

**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  
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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: Recommendation for Council District 10 Open Seat

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/9/2023 10:52 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 10:41 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Recommendation for Council District 10 Open Seat

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

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

On Mon, 9 Jan at 10:39 AM , Sally Zarnowitz

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I respectfully request that you consider the appointment of Mike Sodergren to the open seat in District 10. I believe he has a working knowledge of the City necessary to work well with the Council, City Staff, and the public, while honorably representing the interests of District 10 and the City of San Jose.

Thank you

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Sally Notthoff Zarnowitz, Arch

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## FW: Recommendation for Open Seat District 10

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/9/2023 10:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 10:40 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Recommendation for Open Seat District 10

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

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

On Sun, 8 Jan at 7:26 PM , Julia Lee

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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,  
Julia Lee

Sent from my iPad

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

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/9/2023 10:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 10:38 AM

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

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

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

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

On Sun, 8 Jan at 7:45 PM , Beth Ahlquist

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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,

Beth Ahlquist

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## FW: Recommendation for Mike Sodergren for District 10

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/9/2023 10:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 10:38 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Recommendation for Mike Sodergren for District 10

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

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

On Sun, 8 Jan at 9:26 PM , Krista Van Laan <>

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Mayor Mahan and City Council,

I would like to urge you to appoint Mike Sodergren to the open City Council District 10 seat. Mike's background in tech, his sincere desire to help the city of San Jose, and his extensive public service make him an excellent choice to work for and represent our city.

Although I am not a resident in District 10, I am very interested in seeing someone who cares about preservation join the City Council. While our city moves forward with its plans for growth, I think it's also important to acknowledge our architectural past. Some of the beauty of San Jose lies in its historic buildings, and I appreciate efforts to mix the old with the new.

Please feel free to email or call me if you have any questions about my recommendation for Mike.

Krista Van Laan  


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Mon 1/9/2023 10:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 10:37 AM

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

**Tiffany Dang**

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On Mon, 9 Jan at 9:49 AM , Marc & Stacy Freitas <[REDACTED]>

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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 appointment for the open City Council seat for District 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. I have known Mike for many years and I can tell you his is a man of integrity, and will make a positive contribution to enhancing San Jose.

Thank you,

Marc Freitas  
[REDACTED]

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## FW: Council meeting to select District 10 council member

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 9:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 9:41 AM

**To:** District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> District4

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

**Subject:** Council meeting to select District 10 council member

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Dear Mayor & Councilmembers -

I am a District 10 resident, and am very concerned that my voice be heard in your deliberations in choosing our District 10 council member. We need someone who is a proven leader with prior government service and knowledgeable about city issues as well as D10 issues. That person is David Heindel. He is the Chair of the District 10 Leadership and a co-founder of the All District Leadership.

I urge you to vote for him to advance to the interviews later this month.

Best regards,

Jerry Mungai

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## FW: Recommendation for City Council open seat district 10

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 10:51 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 10:50 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Recommendation for City Council open seat district 10

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

On Tue, 10 Jan at 8:26 AM , Paul and Karen <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Mayor Mahan and San Jose City Council Members,

We would like to recommend our friend, Mike Sodergren, for your consideration for appointment to the open seat in District 10. We have known Mike for 20+ years and cannot more highly put our trust in him as a man who has the best interest of the people of San Jose at heart. He values relationships, history, safety and the well-being of all. We believe he would be a valuable part of the council and would work well as a team member. Please consider him as you progress through this process. Thank you for your service and your time.

Paul and Karen Brown  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:10 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:10 AM

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

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

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

On Mon, 9 Jan at 9:12 PM , Patrick and Helen Tsai <[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,

Patrick Tsai

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

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:17 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:12 AM

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

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

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

On Mon, 9 Jan at 6:46 PM , Sue Ruggles <[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.

I have known James Michael "Mike" Sodergren for over 10 years and think he would be a great addition to the City Council.

Thank you,

**Sue Ruggles**

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FW: Recommendation for City Council District 10 Open seat for remaining term ending 12/31/24

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:49 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:30 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Recommendation for City Council District 10 Open seat for remaining term ending 12/31/24

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

On Mon, 9 Jan at 4:33 PM , Dennis Carlascio <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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

Regarding the current open City Council seat for District 10, I respectfully request that you consider the appointment of James Michael "Mike" Sodergren to the seat of District 10 to complete the remaining term ending 12/31/24.

I have known Mike for more than 15 years, I believe he has the knowledge, wisdom and integrity to work well with current members.

Please feel free to email or call me if you would like to discuss my recommendation.

Thank you,

Dennis Carlascio

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

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:49 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:33 AM

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

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

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

On Mon, 9 Jan at 3:13 PM , jeanie verbeckmoes <[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 Districts 8 and 10.

I respectfully request that you consider the appointment of James Michael "Mike" Sodergren to the open seat in District 10.

Mr. Sodergren is very hard working and very dedicated to the city of San Jose.

I believe he would work well with each of you, City Staff and the public. I believe he will honorably represent 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,

Eugenia (Jeanie) Verbeckmoes

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FW: Support for D10 applicant James Michael "Mike" Sodergren

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:49 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:33 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Support for D10 applicant James Michael "Mike" Sodergren

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

On Mon, 9 Jan at 3:48 PM , Brian Grayson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Honorable Mayor Mahan & Council Members:

I am pleased to support the application for appointment of James Michael "Mike" Sodergren to the open City Council seat in District 10.

As the retired Executive Director of the Preservation Action Council of San Jose (PAC-SJ), I worked with Mike for several years on issues regarding the preservation of the City's historic resources as well as other land use issues. I found Mike to be a dedicated and passionate advocate for causes important to the residents specifically of District 10 and San Jose in general. As a past 8-year member and 3-time Chair of the San Jose Planning Commission, I believe my background provides a good understanding of the skills needed by a Council applicant.

Thank you for your consideration of the application submitted by James Michael "Mike" Sodergren.

Brian Grayson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:49 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:34 AM

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

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

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

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On Mon, 9 Jan at 1:39 PM , Dennis Bacon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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

I am aware the Council is currently considering appointments for the open City Council seats for District 8 and 10. Due to recent redistricting our family finds now represented by District 10. I respectfully request that you consider the appointment of James Michael "Mike" Sodergren to the open seat in our District.. I have known Mike for over 30 years and personally met with him regarding his candidacy for the open Council 10 seat. I am convinced he will bring a perspective regarding not only issues within District 10 but City wide for the future growth & safety of San Jose. 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,

Your Name: Dennis W. Bacon

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

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:49 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:33 AM

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

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

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

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

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Thank you,

Terilyn O. Crosby  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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FW: District 10 County Supervisor Recommendation for Mike Sodergren

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/10/2023 11:49 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 11:40 AM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: District 10 County Supervisor Recommendation for Mike Sodergren

**Monica Bajwa**

Council Assistant

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

Email: [REDACTED]

On Mon, 9 Jan at 12:26 PM , Fred Assadi <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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

I am a long term SJ resident and have known Mike Soergren for almost 30 years. Mike and his wife Terry raised their family here in district 10. From my experience of working with him on City wide and even small group projects, I have found Mike to be a genuinely kind and considerate person. He really is a pleasure to work with. I would like to recommend him for the District 10 vacancy that has come up since Mayor Mahan vacated the position.

Please contact me should you like to further discuss why I am recommending Mike for this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Assadi  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/9/2023 12:54 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2023 12:22 PM

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

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

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan

City of San José | District 10

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

On Mon, 9 Jan at 10:51 AM , Nicholas GGG <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you,

Your Name: Nick Jize

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FW: Endorsement of Dennis Hawkins for District 10 SJ City Council -

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/10/2023 3:12 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 2:20 PM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: Endorsement of Dennis Hawkins for District 10 SJ City Council -

**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

City of San José | District 10

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

On Thu, 5 Jan at 5:49 PM , n\_chace [REDACTED] wrote:

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Mayor Matt Mahan and all City Council members -

I am given to understand that the voices of San Jose natives matter in the consideration and endorsement of applicants for District 10 of the San Jose City Council. As a 5th generation native with deep roots in the Santa Clara Valley I am well qualified to offer a solid endorsement of Dennis Hawkins for District 10 of the SJ City Council. I served with Dennis in high school class government back in the day. I know for a fact he will be a good person to work with.

Dennis will be conscientious in his endeavors to meet peoples' needs and find down-to-earth, realistic and practical solutions to whatever the challenge-du-jour may be. He is a good collaborator, always willing to find workable solutions - thoughtful, measured, balanced and intelligent.

I hope he will be given fair consideration in this endeavor, as I have nothing but the most sincerely positive hopes and wishes for the continued and future success of San Jose.

Thank you.

Nancy L. Chace

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone





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## FW: District 10 Appointment Recommendation

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/12/2023 4:47 PM

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

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

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 4:24 PM

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

**Subject:** Fwd: District 10 Appointment Recommendation

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**Tiffany Dang**

Communications Director

City of San José | District 10

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

On Thu, 12 Jan at 3:15 PM, Gayle Frank [REDACTED] wrote:

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Jan. 12, 2023

**Subject:** Recommendation for the appointment of James Michael "Mike" Sodergren to the open seat in District 10.

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

I would be honored to recommend that James Michael "Mike" Sodergren be appointed to the San Jose City Council's open seat in District 10. I have known and worked with Mike for about seven years and I am very impressed with his dedication, passion, organization skills, and hard work. He is thorough and follows through well.

Mike is also a team player, polite, kind, and considerate, while demonstrating his leadership skills. He has an admirable record of volunteer work on various causes concerning San Jose and beyond.

Mike's knowledge of the City of San Jose is extensive and has worked with elected officials, staff members, news personnel and the public on planning, preservation and affordable housing issues to name a few. He has lived in District 10 for years and is very familiar with its residents, benefits and issues.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gayle Frank

[REDACTED]  
Resident and native of San Jose  
District 6

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## 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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FW: Minh Pham 9516 - 1/26/23 Item 23-046 D10 Council candidate interviews

City Clerk <

Tue 1/17/2023 8:07 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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**From:** District 5 United <

**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2023 10:33 AM

**To:** District2 < District3 < District4  
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< District8 < District9 < District 10  
< District1 < The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan < City Clerk

**Subject:** Minh Pham 9516 - 1/26/23 Item 23-046 D10 Council candidate interviews

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Dear City Council,

I understand that you plan to appoint a Councilmember for the District 10 vacancy on 1/26/23. I ask that you include the following question when interviewing candidates: **How would you work to improve public safety?**

Minh Pham  
9516

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This mail was sent on behalf of a San Jose resident via District 5 United

<https://www.district5united.org>

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FW: Thomas Haney 95127 - 1/26/23 Item 23-046 D10 Council candidate interviews

City Clerk <

Tue 1/17/2023 8:08 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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**From:** District 5 United <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 14, 2023 9:26 PM

**To:** District2 < District3 < District4  
< District5 < District 6 < District7  
< District8 < District9 < District 10  
< District1 < The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan < City Clerk

**Subject:** Thomas Haney 95127 - 1/26/23 Item 23-046 D10 Council candidate interviews

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Dear City Council,

I understand that you plan to appoint a Councilmember for the District 10 vacancy on 1/26/23. I ask that you include the following question when interviewing candidates:

***Pleasant Hills GC should be city led not developer led***

Thomas Haney  
95127

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

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/17/2023 10:48 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 10:24 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: [REDACTED]

On Sat, 14 Jan at 8:59 PM , Camilo Orjuela <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Thank you,

Camilo Orjuela

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## Support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy in District 10.

Patricia Gardner <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/18/2023 10:20 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2  
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Cc: Reed, Jim <[REDACTED]> Gomez, David <[REDACTED]> Sandoval, Vanessa  
<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> Nguyen, Lam  
<[REDACTED]> Madero, Angel <[REDACTED]> Groen, Mary Anne  
<[REDACTED]> Fleming, Jonathan <[REDACTED]> Hughes, Scott  
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the San Jose City Council:

I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy in District 10. I live in District 6, however, I care about the whole city and ensuring strong representation is brought forward to support children and families.

I have known Wendi for about 6 years. We worked together on Early Childhood and Childcare issues both when I was CEO at the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits and then once again when I was Interim CEO at FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. Wendi has been a leader on the City Library Commission bringing thought leadership and experience in guiding our library system to be more engaged in early learning and early literacy programs within the library system. During the pandemic, Wendi helped create a rapid response in the areas of childcare, online learning, and special programs with the Library system in the City of San Jose. She uses her knowledge, experience, and "can do" attitude to get things done with the City of San Jose staff and leadership.

She has served on the San Jose Unified School Board and has been an active, engaged, and proactive Trustee for our children and families. She would be an excellent conduit for bringing even stronger school and city partnerships forward to benefit our families. In addition, her work has often intersected with efforts at Santa Clara County and the County Office of Education as well. Having knowledge, experience, and understanding of these various other government systems will be an asset to the City Council.

Wendi's background at the County Office of Education, Educare, FIRST 5, and on the San Jose Unified School Board demonstrates her solid track record of leadership and makes her the most qualified to be a leader on the City Council from day one.

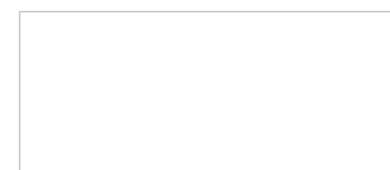
She is a great collaborator, thought partner, and communicator. She will always put the needs of her community first. A key purpose of this appointment process is to allow the residents of D10 and the City as a whole to have experienced and knowledgeable leadership immediately and Wendi is that person.

I am certain that Wendi will take that same approach if appointed to the City Council.

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In Community

Patricia Gardner  
Nonprofit Leader and D6 Resident

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## FW: D 10 Appointment Letter

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 1/18/2023 3:52 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Councilmembers - Letter of Support WMG D10.pdf;

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**From:** Wheatley, Brian [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3:48 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Gomez, David <David.Gomez@sanjoseca.gov>; Sandoval, Vanessa <vanessa.sandoval@sanjoseca.gov>; Kiarra.Arreola@sanjoseca.gov; Nguyen, Lam <Lam.Nguyen@sanjoseca.gov>; Madero, Angel <Angel.Madero@sanjoseca.gov>; Groen, Mary Anne <maryanne.groen@sanjoseca.gov>; Fleming, Jonathan <Jonathan.Fleming@sanjoseca.gov>; Hughes, Scott <scott.hughes@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** D 10 Appointment Letter

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San José  
Unified  
School District



Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the San Jose City Council:

I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the District 10 vacancy.

Wendi has been an excellent Trustee at San Jose Unified. She helped navigate the district through the COVID-19 pandemic, fundamentally changing the way we educate our students. As a result of her leadership, we expanded food distribution to all students and family members, secured digital devices (hotspot and laptops) and distributed them to families in need, and repurposed the duties of bus drivers to do wellness checks on missing students. She not only cared for the education and basic needs of our students, but also worked to implement Ethnic Studies classes and our new policy on Grading for Equity.

Wendi is a community impact leader with over 30 years of experience in advocacy, policy development, communications, operations, in government, non-profit, and private sectors. She currently chairs the City's Library and Education Commission. Dedicated to public service, Wendi also serves as the Vice President of the San Jose Unified School District Board of Trustees, representing much of the city council district.

Wendi has the rare ability to speak her mind clearly and concisely while truly listening to other points of view and adjusting her perspective when necessary. Speaking frankly, it will break my heart if you vote to appoint her in D 10 because I will no longer be able to work with someone so incredibly committed to children and the constituents she serves. However, I will get over it eventually and believe firmly she is exactly the person to represent her larger community.

I know Wendi will bring that same commitment, dedication, and drive if appointed to the City Council. Please do what's best for the District 10 community and appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to the vacancy.

Sincerely,

Brian Wheatley  
SJUSD Trustee Area 4  
D 9 Resident

## District 10 Seat

Taylor Moore [REDACTED]

Wed 1/18/2023 6:24 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@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>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Gomez, David <david.gomez@sanjoseca.gov>; Sandoval, Vanessa <vanessa.sandoval@sanjoseca.gov>

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I support Wendi because of her profound ability to unify people, assert herself, and her growth mindset. She is a true leader and role model.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,  
Taylor Moore

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## FW: Impact Statement for Mahaney-Gurahoo for Council

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/19/2023 3:04 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Angie Markolefas [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 2:51 PM

To: mayoremail@sanjose.gov

Subject: Impact Statement for Mahaney-Gurahoo for Council

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Please see attached letter from me on behalf of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo and her appointment for council member.

I have known Wendi for over 10 years!!

Thanks,

Angie Markolefas | Senior Sales Consultant

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I support Wendi because she is an amazing, very hardworking and passionate individual who loves her community. She would be an asset to this council.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat!!

Sincerely,

Angie Markolefas

FW: Support an appointment process guided by the values of a broad and vibrant democracy

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 1/20/2023 3:34 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Erika Sanchez [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:29 PM

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

**Subject:** Support an appointment process guided by the values of a broad and vibrant democracy

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

I am writing in regard to the appointment process to fill San José Districts 8 and 10.

As a San José resident, it's clear to me that our city is currently at a critical juncture, in dire need of resources and solutions for public safety, parks, and vital infrastructure. The people of San José are ready to work together with our neighbors and our communities to build a better city!

As you decide who will represent District 8 and 10 on our city council, I urge you to consider leaders that truly represent our broad and vibrant democracy and can deliver good jobs, accessible housing for all, safer neighborhoods, and the prosperity that we all dream of for our families and communities.

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 for our communities.

Erika Sanchez

[REDACTED]

san jose, California 95116

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## FW: Dennis Hawkins for District 10

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Fri 1/20/2023 4:56 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Dede Van Gastel <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 4:18 PM

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

Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]>

Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>

Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ort[REDACTED]>

Davis, Dev

Doan, Bien <[REDACTED]>

Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>

Taber, Toni

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Dennis Hawkins for District 10

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Good afternoon,

I would like to highly encourage your appointment of Dennis Hawkins to the vacant seat left by Mr. Mahan in District 10. I have known Dennis for over 25 years, both personally and professionally as parents, neighbors, and an employee of Oak Grove School District.

Our children attended school together since Kindergarten in Oak Grove School District (OGSD) where he was elected as an outstanding Board of Trustees member for over 24 years. He listened to the community and staff and was always the voice of reason on our board. I found him to be fair and honest when it came to making the toughest decisions, especially when it came to closing schools in our district. He was the leader that helped make this process less painful for all of us.

Dennis' extensive experience in public management will help him be productive on the Council because he knows the city operations and has common sense ideas on how to improve the City of San Jose. As a mother-in-law of a SJPd Public Safety Officer, I know Dennis is committed to improving public safety, starting with hiring more police officers, strengthening community policing, and promoting more crime prevention programs, which will help homeowners (like myself) and residents protect themselves, their family, and their neighborhoods.

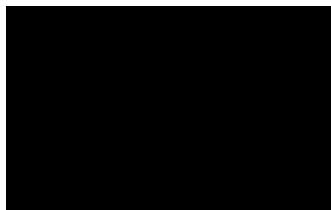
As an employee of OGSD for 22 years, I know he also cares deeply about the safety of the children and staff in our schools as proven over and over again as an OGSD Board Member. He has the support of many staff and parents in our community who have worked closely with him over the years. He was a huge presence while honorably serving Oak Grove School District.

As the wife of a City of San Jose Building Inspector Supervisor, I know Dennis has great ideas on how to increase the staffing levels so the City can deliver the services which the people have a right to expect and find new approaches to reducing homelessness and the blight it creates throughout our community.

Please appoint Dennis Hawkins as Council Member for District 10. He is fair, honest, responsive, responsible, and accountable to all; not just a select few. More importantly, Dennis is always listening and taking care of business.

Best regards,

Dede van Gastel





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## D10 appointment

Violet Babassi <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 2:38 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

I am a resident of D10 and want to offer my full support for the appointment of Geroge Casey. I believe he will do an outstanding job representing our district.

Best regards,  
Violet Safarian Babassi

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## D10 Appointment

Mike Babassi <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 2:42 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

I reside in D10 and want to offer my full support for the appointment of George Casey. He will do an outstanding job representing us.

Thank you for your time,  
Mike Babassi

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## D10 appointment

Jacklin Daniels <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 2:51 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello dear councilmembers and mayor Mayan.

I am a D10 resident and would like to offer my full support for the appointment of George Casey.

Thank you.

Jackie Daniels

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## D10 Appointment

Mania Aslan <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 2:57 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Mania Aslan, I'm a D10 resident, and would like to offer my full support for the appointment of George Casey.

Thank you,  
Mania Aslan

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## D10 Council Member Appointment

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:03 PM

To: Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

[External Email]

Dear Council Member Kamei,

We would be pleased if you appointed J. David Heindel as our District 10 council person. Please steer clear of Dennis Hawkins, Ron Del Pozzo and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for any appointment. Thank You!

Respectfully,  
Brenda Dohmen  
D10 Resident

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## D10 Council Member Appointment

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:04 PM

To: Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Council Member Jimenez,

We would be pleased if you appointed J. David Heindel as our District 10 council person. Please steer clear of Dennis Hawkins, Ron Del Pozzo and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for any appointment. Thank You!

Respectfully,  
Brenda Dohmen  
D10 Resident

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## D10 Council Member Appointment

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:05 PM

To: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Council Member Torres,

We would be pleased if you appointed J. David Heindel as our District 10 council person. Please steer clear of Dennis Hawkins, Ron Del Pozzo and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for any appointment. Thank You!

Respectfully,  
Brenda Dohmen  
D10 Resident

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## I am a D10 Resident

Sherry alkaseh <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:05 PM

To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Counsel-members and dear Mayor Mahan,

I would like to give my full support to George Casey!

Blessings,  
Sherry Alkaseh

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## D10 Council Member Appointment

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:06 PM

To: Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Council Member Cohen,

We would be pleased if you appointed J. David Heindel as our District 10 council person. Please steer clear of Dennis Hawkins, Ron Del Pozzo and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for any appointment. Thank You!

Respectfully,  
Brenda Dohmen  
D10 Resident

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## D10 Council Member Appointment

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:07 PM

To: Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Council Member Davis,

We would be pleased if you appointed J. David Heindel as our District 10 council person. Please steer clear of Dennis Hawkins, Ron Del Pozzo and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for any appointment. Thank You!

Respectfully,  
Brenda Dohmen  
D10 Resident

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## D10 Council Member Appointment

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:08 PM

To: Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Council Member Doan,

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Respectfully,  
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## FW: D10 Council Member Appointment

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/23/2023 3:12 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 3:09 PM

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

Cc: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: D10 Council Member Appointment

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Dear Council Member Foley,

We would be pleased if you appointed J. David Heindel as our District 10 council person. Please steer clear of Dennis Hawkins, Ron Del Pozzo and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for any appointment. Thank You!

Respectfully,  
Brenda Dohmen  
D10 Resident

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**FW: Dennis Hawkins**

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

Mon 1/23/2023 4:10 PM

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

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**From:** P L <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 4:07 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Dennis Hawkins

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Hello,

I watched the interviews of the candidates for District 10. If I had the opportunity to vote, Dennis Hawkins has earned my vote hands down. Not only is he well informed with the City's policies, procedures and history. Dennis' ability to be a team player, headed towards a diligent thoughtful solution to the issue is what this City needs.

Dennis seems to be driven by the good of the community and not any personal agenda. Dennis' humility is admirable and refreshing.

Phyl Lazzarini

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## FW: Want DAVID HEINDEL as District 10 Councilman; Oppose Appointment of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for District 10

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/23/2023 4:43 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 4:40 PM

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

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

**Subject:** Want DAVID HEINDEL as District 10 Councilman; Oppose Appointment of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for District 10

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January 23, 2023

Dear Honorable Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers:

Subject: **WANT DAVID HEINDEL Appointed as DISTRICT 10 COUNCILMAN**

**We want DAVID HEINDEL to be appointed as District 10's representative replacing Mayor Matt Mahan. David Heindel clearly stated he does not intend to run for the 2024 Council member position for District 10. He has given freely of his time and talent to benefit District 10.**

**We oppose the appointment of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for the D10 Council position** because she has not been fully vetted by the **voters** of Almaden Valley (District 10). A few concerns follow:

- Wendi's election to the SJUSD Board of Trustees was supported by a mayoral candidate who lost D10 by 22 points in the recent mayoral election. Her current appointment is endorsed by a County Supervisor who does not represent D10, and who voted to gerrymander and redistrict Almaden Valley (part of City Council D10) out of County District 1, which is a move widely opposed to by Almaden Valley voters including us.
- During the Almaden Valley Community Association zoom meeting on 1/20/23, Wendi stated she communicates with parents; however, she then indicated the pandemic caused communication issues. Very limp excuse. She does not demonstrate real involvement, good communication and listening skills with her

community. She does not volunteer in our District 10. With her poor performance communicating as an SJUSD Board Member, Wendi is clearly **not** up for the job of representing D-10 residents as our council member.

- She approved an official SJUSD response to a Grand Jury Report which spoke poorly about the Grand Jury Members and her Almaden Valley constituents. **Is this her approach when she disagrees with people?**

**PLEASE appoint David HEINDEL as our District 10 Councilman.**

Sincerely,

Robert and Barbara Fontana, District 10 residents

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