

**Fw: Replacing Council Members for Fair Representation**

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Fri 12/9/2022 6:17 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 4:27 PM**To:** Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Fw: Replacing Council Members for Fair Representation

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**From:** TIM ZADEL <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:07 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Replacing Council Members for Fair Representation

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Mayor Liccardo,

Please work to change the city code regarding replacement of council members to prevent future problems such as what we have now--where council members are likely to appoint a representative in-line with personal and political interests rather than someone similar to the one who was elected in the district.

I propose something like this: A council member leaving office during their term can nominate up to three possible successors. The council as a whole can choose to appoint any of the nominees, or hold a special election.

Such a measure would increase the chances of a district having continuing representation that more closely matches the council member they elected. The council as a whole can choose to save money by not holding a special election if they appoint one of the nominees, or they can spend the money on an election.

Additional details could be added, such as if a council member dies in office maybe the chief of staff nominates replacement candidates, or each council member can appoint one or two other members to make nominations for them in the case of their early demise.

Such a measure would address the problem of allegedly high costs of a special election without putting someone in office who does not actually represent their constituents.

Thank you,

Tim Zadel



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

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

Tue 12/13/2022 12:08 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas &lt;rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 7:58 AM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** FW: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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

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

Sent: Friday, December 09, 2022 3:15 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@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>

Subject: Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

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Thank you Mayor Liccardo, Council Members Jones, Foley, and Mahan for supporting democracy in San Jose. They say 90% of life's success is just showing up. Thanks for showing up for us, representing us and voting for a special election to fill the vacant D8 & 10 council seats! At least some of you appreciate voters rights, but it appears labor backed CMs and labor unions who VOTE to unionize for representation are now opposed to VOTING for the rest of us. Maybe we in D10 can appoint a new executive director of the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council? We could write a memo on the process and start taking applications now, even though we have already decided who should serve in the position.

Merry Christmas! 🎄

Brenda Dohmen  
D10 Leadership Coalition  
Families & Homes SJ  
CERT  
AVPSN

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## Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Thomas Spargo [REDACTED]

Mon 12/19/2022 10:51 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov ; Jones, Chappie Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov ; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Perez, Raul <Raul.Perez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov ; Foley, Pam Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov ; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@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

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Dear City Council

The voters of these districts have the legal right to pick and choose their representatives  
The council members who do not reside in those districts do not have the legal right to vote  
In those districts

Treat people on how you want to be treated

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

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 12/27/2022 8:07 AM

To: Agendadesk Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov

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**From:** Helen Tindall [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 25, 2022 5:24 PM

**To:** Liccardo, Sam sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov ; Jones, Chappie Chappie Jones@sanjoseca.gov ; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David David Cohen@sanjoseca.gov ; Carrasco, Magdalena Magdalena Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov ; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov ; Foley, Pam Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov ; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@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>  
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Please allow residents to choose their own representatives on the council by vote. Thank you.  
Helen Tindall

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**FW: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8**

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 1:22 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

THIS WILL BE FOR THE January 24th special meeting.

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

From: Ann Ravel <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 1:11 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt

<[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam

<[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

<[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers, Thank you for committing to include and value community input throughout the City Council Appointment process. The Appointment Application period has now closed with roughly one dozen applicants for each open seat. Community input is a vital guide for your consideration of each applicant. I write to express strong support for appointment of Sal Alvarez to represent District 8. Sal is a well known product of Evergreen/East San Jose and has tremendous breadth of professional and community service experience that will benefit District 8 and all of San Jose. Sal has proven himself thoughtful, diplomatic and unifying in the face of challenges confronted while serving scores of highly diverse neighborhoods and communities across East San Jose. Sal is an experienced, knowledgeable problem-solver and genuine, whole-hearted public servant. Please support appointment of Sal Alvarez to represent District 8. Respectfully,

Ann Ravel

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FW: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 4:29 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: c tirado <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 4:26 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt

<[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam

<[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

<[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

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Respectfully,

Cindy Pelayo-Tirado

Sent from my iPhone

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FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 7:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 8:23 PM

**To:** Rich Robinson <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@cityofsanjose.org> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** Re: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

Thank you for your recommendations

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 8:16:10 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]>; Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>; Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>; Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>; Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@cityofsanjose.org>; Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>; Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>;

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** RE: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

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To Whom it may concern:

In today's City Council atmosphere, efficiency combined with kindness is sometimes an uncommon mix. I have sincerely valued the community advocacy work candidate, Carmen Brammer's engagement and how she has professionally represented the Political Strategist & Community Advocate that she has shown in the City of San Jose which has provided me with a sense of security of her being the next Council person to take on the open position in district 8.

I believe that Candidate Brammer will be one of those future exceptional council members, and I truly hope that all of the future council leaders, who have the good fortune to council with her know her and, recognize her worth and why it's right for her to advance to the vacancy of the City Council office in District 8. I would like to offer my profound gratitude for the superb work she as a Political Strategist & Community Advocate that she has done shown over the past years and months, as well as for the day-to-day tasks, for which she has demonstrated such a passion for her craft while volunteering with her on the Black leadership Kitchen Cabinet Committee.

The joyful approach and energetic personality of Carmen that we all on our committee have witnessed, along with an incredibly exceptional work ethic, have earned the respect and admiration of not only our

committee members but also all of our associates. I also want to highlight how she’s flawlessly structured a strategic Political & Community Advocate perspective with us that I will promote for years to come. We have all taken note of the long hours needed to complete the additional tasks that go along with the volunteer strategic decision-making abilities she has demonstrated in support of B.L.K.'s mission and value, and I want to once again express my gratitude.

Please accept this testimonial as a slightly more tangible expression of the esteem and again gratitude with which I viewed Carmen’s Political Strategist & Community Advocate work since our introduction and I hold heartedly support her candidacy for the open City council position in District 8.

Best regards,  
Rich Robinson





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**RICHARD ROBINSON | VP OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

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## FW: Letter in Support of CARMEN BRAMMER for SJ City Council D8

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 7:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Jeffrey Levin <jeff[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 8:25 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev  
<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter  
<Peter.Ortiz[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>  
Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** Letter in Support of CARMEN BRAMMER for SJ City Council D8

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**Carmen Brammer** has a stellar background as a progressive political strategist and community advocate when it comes to promoting equity and serving minority communities and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). I have worked with her for years and can personally attest that she is smart, collaborative and works extremely well with others which is a prerequisite for any candidate to fill a City Council vacancy. As a leader in the African American community, she will bring a point of view and a voice that is currently lacking on the Council.

I cannot be more excited to have this opportunity to support Carmen Brammer! Please appoint her to fill the open District 8 seat on the San José City Council

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Jeffrey I Levin  
Member, Santa Clara County Democratic Party Central Committee  
Communications Chair, South Bay Progressive Alliance  
[REDACTED]  
San Jose, CA

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**FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 7:54 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 9:05 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev

<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

<Peter.Ortiz@cityofsanfrancisco.gov>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>

Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Hello,

I would like to extend my support for Carmen Brammer for the District 8 Councilmember vacancy.

Carmen is a thoughtful, heartfelt leader and a pillar in her community.

I have had the pleasure of working with her as a member of the Sacred Heart Housing Action Committee--she has shown great leadership and compassion for our most marginalized voices. And I've seen her work with the REAL Coalition, and she is dedicated to serving the members of her community.

I know the residents of District 8 would be lucky to have her represent them on the dais.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely

Andrew Siegler

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## FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 7:54 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Kathryn Hedges <biolart[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:05 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev  
<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter  
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Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I have worked with Carmen Brammer for about a year as core members of the Sacred Heart Housing Action Committee. I strongly support her appointment to the City Council vacancy in District 8.

Ms. Brammer supports SHHAC as a political strategist and community advocate. She has been attending many of the City's public meetings on issues such as COPA to represent our position and gather information from City staff. She asks astute questions about issues and policies in our strategy sessions and presents well-researched information to support her positions. She is very knowledgeable about both San Jose policies on community issues and comparable policies in other cities and would bring a wealth of information to her role as Councilmember.

Ms. Brammer is dedicated to making San Jose a better place for its residents, especially District 8.

I have also noticed that there are no Black women on our City Council who can inform the City's work for racial equity using their lived experience of misogynoir. Ms. Brammer can provide that perspective, along with her extensive qualifications that she has presented in her application.

Please appoint Carmen Brammer as the new City Councilmember for District 8.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Hedges  
Member, SHHAC

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 10:54 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 10:51 AM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Honorable Mayor,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

Respectfully,

Vickie Mueller Olvera  
[REDACTED]

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 11:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:13 AM

**To:** Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Councilmember Jimenez,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

Respectfully,

Vickie Mueller Olvera

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 11:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:15 AM

**To:** Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Councilmember Davis,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

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Vickie Mueller Olvera

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**FW: Recommendation for City Council District 10 Open Seat (Remaining Term Ending 12/31/24)**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 11:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** District 10 <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:16 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Recommendation for City Council District 10 Open Seat (Remaining Term Ending 12/31/24)

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

City of San José | District 10

Email: [tiff\[REDACTED\]](mailto:tiff[REDACTED])

On Tue, 10 Jan at 10:10 PM , George Gonzalez <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Honorable Mayor Mahan & Council Members Kamei, Jiminez, Torres, Cohen, Ortiz, Davis, Doan & Foley,

I understand that the Council is currently considering appointments for the open City Council seats for District 8 and 10. I respectfully request that you consider the appointment of James Michael "Mike" Sodergren to the open seat in District 10. I believe he would work well with each of you, City Staff and the public while honorably representing the best interests of District 10 and the City of San Jose. Please email or call me if you would like to discuss my recommendation.

Thank you,

George A. Gonzalez

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:19 AM

**To:** Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Councilmember Davis,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:21 AM

**To:** Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Councilmember Foley,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:23 AM

**To:** Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:25 AM

**To:** Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ort[REDACTED]>

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

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:26 AM

**To:** Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

[External Email]

Dear Councilmember Cohen,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

Respectfully,

Vickie Mueller Olvera

[REDACTED]

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**FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 11:28 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:28 AM

**To:** Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

[External Email]

Dear Councilmember Kamei,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

Respectfully,

Vickie Mueller Olvera

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**FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 11:36 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Vickie Mueller Olvera <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 11:29 AM

**To:** Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Councilmember Doan,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Carmen Brammer to the City Council District 8 seat. Ms Brammer is the intelligent community leader we need on the City Council.

Respectfully,

Vickie Mueller Olvera

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FW: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 7:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: Stan Rose <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 8:30 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt

<[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam

<[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

<[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for committing to include and value community input throughout the process of appointing your new District 8 and 10 Councilmembers.

I write to express my sincere support for appointment of Sal Alvarez to represent District 8. Sal is a well known product of Evergreen/East San Jose and has tremendous breadth of professional and community service experience that will benefit District 8 and all of San Jose. Sal has a demonstrated record of thoughtful, diplomatic and unifying service in the face of challenges he has confronted while serving neighborhoods and diverse communities across East San Jose. In Sal, District 8 and the Council as a whole would be getting an experienced, knowledgeable problem solver.

Please accept this letter of strong support for Sal Alvarez to represent District 8.

Respectfully,

Dr. Stan Rose

Retired Superintendent of Santa Clara Unified School District, and Evergreen School District Governing Board Member

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**Fw: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.**

Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/11/2023 4:12 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 4:07 PM

**To:** Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitt[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 4:04 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev

<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

<Peter.Ortiz[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

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I would like to offer my support for Carmen Brammer for District 8 of the San Jose City Council. Carmen is passionate about improving the lives of neglected communities by exposing and breaking down social inequities and entrenched racist barriers. Through her lived experiences as caregiver for her mom, she has developed a deep commitment to bring visibility to the much needed changes required within the long-term care industry and health care overall, and giving a voice to senior care issues. She is a psychology major and a long-time resident of San Jose.

Over the past couple of years I have had the pleasure and opportunity to work with Carmen in a couple of community organizations, the South Bay Progressive Alliance and the Santa Clara County Single Payer Health Care Coalition. Her willingness to take on and carry out leadership roles has made her stand out.

In June 2022, the African American Community Services Agency (AACSA) honored her with their Advocate of the Year award as did the County of Santa Clara, Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for considering Carmen for District 8.

Sincerely,

Peggy Elwell

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FW: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 1/12/2023 7:47 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: Maritza Maldonado <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 7:34 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt

<[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam

<[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

<[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Open Forum (Jan 10 Council Mtg): Please Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for valuing community input to appoint new City Council members to districts 8 and 10. The democratic process is best when officials truly represent the views of their constituents.

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Sal Alvarez to represent District 8. I have known Sal to be a true public servant, one who is willing to do the hard work it takes to represent his community and San Jose as a whole. Sal is a well known product of Evergreen in San Jose and has a tremendous amount of professional and community service experience that will benefit District 8 and the entire City of San Jose. Sal has faced the challenges that inevitably emerge in communities with thoughtful, careful, and unifying competence. He has wide and broad experience working in highly impacted communities of color in East San Jose. Sal is an experienced, knowledgeable problem-solver with genuine love for his community. He leads with heart!

For all these reasons and more, please support the appointment of Sal Alvarez to represent District 8.

Sincerely,

Maritza Maldonado  
Founding Executive Director  
Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment

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## FW: SUPPORT Carmen Brammer for District 8 Councilmember

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 1/12/2023 7:47 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 9:28 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** SUPPORT Carmen Brammer for District 8 Councilmember

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### ***SUPPORT Carmen Brammer for District 8 Councilmember Appointment***

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to endorse the candidacy of Carmen Brammer for appointment as District 8 Councilmember. This is a personal endorsement and does not reflect a position by any organization I am affiliated with.

As a longtime low-income housing advocate, I came to know Ms. Brammer while participating in a Working Group on refining and building support for enactment of a Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA) in San Jose. Regardless of the merits of the proposal (and I understand that Council is still undecided on it), Carmen's role in this group demonstrates a deep commitment to the well-being of low-income tenants facing displacement or even homelessness. As part of this work, she demonstrated an ability to quickly grasp complex policy issues, while also being able to communicate and dialogue around them with primarily Spanish-speaking tenants.

Carmen is a longtime resident of San Jose with important connections in the city's African American community. At the same time, through her volunteer work in nonprofits, she has reached out to an unusually broad cross-section of San Jose residents, including people from Latinx, Vietnamese, and white communities. Her history of work across racial and cultural boundaries makes her uniquely qualified to address issues affecting all sectors of San Jose's diverse population.

Carmen has extensive experience working in the private sector as well as a record of serving in the nonprofit sector for many years. But above all, it is her abiding concern for our most vulnerable residents, and her deep and heartfelt community values, that qualify her to be an excellent councilmember.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sandy Perry

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## FW: Support Carmen Brammer D8 City Council vacancy

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/12/2023 9:56 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Gloria Swanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 9:47 AM  
**To:** District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Support Carmen Brammer D8 City Council vacancy

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Please support Carmen Brammer for the D8 City Council vacancy. I know Carmen from our work together for Indivisible San Jose and she would be a great addition to the City Council.

Thank you,  
Gloria Swanson

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**FW: Support: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/12/2023 11:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

From: LUGENE KEENE [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 11:10 AM

To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Subject: Support: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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I am emailing in support of Carmen Brammer for council member of District 8. Carmen is a community activist and has been engaged in many aspects of promoting dignity and security in the community.

Please support her for the next Council member for District 8.

Lugene Keene  
District 10

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FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/12/2023 11:47 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Steven Monhollen [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 11:44 AM

**To:** District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

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Dear Council Member Foley,

I am a resident of District 9 and a member of Indivisible San Jose.

I join other ISJ members to encourage you to choose Carmen Brammer to fill the District 8 Council Vacancy.

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your work.

Sincerely,

Steven Monhollen

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## FW: Appointment District 8

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/12/2023 1:49 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Lucy Geever [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:40 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Appointment District 8

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Mahan,

I respectfully ask that you appoint Carmen Brammer to the City of San Jose Council Seat 8.

When I think about Carmen Brammer I think fearless, focused, passionate, kind and skilled. True leaders are helpers, they help everyone around them to be successful. Carmen is a natural true leader.

I worked closely with Carmen in the area of health care equity and justice. She has always proven to be dependable, steadfast, thorough in all of her tasks, forthright and committed. Beyond health care equity and justice, Carmen has been a potent community advocate on many fronts!

Carmen always has an open mind, is an excellent listener, and a keen collaborator. She is a visionary and expert strategist. She manages complex issues, and topics, in ways that are collaborative and inclusive. Carmen easily priorities complex tasks, projects and issues. She will dive into, and help resolve, difficult and sensitive problems.

Carmen's lived experience, private and public, is relevant and vast. It fits hand and glove to meet the tremendous challenges and transitions we as a community must navigate.

I can't think of a person more prepared to help the City of San Jose navigate the choppy waters ahead. In Carmen Brammer you will find a wise, helpful citizen and great collaborator.

Please appoint Carmen Brammer to City of San Jose Council 8.

Thank you,  
Lucy Geever-Conroy

Resident San Jose District 3  
SCC Single Payer Health Care Coalition  
Member Campus Community Assoc. (CCA)  
Teacher

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**FW: SUPPORT for Carmen Brammer for D8 City Council Vacancy.**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/12/2023 1:52 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Jeanne Farrington [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 1:49 PM

**To:** Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** SUPPORT for Carmen Brammer for D8 City Council Vacancy.

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Dear Council Member Foley,

I'm writing to encourage you to support Carmen Brammer to fill the District 8 Council Vacancy.

I've been so impressed with her careful consideration for San Jose residents and her ability to listen to others engage in constructive dialog.

I live in your district, and I'm a member of Indivisible San Jose.

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your work.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Farrington

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## FW: PLEASE SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer for D8 City Council Vacancy

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/12/2023 3:53 PM

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

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**From:** Nassim Nouri [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 3:41 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer for D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Mayor Mahan and San José City Council members,

I am writing you to offer my strong support for Carmen Brammer's appointment to San José City Council in District 8.

I have had the pleasure of working with Carmen in the last 2 years on community organizing for healthcare justice with the Santa Clara County Single Payer Health Care Coalition.

I believe her commitment, experience, and perspective on San José's local challenges are of great value to the Council and the city of San José. Carmen is passionate about supporting and engaging marginalized communities and has proven to be very effective in her community work identifying and addressing social and racial inequities.

Thank you for considering Carmen's appointment as the District 8 City Council member.

Sincerely,

Nassim Nouri  
she/her  
San Jose D4

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**FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:17 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:48 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** Fwd: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear Mayor Mahan:

I am writing as a 7-year resident of San Jose and I urge you to appoint Carmen Brammer to the vacancy in District 8.

Carmen has excellent experience and leadership skills in project and program management, communications, marketing, and much more. She has been a strong community advocate and served as the Senior Project Manager for Santa Clara County's Covid-19 Black Project. In June 2022, the African American Community Services Agency (AACSA) honored her with their Advocate of the Year award, as did the County of Santa Clara, Board of Supervisors.

She understands the needs of both ordinary citizens as well as some of Silicon Valley's biggest companies that she previously worked with. She is also actively involved with local community-based organizations, non-profits, and grassroots community groups.

As a Black woman, she would help improve diversity on the Council and be a positive role model for both women and minorities that might someday wish to follow in her footsteps of civic engagement and public service.

I hope you'll appoint Carmen to the D8 vacancy. I know she would do a great job for all of San Jose!

Thank you for your consideration of Carmen Brammer as our next D8 Council Member.

Brian Haberly

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## FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** E A <elizabeth.agramont.just[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 6:07 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]>

Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

Davis, Dev

<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>

Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>

Ortiz, Peter

<Peter.Ortiz[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>

Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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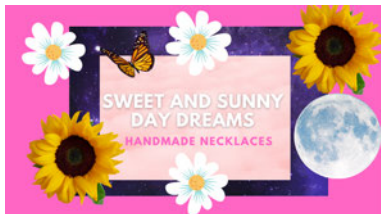
Hello!

My name is Elizabeth. I have lived in San Jose the last 8 years. I want to express my support of appointing Carmen Brammer for the D8 Vacancy. I believe she will be an excellent Councilmember and fully listen to and support the residents of D8.

I was originally supportive of the constituents being able to hold an election but given this reality of the appointment process, I am at least happy to learn that the residents of these districts are able to run, which I did not know before.

Thanks!

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Thank You!

Elizabeth

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Sacred Heart Housing Action Committee-We need The Right to Counsel!

Race Equity Community Safety at Sacred Heart-Reimagine Public Safety!

Cassell United-Close Reid-Hillview Now!

"be a light  
that doesn't cast shadows  
on anyone

have a smile  
that shines  
for everyone

and create a happiness  
that can be taken by  
no one"

~ellen everett

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## FW: Please VOTE Carmen Brammer for City Council District 8

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 7:38 PM

**To:** Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]>

Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>

Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>

Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>

Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@[REDACTED]>

Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Please VOTE Carmen Brammer for City Council District 8

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Hello Sergio I am Crystal Calhoun a Home owner And Voter in your District 2. I would like to Ask for you and your other Council members to please VOTE for Carmen Brammer for City Council person in District 8 Carmen and I are colleagues and friends. Carmen is a great Leader in our many Communities . She has nice leadership skills and is very passionate about all people. Carmen has demonstrated her deep love and compassion for all . I know personally how compassionate she is for our neglected communities social inequities and so many racist barriers . She is a great Mother Daughter and care giver for her Mother and is a very strong advocate for Our senior citizens for there health and wellness in there later years . She gives them a voice that needs to heard by us all to give them the honor and respect they deserve. Carmen has made a positive difference in her work place for all with her leadership skills . Senior project Manager for the Santa Clara County Covid-19 Black Project She was working to make sure everyone was being cared for during this crisis . Excellent Communication and People skills . Carmen is a voice for the voice less . She works with different Non-profit agencies community based organizations and grassroots groups. I have worked with her on different community projects and it is always my pleasure to collaborate with her on different community issues. Carmen was honored with the Advocate of the year Award from the African American Community Service Agency and the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors . I was in your council meeting on Tues jan 10th . Your Team needs to represent all citizens of this great city of San Jose . I think she would be a excellent choice for City Council member for District 8th. To the Mayor and all City Council members please Vote for Ms Carmen Brammer Council District 8 . She is just great People . Well liked by all she meets . Sincerely Crystal Calhoun

Carmen Brammer is a political strategist and community advocate. She is passionate about improving the lives of neglected communities by exposing and breaking down social inequities and entrenched racist barriers. Through her lived experiences as caregiver for her mom, she has developed a deep commitment to bring visibility to the much needed changes required within the long-term care industry and giving a voice to senior care issues. She is a psychology major and a long-time resident of San Jose. She is also actively involved with local community based organizations, nonprofits and grassroots groups.

She led highly visibly global transformative initiatives related to hardware and software development at many of Silicon Valley's Fortune 500 corporations. In addition, she was the Senior Project Manager for Santa Clara County's Covid-19 Black Project. Her professional skills range from strategy, leadership, visioning, program management, change management, communication, marketing, and building collaborative relationships. In June 2022, the African American Community Services Agency (AACSA) honored her with their Advocate of the Year award as did the County of Santa Clara, Board of Supervisors.

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## FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 8:19 PM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]>

Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev

<[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>

Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

<Peter.Ortiz@siliconvalley.gov>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>

Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Hello,

I am honored and privileged to write this letter in support of Carmen Brammer to serve in District 8's City Council. I have faithfully served with Carmen as a member of the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet of Silicon Valley for the last 4-5 years. Carmen's dedication, experience and love in serving her community are unparalleled. She has worked tirelessly to advocate for improved policies around equity and increased access to funding, housing and other critical resources for our most vulnerable populations (e.g., seniors, immigrant families, persons with disabilities, African/African Ancestry families). For example, she served as the Senior Project Manager for Santa Clara County's Covid-19 Black Project, where she worked with a team to ensure that the African/African Ancestry Community received life-saving information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and that they were connected to COVID-19 emergency response resources.

Carmen Brammer has been a long-time political strategist and community advocate, as well as a long-time San Jose resident. Through her lived experiences as a caregiver for her mother, she has developed a deep commitment to raise visibility to much needed changes required within the long-term care industry, and has given a voice to senior care issues.

Carmen has also led highly visibly global transformative initiatives in hardware and software development at many of Silicon Valley's Fortune 500 corporations. Her professional skills range from strategy, leadership, visioning, program management, change management, communication, marketing, and building collaborative relationships.

In June 2022, the African American Community Services Agency (AACSA) honored her with their Advocate of the Year Award, as did the County of Santa Clara, Board of Supervisors.

I am proud to know Carmen and fully endorse her for this role, as she is equipped and positioned to serve District 8 well!

Sincerely,

Ashley Robinson, Member  
Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet of Silicon Valley

## FW: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 10:06 PM

**To:** Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>  
Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>  
Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ort[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio  
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**Cc:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy.

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Dear City Councilmember,

As a resident and voter in San Jose, I am writing in support of the City Council appointing Carmen Brammer to fill the D8 vacancy. This past summer, Ms. Brammer was honored as Advocate of the Year by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for her positive work in our community. She is passionate about improving the lives of neglected communities by exposing and breaking down social inequities and entrenched racist barriers. Through her lived experiences as caregiver for her mother, she has developed a deep commitment to bringing visibility to the much needed changes required within the long-term care industry and giving a voice to senior care issues. She is also actively involved with local community based organizations, nonprofits and grassroots groups. In June 2022, the African American Community Services Agency (AACSA) also honored her with their Advocate of the Year award.

In addition to her service to the community, Ms. Brammer has many years of experience leading highly visibly global transformative initiatives related to hardware and software development at many of Silicon Valley's Fortune 500 corporations. In addition, she was the Senior Project Manager for Santa Clara County's Covid-19 Black Project. Her professional skills range from strategy, leadership, visioning, program management, change management, communication, marketing, and building collaborative relationships. I believe Ms. Brammer would be an excellent City Councilmember.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eduardo Valladares

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FW: Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: esthermota (null) <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 11:13 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt

<[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam

<[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter

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Cc: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support Appointment of Sal Alvarez for D8

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for committing to include and value community input throughout the City Council Appointment process.

I write to express strong support for the appointment of Sal Alvarez to represent District 8.

Sal is a product of Evergreen/East San Jose and has tremendous breadth of professional and community service experience that will benefit District 8 and all of San Jose.

Sal has proven himself to be thoughtful, diplomatic, and unifying in the face of challenges confronted while serving scores of highly diverse neighborhoods and communities across East San Jose.

Sal is an experienced public servant with excellent skills in problem-solving, collaboration, and knowledgeable of our City's and County services.

Please support the appointment of Sal Alvarez to represent District 8.

Respectfully,  
Esther G. Mota  
District 8 Resident

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## FW: In support of Carmen Brammer for SJ City Council, District 8

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:21 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 12:58 AM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** In support of Carmen Brammer for SJ City Council, District 8

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Dear Mayor Mahan,

Today I am writing to you in support of Carmen Brammer, candidate for San Jose District 8 City Council. As an educator serving schools in San Jose over the past 30 years, I see that representation on the City Council should include a member with a strong commitment to addressing social justice issues and experience from working in local industries to represent District 8.

Carmen is a political strategist and advocate who works towards helping underserved, underrepresented, and marginalized communities. She is committed to reforming the health care industry, with one example of this evident in her OpEd in the March 5, 2022 San Jose SpotLight publication, where she describes problems she has seen in residential care facilities for the elderly due to their for-profit policies that result in patient negligence.

Carmen has many community connections with groups that support vulnerable populations. She is actively involved with the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet of Silicon Valley, a coalition that addresses the needs of the African/African Ancestry Community in the county, including participation in local efforts for affordable housing while advocating for fair treatment of low-income and communities of color. I've known Carmen since 2018 through activities we have both been involved in through Solidarity Sundays San Jose, which participates in political activism through education and letter-writing campaigns, and Stand Up for Racial Justice, South County, which supports members of local vulnerable communities through ally activities. Carmen is always a voice for change where it is needed and gives credit and support to those who are doing the work towards supporting people without a voice.

Carmen has experience and knowledge from working in the tech industry, as a former project and program manager for companies such as Sun Microsystems, Genentech/Roche, and Cisco. This business experience, combined with her advocacy work and ability to identify and support the needs of vulnerable members of our community make her a strong candidate to serve on San Jose's City Council.

Please consider Carmen Brammer for the appointment of San Jose's City Council for District 8. She will serve the community well in this role and bring a range of experiences and skills to this position.

Sincerely,

Marji McMillan

School Psychologist, [REDACTED]

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## FW: Support: C. Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/13/2023 8:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 7:24 AM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev  
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<[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

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

**Subject:** Support: C. Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear San José City Council Members,

Please see my letter of support for Ms. Carmen Brammer to fill the District 8 City Council Vacancy. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Wm. Derek Grasty

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FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 1/12/2023 4:46 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]> Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas

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From: Salem Ajluni <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 4:20 PM

To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev  
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<Peter.Ortiz@cityofsanjose.org> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Members of the San Jose City Council and City Clerk:

I write in support of Carmen Brammer to fill the vacant District 8 Council seat. I've known Ms. Brammer as an articulate advocate for healthcare rights and health equity. She has been a regular and active member in a number of local grassroots and non-profit organizing, the type of fundamental work and experiences needed to articulate the needs of neighborhoods and groups with limited resources. While she is particularly knowledgeable and recognized for engagement and advocacy with local and Bay Area Black communities, her work and civic experiences are socially broad.

Ms. Brammer would provide important contributions to the municipal governance in this interim period and I wholeheartedly endorse her for the District 8 vacancy. I trust you will accord her every consideration.

Sincerely,

Salem Ajluni

FW: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 1/12/2023 4:47 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]> Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas

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From: greg miller <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 4:42 PM

To: Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev

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Peter <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary

<[REDACTED]> Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SUPPORT: Carmen Brammer D8 City Council Vacancy

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Dear City Council Member:

I am writing to support Carmen Brammer for the San Jose City Council District 8 seat. I have worked with her for several years in the campaign to pass legislation to achieve health care for all, and I am impressed by her heart and dedication in advocating for people's basic needs and aspirations.

Her work with the NAACP and as a community organizer show her to be a champion for racial and social equity. At the same time, she shows ability to collaborate with those who don't completely agree with her, in order to achieve a higher goal.

You would be wise to select Carmen Brammer to represent District 8 on the City Council.

Greg Miller, retired RN  
District 5 resident  
[REDACTED]

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## FW: Letter of Endorsement to MsCarmen Brammer

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Yusra Hussain [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 11:22 AM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>

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**Subject:** Letter of Endorsement to MsCarmen Brammer

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Respectfully Mayor Matt Mahan and Members of the San Jose City Counsel,

Attached is an endorsement letter that I would like to submit on my behalf of Ms. Carmen Brammer for the open seat in the San Jose City council District 8.

All the best!

Yusra Hussain, MD

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*Yusra Hussain, M.D.*



1/13/2023

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*I would like to endorse Ms. Carmen Brammer for the position of a City of San Jose Council Member District 8. I have worked alongside Carmen on issues related to advocacy in healthcare and in promoting equity in access and affordability to all members of the community. Carmen is a tireless, passionate person with great sense of accountability and collegiality. She is a great team player. She's effective at getting the job done. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach me, directly. I believe Carmen has the capacity, the skill set and the passion to be an effective member and will serve her constituents to the best of her ability.*

*Best regards!*

*Yusra Hussain, MD*

## FW: Critical Criteria for the Selection Open City Council Seats

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 1/13/2023 1:23 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 12:58 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: Critical Criteria for the Selection Open City Council Seats

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

City of San José | District 10

Email: [tiffany.dang@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:tiffany.dang@sanjoseca.gov)

On Fri, 13 Jan at 9:14 AM , J. Michael Sodergren <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

As you consider who to appoint to the open City Council Seats in District 8 and 10, I respectfully suggest that you recommend the appointment of people with a passion for problem solving and for working as a team. With Federal funding for non-capital projects drying up and California's budget surplus swinging \$100B from the positive into the negative, and a large portion of our workforce fighting a return to the office, it is pretty clear that 2023-2034 is going to be very rough.

Knowing we remain at least 300 police officers short with growing public safety demands, and that we continue to face a housing and homeless crises that has the potential to spiral out of control, and that as we will face the fiscal impact of an ongoing jobs/housing deficit with a workforce that remains reluctant to return to the office, San Jose desperately needs problem solvers in each of our Council districts. The issues we face demand leaders who are not territorial and who can communicate to their constituents a City/Region wide perspective and vision that resonates.

The good people of San Jose need thick skinned leaders who remain resolved to ensure we advance on the social and economic front no matter what fiscal issues come our way. We desperately need leadership that inspires all of its constituents. Let us never again leave anyone behind. Much as JFK did, let's call on our greatest asset (our people) to engage with leadership in the problem solving process. Let's call on the public and the private sector to forsake opportunism in exchange for an ethical pursuit of greatness.

Like all of you, I love my City and believe our best days are ahead of us if we will just keep our eyes fixed on what we can do together.

Thank you for your tireless leadership,

Mike Sodergren  
Applicant for District 10

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