST

**To:** Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>, District 1 - Chappie Jones <[REDACTED]>,  
District 2 - Sergio Jimenez <[REDACTED]>, District 3 - Raul Peralez <[REDACTED]>,  
District 4 - David Cohen <[REDACTED]>, District 5 - Magdalena Carrasco  
<[REDACTED]>, District 6 - Dev Davis <[REDACTED]>, District 7 - Maya Esparza  
<[REDACTED]>, District 8 - Sylvia Arenas <[REDACTED]>, District 9 - Pam Foley  
<[REDACTED]>, District 10 - Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

Dear Mayor & Council Members,

I am writing today in favor of a Special Election for Districts 8 and 10.

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. According to today's Mercury News editorial, 52% of the vote in District 8 went to Matt Mahan and 63% of the vote in District 10. Results have shown that the majority want moderate leadership.

I, and many of my friends, (and they will be out in force on Monday night) do not want a predominantly pro-backed labor Council picking their representative. We want a SPECIAL ELECTION where the VOTERS get to pick their representative, not you, who have already shown your bias by endorsing labor-backed Cindy Chavez over a pro-business candidate. It is my sincere hope that now you will put the interests of the City before you and vote for a special election to replace the two candidates.

I am also concerned at the estimate for the cost of this special election. Even allowing for inflation and labor costs, how did an estimate quadruple from the previous special election? This stinks to high heaven. If this estimate came from the Registrar of Voters, then it is highly suspicious as it is my understanding that she favors Cindy Chavez, which is an obvious conflict of interest. The estimate for this special election should be closely scrutinized and audited. Again, quoting the Mercury News, 'spending less than one tenth of 1% of one year's annual budget on an election is a small price for democracy'.

And I am sure we are going to hear that this money would be better spent on housing the homeless. While I have a lot of compassion for the homeless, particularly in this cold and wet weather, we taxpayers have rights too, and I don't want them trampled on by denying the voters the right to pick their own representative.

I trust you will do the right thing on Monday night and vote to hold a Special Election to replace the outgoing representatives in Districts 8 and 10.

Sincerely,

Ann Webb  
Community Activist  
Resident of District 2

Ann Webb  


## FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 12/1/2022 2:39 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Will Smith <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 2:21 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Will Smith

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95125

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## FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 12/1/2022 5:16 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 4:51 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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I am writing in support of the City Council appointing new members of council to fill Districts 8 and 10. According to the City Charter, the City Council has the discretion to appoint someone to fill the two vacancies for the remainder of the term. This option would require no city funding and create an opportunity for a genuinely representative electorate to select their next councilmember. The alternative, a special election, could cost \$7-11 million dollars, have extremely low, consequently unrepresentative, voter turnout and will not yield a councilmember until August of next year, months before the 2024 election cycle begins, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

Furthermore, a special election in May would deprive the residents of Districts 8 and 10 of a city council representative during the period when the city budget is negotiated and finalized. Lastly, if no candidate reaches 50% of the votes in May, a highly likely outcome, this would necessitate a run-off election in August which would further undermine representation for the two districts in question and require the eventual winner of that August election to begin campaigning immediately for the next election.

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San Jose , California 95112

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## FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 12/2/2022 7:43 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** John Miller <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 7:09 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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John Miller

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## FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 12/2/2022 7:43 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Peggy Elwell <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:10 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Peggy [REDACTED]  
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**FW: Let people vote**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 12/2/2022 7:44 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:11 PM

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

**Subject:** Let people vote

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It is problematic that the current 2022 Council would evenhandedly appoint two new Council members to serve out the two years remaining for D8 & D10 for 2023 & 2024.

Preserving every citizen's voting rights requires that they be allowed to elect their representatives (Council members), regardless of the cost. The highest priority of our representative, democratic form of government is elections – which means that citizens have voted for and a majority have selected the person that represents them.

San Jose City Council members should move the process forward as quickly as possible to hold a 'special election' to fill these two vacant council district seats. Allowing citizens to elect their representatives is the most fundamental governmental function - more important than any other, including police & fire, health & welfare – and the cost of the election should not be considered a constraint or relevant factor.

Please let people vote for the council vacancies. People's voice is the most important.

Best regards,  
Jenny Yuan  
San Jose resident.

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## FW: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 12/2/2022 8:02 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 9:25 PM

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**FW: Let Me Vote for City Council in my District!!!**

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Amy Ca <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 11:30 PM

**To:** Amy Ca <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Let Me Vote for City Council in my District!!!

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## Fw: Support Special Elections: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Fri 12/2/2022 9:46 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Debbie Ramsey <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 9:00 AM

**To:** Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David

<[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>

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<[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support Special Elections: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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TO: All San Jose Councilmembers,

Do you want to go down in history as being part of a corrupt City Council who votes to deny people an election? Yes, you would be the ELECTION DENIER!

Do you want to go down in history as being part of the corrupt City Council who refuses to put democracy on the ballot? Without an election, DEMOCRACY will NOT have a chance to be ON THE BALLOT!

Any Councilmember who caves to special interest groups, meaning the Labor Unions, does not deserve to be on the council.

Everyone knows that the current Labor-majority wants to use its voting block to grab power for the next two years.

City Council should never have been given the power to appoint its own members.

Our California State Legislature calls for special elections when a seat becomes vacant.

"If there is a vacancy in the California State Legislature, the governor must call for a special election. The election must be called by the governor within 14 days of the vacancy."

But many San Jose City Council members think they are above the people of this city and can railroad our processes. It's no different than what we see at the national level. Those who opposed a President appointing a Supreme Court Justice at the end of his term, now want a City Council, with six members who won't be on the Council next year, to make a decision to appoint to two vacant council seats for two years.

LET THE PEOPLE CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES!

Support Special Elections!

Sincerely,

Deb Ramsey

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**From:** Connie Segreto <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 8:49 AM

**To:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio

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Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya

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**Subject:** Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

I reside in District 2 and am writing to encourage you to please allow the voters in Districts 8 and 10 to pick their representatives, not Council members who don't live in those districts.

The City of San Jose has always held *special elections* to fill vacant seats so that the citizens of the affected districts select their replacement Council member in fair and timely elections.

We must preserve every citizen's voting rights in local elections, regardless of the cost. The highest priority of our representative, democratic form of government is elections – which means citizens have voted and a majority has selected the person that represents them.

Please move the process forward as quickly as possible to hold a *special election* to fill these two vacant Council District seats. It is the most fundamental governmental function to allow citizens to elect their representatives - more important than any other, including police and fire, health and welfare. The cost of the election should not be considered a constraint or relevant factor.

Thank you.

Connie Segreto

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Kai Fan <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 8:39 AM

**To:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio

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Hello all,

I'm a constituent of district 10 and I want to vote for my next council member. I do NOT want it be assigned by the city. This is my right to choose who oversees my area. Thank you

Felicia

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**From:** Joe V <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 8:25 AM

**To:** Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David

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Dear Councilmembers,

I support special elections in Districts 8 and 10.

One reason is because I imagine that if it were Districts 3 and 5 that were vacant, the people in those districts would also want special elections. It wouldn't be about cost and it wouldn't be about turnout. It would be about what is fair to those voters.

People saw San Jose's redistricting around this same time last year. Those same labor-backed groups who are opposing special elections now are the same groups who tried to take advantage of the redistricting process and move a District 5 City Council candidate from Warner Heights over to District 8. Fortunately, the people in that small neighborhood recognized what was happening and spoke out against it. These groups are not the people who should be hand-picking our new council members.

We also saw what happened this year in October with three Los Angeles City Council members and the President of the Labor Federation. An audio was released of them plotting and making racist remarks about redistricting and filling council seats. The Labor President and President of the Los Angeles City Council had to resign over it. People's eyes were opened to the power that can corrupt within City Councils.

Unfortunately, the power given to Council members, along with their agendas and political aspirations, can cause them to lose touch with the concepts of democracy and the people they are supposed to represent.

For six of the past vacancies in San Jose, we have held special elections, and most times the council seat was left vacant during the special election.

It's not only one council seat this time, but two seats that account for 18% of the council vote.

Yes, elections get more costly as we make voting more accessible and improve voter rights. But these new election laws aren't meant as a tool to keep people from having elections.

I urge you to Let The People Choose Their Representatives!

Thank You.

Joe Alexander

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**From:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOff[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:20 PM

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

**Subject:** Fw: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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**From:** John Miller <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 7:09 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Mayor Sam Liccardo,

I am writing in support of the City Council appointing new members of council to fill Districts 8 and 10. According to the City Charter, the City Council has the discretion to appoint someone to fill the two vacancies for the remainder of the term. This option would require no city funding and create an opportunity for a genuinely representative electorate to select their next councilmember. The alternative, a special election, could cost \$7-11 million dollars, have extremely low, consequently unrepresentative, voter turnout and will not yield a councilmember until August of next year, months before the 2024 election cycle begins, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

As a San José resident, it's clear to me that our city is currently at a critical juncture, in dire need of resources for public safety, parks, and vital infrastructure — every dollar that is unwisely spent means there is less, much needed, funding towards addressing our current housing crisis, and need for public safety and regional economic development. These are urgent issues that impact each and everyone that lives and works in San José. We need our local leaders to focus on funding and implementing solutions that make it possible for each

of us to have a roof over our heads, feel safe in our neighborhoods and parks, and have access to critical infrastructure and care.

I stand alongside a broad coalition of partners from labor, community and multi ethnic organizations in supporting a process that would lead to genuine representation and afford for an electorate reflective of our community. I ask the San José City Council to put their constituents first and adopt a fair, transparent, inclusive, and expeditious process to appoint members to represent Districts 8 and 10 until the next regular election in 2024.

John Miller



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**From:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOff[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:19 PM

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

**Subject:** Fw: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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**From:** Peggy Elwell <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:09 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Peggy Elwell



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Fw: Let Me Vote

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Alexandra Froehlich Hankinson <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 9:31 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Let Me Vote

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Dear City Clerk,

Can you please include this for Monday? I mistakenly left you off.

-Alex

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From: **Alexandra Froehlich Hankinson** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, Dec 1, 2022 at 12:08 PM

Subject: Let Me Vote

To: District1 <[REDACTED]>

<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]>

<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>

Cc: David Heindel <[REDACTED]>

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo & City Council Members,

Monday, I got the opportunity to speak my truth at the press conference held at city hall by Mayor-Elect Mahan. As a new mother of a 16-week-old, I find this cause critical enough to make the journey, in the last 2 weeks of maternity leave, to voice my opinion not only for my rights but the rights of my daughter. In case I am unable to attend the special meeting on Monday, to voice this opinion to you in person or online (infant schedules equate to flexibility), I urge you to take my words to heart. This is not just about today, but the future!

Italicized below my signature is my speech. Please, read it, I ask you to protect our right to democracy through a special election.

Thank you,

Alexandra Froehlich Hankinson

*Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my opinions. Hello, my name is Alexandra Froehlich Hankinson and I am a resident of District 9 and a member of Let Me Vote SJ, a grassroots group of San Jose residents who were collectively shocked at the thought that the City of San Jose Council would even consider appointing replacements for the remainder of the term for the upcoming vacant council positions in D8 and D10.*

*How can elected officials in a democracy consider preventing voters from voting for their representatives? Having elections is fundamental to our form of government regardless of the cost or the turnout or any other factor!*

*I was born and raised in San Jose. Throughout my schooling in San Jose Unified, I learned the importance of living in a democracy and voting. I have memories of practicing voting for Mickey vs Donald Duck for president at my local elementary school. District 8 and District 10, the two districts with vacancies, have the largest number of registered voters in the city. These individuals deserve to have their voices heard which can **ONLY** be confirmed and obtained by an election.*

*More importantly, in recent past city council vacancies, special elections have **ALWAYS** been held. As a new mother, of this adorable 3-month-old, I am more cognizant than ever that the decisions we make now have ripple impacts for the future. As a country, we have examples, upon example, of rights being eroded. If our council does not approve a special election, then another right has been eroded. How many more rights will be eroded before the time my daughter can vote? I stand here demanding that my rights and the rights of my daughter be protected. I demand a special election for the voters of D8 and D10. If the rights of the voters in D8 and D10 are forfeited, then in the future rights of voters in any other district may be forfeited.*

*San Jose council members, I urge you to vote for a special election. I urge you not to overturn long-standing precedent! Allow our city's residents to vote in a special election! Fellow San Jose residents, I implore you to visit [LetMeVoteSJ.org](http://LetMeVoteSJ.org), sign our petition, contact our council members, and let your voice be heard, not just for us now, but for future generations, for people like my daughter.*

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Alexandra D. Froehlich Hankinson, M.A.



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**From:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOff[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:21 PM

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

**Subject:** Fw: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]tionnetwork.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 4:51 PM

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

**Subject:** Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Mayor Sam Liccardo,

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Furthermore, a special election in May would deprive the residents of Districts 8 and 10 of a city council representative during the period when the city budget is negotiated and finalized. Lastly, if no candidate reaches 50% of the votes in May, a highly likely outcome, this would necessitate a run-off election in August which would further undermine representation for the two districts in question and require the eventual winner of that August election to begin campaigning immediately for the next election.

As a San Jose resident, it's clear to me that our city is currently at a critical juncture, in dire need of resources for public safety, parks, and vital infrastructure — every dollar that is unwisely spent means there is less, much needed, funding towards addressing our current housing crisis, and need for public safety and regional economic development. These are urgent issues that impact each and everyone that lives and works in San José We need our local leaders to focus on funding and implementing solutions that make it possible for each of us to have a roof over our heads, feel safe in our neighborhoods and parks, and have access to critical infrastructure and care.

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Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Fri 12/2/2022 12:29 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Derrick Seaver <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 12:25 PM

**To:** Derrick Seaver <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support Letter - Special Elections (December 2 2022)

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Mayor Liccardo & Members of the San Jose City Council:

Attached, please find a letter from the San Jose Chamber of Commerce supporting the calling of special elections in Districts 8 & 10 when that decision comes before you in the coming weeks. We greatly appreciate your consideration of our position on this issue.

**Derrick Seaver**

**President & CEO**

**San Jose Chamber of Commerce**

101 W. Santa Clara Street

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December 2, 2022

San Jose City Council  
Mayor Sam Liccardo  
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Mayor Liccardo & San Jose City Council Members:

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors and members, I am writing to you today to ask for your support of the calling of special elections to fill the vacancies for City Council in Districts 8 and 10, created by the recent elections of Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas and Matt Mahan to the County Board of Supervisors and San Jose Mayor, respectively.

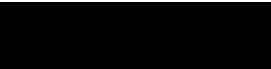
San Jose is the tenth largest city in the United States. With a population over one million, our ten members of Council each represent roughly 100,000 San Jose residents. To put that in context, members of the San Jose City Council represent more individuals than do members of the state assemblies/houses of 42 states. We rely heavily on members of Council to represent not just the interests of the city at-large, but also their individual districts, before our city government.

Over the past two years, the integrity of our democracy has been questioned at all levels of government. At its foundation is the belief that residents – all residents – should have their voices heard at the ballot box and be able to peacefully and freely express their will in who represents them. California has been at the forefront of protecting these rights. On November 9, 2016, the California Legislature issued a joint statement that said: “California was not part of this nation when it’s history began, but we are clearly now the keeper of its future”. That has been expressed in relation to our most fundamental rights by the expansion of vote by mail, increased election days and hours, the protection of employees’ rights to PTO on election day, and the mass participation of our residents in the democratic process. We should rightly be proud of these California initiatives and successes.

Here in San Jose, we are now facing a choice: should we leave the decision to appoint 20% of the body entrusted to govern our city with just ten members of Council, only two of which being residents of the impacted districts, or should we leave that decision to the two-hundred thousand San Joseans who will be relying on these new members of Council to represent them before our city? We believe, strongly, that California’s tradition of robust, open, and free democracy lends itself to only one solution: that the filling of vacancies on any elected body should be left where it was intended – with the voters.

For these reasons, the San Jose Chamber of Commerce is urging you to support the calling of special elections in Council Districts 8 & 10 when the decision comes before you over the coming two weeks. We thank you for your consideration, and for all you do to make San Jose a world class place to start and grow your business.

Sincerely,

  
Derrick Seaver  
President & CEO