Fw: 12/5 Special Meeting Comment Letter

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Mayor and Council,

Please find our coalition's comment letter for the December 5th special council meeting on council vacancies. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Huascar Castro Director of Housing and Transportation Justice Working Partnerships USA

December 2, 2022

San Jose City Council 200 E. Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95111

Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Esparza, Cohen, Davis, Foley, Peralez, Carrasco, Mahan, and Arenas,

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

As leaders of community, labor and multiracial grassroots organizations that represent working families and tenants, we're urging you to support a thoughtful, transparent and community-centered appointment process to fill the vacancies in Districts 8 and 10 to ensure that residents in these districts have continuity of representation, and that the new council can get to work on pressing priorities such as homelessness, public safety, and filling almost 1000 vacancies towards providing critical community services..

We urge you to approve recommendations laid out in the memo put forth by Councilmembers Cohen and Jimenez, and allow Council to exercise their right as written in the city charter to appoint new councilmembers to finish out the districts' respective terms. As pointed out in the memo from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters: 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, just a few months before the 2024 election cycle begins.

As public servants, non profit employees, and labor leaders, we are united in the shared goal of ensuring that our institutions build community and serve our most vulnerable residents. We know that **tax dollars should be invested back into communities** to keep parks clean, expand library and community center hours, and ensure public safety is a priority — especially in the face of a possible recession and the introduction of austerity budgeting. Resources must be invested into

employees and programs, not expensive low turnout special elections that will have low voter participation and diminish the voices of most residents.

A thoughtful and community centered appointment process would seat council members on a much shorter timeline, involve the community in a more meaningful way, and avoid wasting millions of dollars from the city budget that can instead be used to focus on issues that our organizations have been advocating for, and that your offices have identified as urgent priorities: Real solutions to homelessness, housing access, safer neighborhoods, essential services and critical infrastructure for the future.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this important decision to ensure that those who live, work and play in Districts 8 and 10 have a high quality representative on the Council in the near-term. We encourage you to scrap an expensive and time consuming special election in favor of a thoughtful, community centered appointment process.

We are happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Mayra Pelagio, Executive Director, Latinos Unidos for a New America

Bill James, President, Santa Clara County Democratic Party

David Bini, Executive Director, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building Trades Council

Derecka Mehrens, Executive Director, Working Partnerships USA

Maria Noel Fernandez, Director, Silicon Valley Rising Action

Richard Konda, Executive Director, Asian Law Alliance

Jahmal Williams, Co-Chairs, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet

John Tucker, Union Representative, AFSCME-MEF

Bob Nunez, Chapter President, San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP

Gabriela Chavez-Lopez, Executive Director, Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley

Enrique Arguello, Business Manager, LIUNA Local 270

Victor Garza, Chairman, La Raza Roundtable

Silicon Valley Working Blue Democratic Club

Dan Romero, Business Manager, IBEW Local 332

Dominick Torreano, South Bay Executive Board Member, Sheet Metal Workers Local 104

Andrea Portillo, Organizing and Policy Director, SOMOS Mayfair

Ashley Raggio, COO, Joint Venture Silicon Valley

Sarah McDermott, Political Director, UNITE HERE Local 19

Fw: December 5 Special Council Meeting Agenda Item: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Patricia Sausedo Sausedo Company Email: Phone/Cell:			

December 3, 2022

Mayor Sam Liccardo & San Jose City Council 200 E. Santa Clara St. San José, CA 95113 **Transmitted via EMAIL**

RE: December 5, 2022 Council Agenda Item: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Councilmembers,

I am writing to strongly recommend the council vote to allow the residents of District 8 and District 10 to exercise their democratic and constitutional right to vote for their next council representatives by special election. The core foundation of a true and democratic society is to allow the citizenry to exercise their right to vote.

While concerns about the cost of conducting a special election or what the turnout may be are worth examining, they should not be the determinant factor over a district resident's right to select their political representative via the electoral process.

Respectfully,

Patricia E. Sausedo Former District 8 Council Representative (1981-1992)

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To: City Clerk <
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Fatima Perea



Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Members of the San José City Council,

I want you to adopt the Housing Department Staff's direction on the Affordable Housing Siting Policy as presented at the October 13, 2022 Community Meeting.

I am in favor of the Housing Department Staff's proposed changes because the Affordable Housing Siting Policy now centers equity in many ways. For example, it:

•Provides diverse housing choices so everyone can access affordable housing throughout San José,

•Increases funding for affordable housing in historically-redlined communities,

•Incentivizes and funds historically-exclusive communities to build their fair share of affordable housing in their neighborhoods, and

•Uses inclusive language, abandoning divisive classifications.

I wish to see a San José where every neighborhood is accessible to people of all income levels and every neighborhood is a desirable place to live. I am confident that you also share this vision and will make the right choice come December 6, 2022.



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San Jose City Council Members,

It's come to our neighborhood's attention that there is a planned vote on Monday to consider appointing a new District 8 council member as opposed to having a special election.

While there may be arguments around cost and time, we encourage you to consider an efficient mail in voting process that would significantly reduce time & effort while maintaining the people's right to elect their representatives and eliminating any chance of a recall effort.

Please let us vote.

Thank You,

Lawrence Wagner

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The people should vote for the new council members. Thanks

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Please **Do Not** take this ill thought out action to appoint council representatives and take away the right of the residents of San Jose to vote for their OWN Council member.

I am a life long resident and while I currently live in District 10, I spent most of my life in Willow Glen. Over the years I have been involved in many City of San Jose projects, volunteer at my local community center and pay my taxes. I also have friends and family all over this city and **every single one of them** agrees that any attempt by others to "appoint" a representative for another resident is outrageous. If YOU appoint someone, that person will have an allegiance to YOU. It's human nature and leads me to believe this proposal actually might be a "power grab". Do not damage your truth and reputation for that purpose.

Thank you for listening.



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Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

I urge you to adopt the following steps for filling the District 8 and 10 council seat vacancies:

- · Hold special elections to select permanent replacements
- · Appoint temporary replacements to serve from January 1st until permanent replacements are selected by district voters
- Work with the Registrar of Voters to expedite the special election process as much as possible without significantly increasing the cost
- Consider ways of reducing the cost of the special elections, for example by holding them as 100% mail-in/drop-off, potentially with a limited number of voting centers to accommodate voters with special needs or a strong desire to vote in person
- Establish minimum criteria for selection of temporary appointees (see draft list below)

We often heard that democracy was on the ballot in the November election. More fundamentally, voter trust was on the ballot. The new council will face major challenges and need the trust and support of their constituents. *Please don't set the new council up for failure by stripping them of the public trust.*

It's ironic and quite telling the same forces who decried **voter suppression** during the redistricting process now want you to eliminate the ability of two entire districts to select their own representatives. Clearly they are attempting to game the system for their benefit, which is completely unacceptable. If they are truly concerned about voter turnout, they need to do the hard work of getting out the vote, just like each of you did. **Please don't stoop to the level of former President Trump in attempts to subvert free and fair elections.**

Before selecting candidates for temporary replacements, I urge you to memorialize selection criteria. I offer this set of draft criteria as a starting point:

· Temporary appointees must agree not to run for the open seat

- Temporary appointees must demonstrate very good knowledge of their respective district's neighborhoods and issues, preferably with experience as a prior elected official, having served on a San Jose or Santa Clara County commission, or having served as an established neighborhood leader
- Temporary appointees should demonstrate very good knowledge of San Jose governance, preferably having worked closely with at least one city council member and their staff for at least two years over the past four years
- If allowable by charter, allow temporary appointees to reside in immediately adjacent districts, especially if they lived in the district immediately prior to 2022 redistricting

Thank you,

David Noel

San Jose District 9 Neighborhood leader

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Please let the voters decide who will replace the 2 vacancies on city council. Having the council APPOINT new council member is not representing the interest of the voters.

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13
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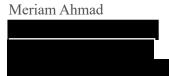
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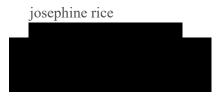
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

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Please respect the voters you work for us.

Regards,

Bernard Morway

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Councilperson Foley,

A decision to fill vacancies in council districts 8 and 10 by appointment disenfranchises the voters of San Jose in perhaps the most cynical way possible. For me it evokes comparison to Tammany Hall political shenanigans. At a time when democracy in under siege such an action is simply unacceptable. Please do not approve any proposal to appoint councilpersons for the open seats. Vote for democracy. Allow the voters of districts 8 and 10 decide who will represent them on the San Jose City Council.

Sincerely,

Michael Overholt

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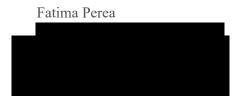
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As residents and tax payers who have lived in San Jose since the 60's, both my wife and I think the tax payer dollars spent on a special election to replace two out going city council members is money well spent. San Jose voters deserve the right to elect their city council representatives.

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Hold a special election. Let the voters decide as it's been done in the past.

Diane Forst District 6

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I've been a San Jose resident since 1970 and in the last 20 years increasingly concerned about the health and vitality of our City. The people of San Jose need to be served and represented by their district council, but everyone in the City is affected by the joint decisions of the City Council. That's why, as a resident of District 9 I'm still writing you about the importance of filling the Council seat vacancies in neighboring districts via election. I know all of us citizens will foot the \$11-\$12M bill for these elections, but the City Council, as much as possible, needs to reflect the current will of the people through the election process. Because the City Council as a whole has been unable to effectively address many of our current city problems, we need the people of Districts 8 & 10 to decide who to place in office, not let those currently sitting in other Council seats pick out people they know, who will likely share their viewpoints. It's time for change and progress. The City needs it. Let the people of Districts 8 & 10 decide, using the election process, about who's best to help bring the needed voices of change to the Council.

David A. Seeba

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To city council,

I'm writing this letter to remind you that it's the people's right to vote for who and what they want in a democracy country. It looks like you the city council are forgot that right and are trying to take that right away from us! We the people should have the right to appoint who we want to fill the vacancies left after the election for districts 8 & 10. We all demand that you uphold are right to to elect our own representatives for districts 8 & 10. Just remember this is a democracy not a dictatorship!

Sincerely Marty

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As a constituent, I urge you to vote for a Special Election to allow the people to determine who will serve as their representatives.

It would be unethical to disenfranchise voters by denying them their voice in who represents them.

Please vote to call a Special Election for Districts 8 & 10.

Sincerely, Thu Le and Family residing in District 7

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From:

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Dear City Leaders,

I was just made aware of a plan to eliminate the right of San Jose residents to vote for the two open city council positions and instead have them appointed by current city council members. This is wrong, San Jose voters should be able to vote for these two open positions. The right to vote is very important, military members sacrificed a lot for this right. I hope you reconsider and allow a vote for these 2 open council positions.

Sincerely, Casey Tharp

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I am copying and pasting an article in the San Jose publication dated November 17, 2022, written by Pat Waite (*President of Citizens for Fiscal responsibility*) & Rich Crowley (*Vice President of CFR*) titled " 'Let Us Vote'; Voters, Not Council, Should Fill Vacancies"

We wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Waite and Mr. Crowley. Until redistricting, we were in D10. We can't imagine not being able to vote for a person who would be representing our District.

Article:

San Jose voters have spoken. Our choices have created two upcoming vacancies on our next City Council. Our City Charter provides three options for filling these seats: leaving them vacant pending a special election, appointing interim council persons until a special election fills the seats for the remaining term, and appointing someone to serve out the remaining term. Our current City Council will determine how to fill the vacated seats of Districts 8 and 10 over the next several weeks.

Several arguments are being made in favor of appointing people to fulfill the remaining terms instead of holding a special election. First, special elections are an expensive incremental

cost. Second, it is unfair that residents go unrepresented during the time it takes for a special election. Finally, turnout in special elections is historically low.

Council members have vacated their seats mid-term several times in the past 25 years. In every instance our City Council held special elections. Only once did the council opt to appoint an interim council member pending the results of a special election, and that was a contentious split vote decision. The council has never usurped voters' rights by appointing someone to fulfill a remaining term.

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility (CFR) feels that precedent should prevail; the council should convene a special election to fill the vacancies. The arguments against doing so don't hold water.

The issue of historically low turnout numbers does not justify appointments to fulfill the remaining terms. CFR believes allowing the 10,000 or so people who will vote in each district's special election to choose their representatives makes more sense than having six councilmembers (a majority of the City Council, possibly none of whom might reside in Districts 8 or 10) appoint the next representatives of the approximately 200,000 total residents of Districts 8 and 10. Voters are entitled to the right to select their representatives.

As for the special election's cost, that is the cost of democracy. Voters' right to elect their representatives is so much more valuable than the cost of a special election. Besides, San Jose has a general fund budget of \$1.7 billion and a total budget approaching \$6 billion. Surely our City Council can reprioritize spending to safeguard our voting rights.

Finally, it is a conceit to believe that residents will suffer while the councilmembers' seats are empty. For starters, many residents can name neither their district number nor their council representative. Secondly, for many of us our council member serves as a conduit to our government services. As long as staff is available to answer our phone calls regarding potholes, garbage service, graffiti, and the like we are generally satisfied. Third, significant issues involving those unrepresented districts can be deferred until such time as newly elected council members are sworn in. Lastly, we residents do have representation in the form of our mayor, who represents all residents of San Jose.

During the just concluded political campaign we often heard the phrase "democracy is on the ballot." The word "democracy" stems from the Greek words "demos" and "kratos," literally meaning "people power." A City Council decision appointing representatives for the remaining terms would be the antithesis of democracy. It would disempower people and contradict the actions taken to increase voter participation.

Now is not the time to reverse course on the hard work done to create a more inclusive, participative, and representative government. It is only fair that the residents of Districts 8 and 10 choose their representatives. CFR believes the City Council should let us vote. We urge you to raise your voices in support of the voting rights of our fellow residents of Districts 8 and 10.

Barb MacNeil

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