

## Fw: D10 Letter of Support Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

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Mon 1/23/2023 11:39 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 10:11 AM

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**Subject:** D10 Letter of Support Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

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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.

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.

I have been working in San Jose since 2000 and I have worked with Wendi on projects related to children and families. I support Wendi because she is passionate about everyone in our community, and she strives for inclusivity in all she does. I have seen Wendi manage delicate conversations and watched her create consensus from divergent views. Additionally, Wendi is detail-oriented and committed to the highest quality in her work, and I know she will bring these skills to the role of City Council.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat. She will be an asset to our city.

Sincerely,  
Shawn Gerth

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## Written public comment for City Council Meeting on Jan. 24, 2023

Elaine Jones <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 12:16 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Councilmembers and Mayor,

I am writing to urge you to reverse the decision to appoint San Jose Councilmembers for the open seats in districts 8 and 10. The voters should decide who represents them. The remaining term is nearly two years; the period of time our district will be represented by an appointee is not brief; that is why it is important to let the voters decide through a special election.

We should maintain the historical precedent of holding an election to determine who represents our districts in the city council. By using appointments as planned, the individuals who would be appointed would not have been chosen by voters in the affected districts.

There has been almost no transparency to date regarding the vote by Councilmembers on applicants for the two city council seats currently open. Votes to identify finalists have been conducted in secret.

A special election would cost the city as much as \$11 million. This expense represents 0.18% of the city's \$6 billion budget. It's a small price to pay for advancing democracy.

I urge you to abandon the plan to appoint Councilmembers for districts 8 and 10 and vote for a special election to fill the district 8 and 10 seats.

Sincerely,

Elaine Jones  
District 10 Resident

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**Elaine Jones**

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

Frances Herbert <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 5:36 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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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.

Frances Herbert  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95123

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## Letter of Support: Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Andrew Martin <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 5:55 PM

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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. As a long-time resident of District 10, including growing up and being alumni of Pioneer High School, I strongly recommend Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for this position.

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. I support Wendi because she has time, and time again, proven herself to be a major benefit to the communities she surrounds. From helping the earliest of learners to the wellness of the parents that must support these little minds day in and day out. She is the most selfless person I have ever met. She is an Educator, a Speaker, and most importantly; an Advocate for all. She is a woman who will only benefit the city council and District 10.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Martin

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## City Council Vacancy

Jerry McDougal <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 6:14 PM

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

As a resident of D10 I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy at City Council.

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.

I've known Wendi for over 10 years now as a community leader and neighbor. She's one of the few leaders today who is willing to listen to differing opinions and not make straight party line decisions. Wendi values ideas, creativity, and feedback. She's not afraid to make difficult decisions in a fair and decisive manner. Wendi is articulate, well spoken, thoughtful and well respected by those who know her and work along side her. She digs in to find real answers rather than just solely rely on the opinions of others. I support Wendi as I know she'll work with the community's best interests in mind.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,

Jerry McDougal

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

Darrell Evora <[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 have had the privilege of knowing Wendi for many years! We've had the opportunity to work on several local youth initiatives. She is a great collaborator, thought partner, and communicator. She has always put the needs of our community first.

Wendi is a community impact leader with over 30 years of experience in advocacy, policy development, communications, operations, 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 City Council District 10.

I am certain that Wendi will take this same approach if appointed to the City Council and cannot imagine there being a better Public Servant for this seat!

Sincerely,

Darrell Evora  
CEO (retired) – Pacific Clinics

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## Recommendation for District 10 seat - Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

MARIA CANNITO <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 6:39 PM

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

Although I am not a resident of D10, I do reside in adjacent D9 and current sit on the Board of Directors for the Tatra Community Association as Vice-President. With our near proximity and close working relationship with D10, I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy at City Council.

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.

I have known Wendi for a number of years and am always impressed with her passion for community service and public advocacy. In her past experience, she has demonstrated fiscal responsibility, organizational effectiveness and legislative knowledge.

I would appreciate your consideration and appointment of Wendi to the open District 10 seat. Thank you.

Best Regards,  
Maria

Maria Cannito  
[REDACTED]

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

John Courtney <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 6:39 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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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!

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John Courtney  
[REDACTED]

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

Armando Barbosa <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 6:51 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Armando Barbosa  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## District 10 Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Victoria Martin <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:20 PM

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I support Wendi because her dedication to District 10 is unlike any others considered for the role. She has shown tremendous effort running and being elected on the SJUSD Board of Trustees during a global pandemic. She helped SJUSD maintain lines of communication when everything was shut down and distributed technology to families district-wide. Wendi was able to maintain grace, strength, and cool-headedness throughout contentious school board meetings. She has shown initiative through becoming Vice-President of the SJUSD Board of Trustees. She has shown that she is open and able to work with other , even if they di agree on certain i ue Wendi ha maintained compo ure even when ome of her opponents have tried to bring her down. Most of all, she is a beacon for women in our district. She is the only female candidate, and would be a fantastic role model for many women throughout District 10, as she has been while serving on the SJUSD Board of Trustees. I can think of nobody more qualified to be our representative for District 10.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Martin

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

John Pospishek <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:42 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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John Pospishek  
[REDACTED]

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

Connie Chew <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:58 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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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 member of SEIU 521, it's clear to me that San Jose 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!

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Connie Chew  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

Kathryn Hedges <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:06 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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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!

We need to fight the systemic issues that cause displacement and homelessness. COPA is designed to help community groups preserve our existing affordable housing from investors who drive the vicious cycle of escalating rents. Tenant Right to Counsel fights the trend of landlords bullying tenants who can't fight wrongful evictions, such as when a new owner wants to increase rents. This is how we stop people from falling into homelessness. Criminalizing homeless people for trying to survive (vagrancy laws etc.) just makes it harder for them to get housed if they have a criminal record for sleeping outdoors, etc. San José needs safe, secure, and dignified housing for all residents. This includes people working at all income levels, as well as for retired grandparents in extended families, and Disabled people whose support networks are in San José.

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Kathryn Hedges  
[REDACTED]

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

Monica Kitchiner <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:11 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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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. Salvador Alvarez is the colleague you need to work with you to solve the problems mentioned above. His knowledge of the various departments can help to provide a coordinated strategy to resolve the issues and concerns of your constituents. Make a wise choice, not a favor promised to an individual.

Sincerely,

Monica Kitchiner  
Executive Board Delegate for  
the California Democratic Party  
408 712 5021

Monica Kitchiner  
[REDACTED]

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

Jonathan Karpf <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:26 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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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.

Lastly, I support your collective decision to appoint representatives rather than scheduling a low turnout special election that would deprive the residents of Districts 8 and 10 of any representation until a few months prior to the 2024 general election.

Jonathan Karpf  
[REDACTED]

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

Michael Delaney <[REDACTED]>

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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

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Michael Delaney  
[REDACTED]

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

Adia Hoag <[REDACTED]>

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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Adia Hoag



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Bill Roth <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:56 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

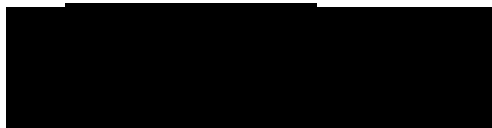
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Bill Roth



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

Elizabeth Barcelos <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:57 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Elizabeth Barcelos

Elizabeth Barcelos  
[REDACTED]

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

Jacquie Heffner <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 9:03 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Jacquie Heffner  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

Brian ONeill <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 9:10 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Brian ONeill  
[REDACTED]

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

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Mon 1/23/2023 9:16 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]

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## Please Hold Special Elections for D8 & D10 Instead

Andres Solomonoff <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 9:42 PM

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Honorable Councilmembers,

A recent poll revealed that 86% of the San Joseans polled favored a special election to fill the two vacant council seats. I urge the City Council to respect the will of the people and hold a special election instead of appointing our representative. Anything less is undemocratic.

Sincerely,

Andres Solomonoff

D8 Resident

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

Robert Prola <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 9:51 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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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. I support a fair and open appointment process for Districts 8 and 10.

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

Rachel Welch <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 10:00 PM

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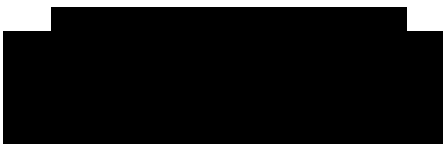
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Guillermo Martinez <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

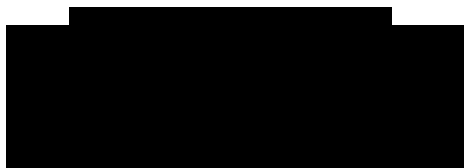
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John Miller <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 6:17 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Jeri Bromley <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 6:31 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Kirat Sachdev <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 6:35 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]

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## Oppose Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for D10 City Council appointment

Tobin Gilman <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 7:55 AM

To: Kamei, Rosemarv <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar  
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I strongly oppose Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo as a D10 City Council appointee. I am a D10 homeowner who has followed the San Jose Unified School District closely for years. Ms. Mahaney-Gurahoo ran for her seat unopposed in 2020 and won by default. Her performance on the board has been abysmal. She is unresponsive and dismissive of constituents questions and concerns. As one of her first acts on the SJUSD board, she rejected an accurate Grand Jury report that found glaring irregularities and overt efforts to mislead the public and board by senior SJUSD staff. The report also found gross negligence by SJUSD board members from the prior term. Ms. Mahaney-Gurahoo not only rejected the Grand Jury report, she ridiculed the jurors and members of the public.

I understand why her resume might have impressed council members. Her work in early childhood education is laudable and it might appear that her occupancy of a seat on the SJUSD board was earned. It was not. She is a terrible public servant and must not be rewarded with an appointment to the city council. She is widely unpopular among Almaden parents because of her SJUSD non-performance and vote for her would be an arrogant slap in the face to D10 residents.

I attended the AVCA forum where we heard from all of the 6 applicants. I found the other 5 finalists to be thoughtful and well-qualified. My strong preference is David Heindel, but most importantly, Mahaney-Gurahoo does not deserve this appointment and must be disqualified from any consideration.

Tobin Gilman

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

Pamela Campos <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 8:40 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Our city needs dedicated leaders who have experience serving the local community and are ready to find solutions for the issues that impact are residents most. San Jose can be a place where families thrive, and the new City Council members who are appointed must foster a vision that puts the needs of our youth, seniors, and families at the forefront of ALL their policy and financing decisions.

In community spirit,  
Pamela Campos

Pamela Campos  
[REDACTED]



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

John Zhao <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 8:44 AM

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

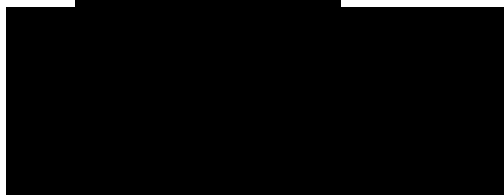
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Though I am a Cupertino resident, I have strong connections with San José, and its politics affects me and my community. It's clear to me that San José is currently at a critical juncture, in dire need of resources and solutions for public safety, 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!

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betsy hammer carr <[REDACTED]>

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## Interim councilmember appointment to CD10

the pagans <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 10:55 AM

To: Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary  
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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am a resident of D10, and I support David Heindel for District 10 councilmember. I make this decision based on reviewing the applications of the remaining applicants, and listening to the Almaden Valley Community Association meetings held on January 19, 20.

My decision is based on the following:

1. David is the only applicant that clearly stated that he will not run for this position in 2024. A short-term appointee should not run for this position due to the unfair advantage of incumbency.
2. After the recent Council district redistricting process, David, as the leader of the D10 Leadership Coalition, worked to include representation in the organization from the newly added, former D2 neighborhoods into the district. The president of the Los Pasos Neighborhood Association (fmly D2), was added to the D10 leadership as Vice President, demonstrating collaboration that is needed for a councilmember.
3. The D10 Leadership Coalition of which David is President has Working Groups which are teams of residents working on various issues and concerns in the district. These teams have also worked closely with the Council office to assist residents in solving issues. This leadership coalition is an incubator for other leadership positions in San Jose.
4. David has served on City Commissions.
5. David is a small business owner in downtown San Jose.

Please vote to appoint Dave Heindel to the Councilmember position of D10.

Thank you.

Steven Pagan

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**FW: Dennis Hawkins**

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 12:10 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

**Toni J. Taber, CMC**

**City Clerk**

City of San Jose

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:07 AM

**To:** Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio

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I'd like to speak in behalf of Dennis Hawkins, candidate for the City Council.

As a teacher in the Oak Grove School District, I became acquainted with Dennis, who, as you may know, served as a Trustee for something like 24 years. Almost 1/4 of a century.

In that role, I knew who the school board members were, but they didn't necessarily attend Back to School Night or Open Houses when you would expect them to. Except Dennis. He was always there, interested in what the students were doing, talking with parents and teachers.

It seemed difficult to find a majority agreement with the staffs on a tough issue or the way an administrator is performing. However, I've only heard total praise from every teacher I've talked to (at many schools) about two people: Manny Barbara and Dennis Hawkins. There is great respect for each of them from those for whom they work - and with whom - for the same reason: they value others, get a lot done, and they listen extremely well. Whether or not you agree with their decisions, you always know you've been heard.

Dennis served on the school board during two very tough times in the district, first in about 2003 when San Anselmo and Blossom Valley Schools were closed, and then again a few years ago when Miner and Glider Schools had the same experience. Tensions ran high with parents at these times, and emotions sometimes trump reason. Dennis was involved in these decisions, and because I was teaching at San Anselmo and was directly affected, I watched how it played out. Yes, it was difficult, but I felt it went quite smoothly, all things considered, and parents and teachers accepted the outcome.

A few years ago, when it was evident a school or two would need to be shuttered, Dennis volunteered to chair the public meetings. A lot like putting yourself on the front lines of a heated

battle. There were some very emotional times, and people who were extremely upset, but Dennis kept it on keel. It was evident to me that Dennis' cool persona helped people to be more calm and to accept the decision. Again, they felt they'd been heard, and that was the key.

During the time he was on the Oak Grove School Board, Dennis was known by many as the "voice of reason." I've never seen him upset or belittle anyone, no matter how they acted. He can "fly above the storm," and building consensus is one of his talents as a people-focused person.

Not only was I a teacher in the district and working on several district committees, but I have lived on the same street as the Hawkins family. I was curious to see if Dennis would be the same calm, steady person in real life as he was in public life. He was, and the entire neighborhood respects and appreciates him and his family.

Dennis not only served on the school board for almost two and one-half decades, but he has worked as manager in the city offices, so he has seen city operations in their entirety. He has a working knowledge of not just the area where he lives, but he knows the city, the departments, and how they all fit together. He can and will hit the ground running from the first day on the council, able to understand the complexity and breadth of the city and how his district can work well to achieve the goals. He won't have to learn it over a period of time.

As an HR manager, he knows how to work with people, how to build competent staffing, how to bring out the best in others. It's not just book knowledge. He has decades of experience with it, and what he does works because he treats people as being of value, is organized, and a great listener, focusing on people's eyes and what they are saying when they speak.

The last point is that having lived in the city and Blossom Valley, especially for a long time, I have not known us to have a city councilor from Blossom Valley, or even the Bernal area. Usually they are from Almaden Valley. It's time for a representative who is more from the middle or even eastern edge of the district.

Thank you for your considerations. Dennis has my wholehearted support to serve on the San Jose City Council, knowing he is responsible, organized, responds and listens to what people have to say before he says anything. He will make the best decisions for District 10 and the city!

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Gabriela Chavez-Lopez <[REDACTED]>

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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose, California 95126

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## District 10 City Council recommendation letter

Tue 1/24/2023 5:52 PM

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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.

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.

I support Wendi because she 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.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Taylor

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To be democratic, sometimes we have to compromise

Shawna RR Nixon <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 5:58 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

Dear City Council and Mayor,

I am dismayed that seats 8 and 10 are going to be filled via appointment, rather than election. While I want the best people for the job, and support progressive values, democracy is best served by making sure that the appointments are what their districts most want, as much as possible. Therefore, it's important that the voices of people from districts 8 and 10 are centered and given more weight in deciding who their councilmembers should be. Please pay good attention to their voices.

Yours Truly,

Shawna Rose Robbins Nixon, District 3

Shawna RR Nixon

[REDACTED]  
San Jose, California 95112

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District 10 council member

Angelo Nunes <

Tue 1/24/2023 7:31 PM

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I would like to voice my support for David Heindel for district 10.

Thank you!

-Angelo

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David Heindel for District 10

Helen Gardin <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 9:26 PM

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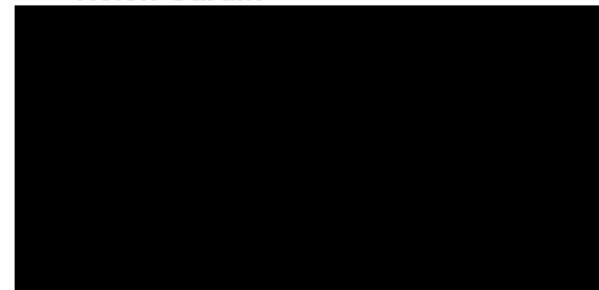
I would like to give my support to David Heindel for council member for District 10. I live in The Los Paseos area of district 10.

Thank you,

Helen Gardin

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**Helen Gardin**



Schedule a Free In-Person or Virtual Consultation [HERE](#).

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## George Casey for District 10 Council Seat

susie thinkuniversal.net <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/25/2023 4:02 PM

To: Ortiz, Peter <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Peter,

As 42 year residents of District 10, we urge you to vote for George Casey as the best candidate to represent us on San Jose City Council. He has impeccable credentials, is articulate, organized, active on all levels of city government, and a 40 year resident of San Jose.

Thank you for considering our position.

Susie and Jerry Ferguson



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## Appoint David Heindel to represent District 10!

Sandy McMaster <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/25/2023 4:13 PM

To: Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Rosemary Kamei,

I am a 37-year resident of District 10. Since you voted to quell my voice to vote for my representative on the San Jose council for the next two years, I want to let you know that I support David Heindel and urge you to appoint him to represent me. I have known David and his family for over 20 years and know that he will be a much-needed voice for reason and moderation on the council and will represent our district well.

Best regards,  
Sandy McMaster

[REDACTED] San Jose, CA 95120  
District 10

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## Support for George Casey for District 10

Steve Wing <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/25/2023 4:10 PM

To: Cohen, David <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Hello Councilmember Cohen,

I live in District 10 and I would like to see George Casey be appointed to the San Jose City Council. He is a long-time D-10 resident. His approach to the office seems the most transparent and is a long-term public servant of San Jose institutions. Indications are that he would listen to us prior to any decisions or directions affecting our district being made.

Please vote for George Casey to occupy the District 10 Council seat.

Sincerely,

Steve Wing

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## FW: Support for George Casey to be appointed to District 10

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/25/2023 4:19 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

**Toni J. Taber, CMC**

**City Clerk**

City of San Jose

200 E Santa Clara Street

San José, CA 95113

408-535-1260

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 4:17 PM

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

**Cc:** Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support for George Casey to be appointed to District 10

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Hello Councilmember Davis,

I live in District 10 and I would like to see George Casey be appointed. He is a long-time resident, along with 2 generations before him. His approach to the office seems the most transparent and that he would listen to us prior to any decisions or directions being made.

Please vote for George Casey to occupy the District 10 Council seat.

Sincerely,

Joyce Wing

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## FW: Appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to D10 Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/25/2023 4:32 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 4:16 PM

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

**Subject:** Appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to D10 Vacancy

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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 am a D10 resident and have been engaged in the community for many years. The D10 council member must have strong knowledge of local needs, and understand how to approach getting the needs met. From maintaining green space, to community events, to safety and blight, to unhoused, Wendi understands these needs and I am confident as the D10 council member, she will hit the ground running, engaging many residents and stakeholders to reach success.

I have known Wendi directly eight years, and through her work much longer, and have experienced her to be the exact person D10 needs. Through her First 5 and school board work, Wendi has advocated and established policies supporting countless families, strengthening the community through her efforts. Her resume and experience speaks for itself, showing her skill and understanding of business, family, childcare, education, poverty, mental health, and government services, and the importance of solving issues through collaboration, policy and advocacy. She is a natural engager, listener and communicator, and takes time to understand the needs of all stakeholders. Her deep understanding of issues, ability to join with different points of view, and come to solution, puts her in a great position to continue the district work of Mayor Mahan.

I whole-heartedly support Wendi and know she will provide strong immediate representation if appointed to the City Council.

Sincerely,  
Don Taylor  
D10

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D10 Council Position -Opposing Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - 2023-01-26 Special Council Meeting

Sandra Delvin <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 12:29 PM

To: Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]>

Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]>

Jimenez, Sergio

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

Cohen, David

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

Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]>

Doan, Bien

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

Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

The attached letter provide the reasons why I am opposing Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for the Council 10 Position.

Attached is a letter documenting my concerns which has links and an attachment which support my statements.

It is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra A. Delvin, PE  
District 10 Voter & Resident

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January 23, 2023

Dear Councilmembers and Honorable Mayor:

Subject:       Opposing Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for D10 Council Appointment

Normally it is best to write letters of support for candidates versus letters opposing them. However, due to the lack of time and no true public vetting of appointee candidates, I am writing a letter opposing the appointment of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for the D10 Council position. My reasons are numerous, but the main ones are summarized below.

Some facts and thoughts:

**1. Wendi has Never Been Fully Vetted by the Voters of D10 (or even Almaden Valley Voters)**

Wendi ran unopposed for the SJUSD Board of Trustee position that she currently holds. This means that she, her positions, and her affiliations have never been fully vetted. The fact that she holds this elected office is no indication of her appeal to the voters of D10.

**2. Her political support does not align with the voters of D10**

Her 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 also 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, a move widely opposed by Almaden Valley voters.

**3. Wendi has a Track Record of Ignoring Constituents/Parents**

She does not communicate with the parents in her district. She does not respond to emails. Wendi does not produce a newsletter. Wendi has not attended Chats with the Principal at Graystone or other schools in her district.

During the Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) zoom meeting on Friday, January 20, 2023, she bragged about how well she communicates with parents. But when asked further, she deflected and indicated that the pandemic had caused issues with communication. The pandemic was the time that required even more effort on communication – newsletters, zoom meetings, emails. None of which she employed with her constituents.

I spoke with parents of students at Bret Harte, Leland, and Graystone schools. They said there has been no communication from her. Those that sent her emails about issues have never received a response.

#### 4. Wendi Denigrated Grand Jury Members & Constituents with Whom She Disagreed

Wendi approved an official SJUSD response to a Grand Jury Report that denigrated both Grand Jury Members, who are volunteers, and her Almaden Valley constituents.

SJUSD stated in their response to an official Report that the Grand Jury “...***was ...searching for nonexistent evidence to support a pre-determined conclusion from a group of ‘not-in-my-back-yard’ individuals who knew Grand Jury members.***”

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo approved this response to the SSC Civil Grand Jury Report ([https://www.scsccourt.org/court\\_divisions/civil/cgj/2020/Transparency%20in%20the%20SJUSD%20-%20Lessons%20to%20be%20Learned.pdf](https://www.scsccourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2020/Transparency%20in%20the%20SJUSD%20-%20Lessons%20to%20be%20Learned.pdf)) that dismissed her own constituents with the pejorative term NIMBYs.

By ignoring and denigrating her own constituents, Wendi dismissed the legitimate concerns of 7,000 constituents that signed a petition opposing the razing of Leland High School and Bret Harte Middle School for SJUSD employee housing based on numerous concerns including:

- Adverse environmental impacts documented by the Sierra Club, Green Foothills, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society in a letter to SJUSD (copy attached).
- Cost of a replacement school that was proposed to be built on property not owned by the SJUSD
- Infrastructure costs, in addition to school building costs, as the site proposed was on McKean Road which is a two-lane road with no sidewalks, no marked secure bike lanes, and no traffic lights.

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at a special meeting, the SJUSD Board of Trustees voted to approve the SJUSD staff draft response SCC Civil Grand Jury Report (For draft response approved see:

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Meetings/Attachment.aspx?S=36030421&AID=104816&MID=6001> issued in December 2020.)

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, who approved the response, demonstrated a lack of respect for her own constituents, their concerns, and Grand Jury members.

Furthermore, instead of working on improving transparency at SJUSD and Board oversight, she and the rest of the Board approved name calling and bullying to justify ignoring the issues raised in the Grand Jury report. This demonstrates a lack of respect for those with opposing views; the inability to accept criticism; and the lack of desire to improve processes.

This is not the type of Council representation that would be desired by residents in D10.

## **5. Wendi Plans to Run for Re-election**

This special appointment was intended to be a placeholder until the next election is scheduled. Wendi has already affirmed that she intends to use the power of incumbency—if she is now appointed—to run in the upcoming D10 election. 80+% of incumbents are re-elected. This advantage could mean that the council decision to appoint instead of allowing a special election could impact D10 representation not just for 2 years, but for 6 or more years. This makes the council decision and appointment even more far-reaching. Appointing someone that has never attracted community support in a contested election, and who draws the endorsement of politicians that do NOT enjoy the support of D10 voters, would be a direct insult and rebuke to the voters of D10.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra A. Delvin, PE  
D10 Resident

## Letter of Support for Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Jessica Chukhlebov <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 2:34 PM

To: Reed, Jim <[REDACTED]> Gomez, David <[REDACTED]> Sandoval, Vanessa  
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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the San Jose City Council:

As a resident of D10 I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy at City Council.

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.

I support Wendi because she is a dedicated and hardworking member of the community. I've known her for several years and her work ethic has always impressed me. She is very passionate about her work and I love that she supports accessible childcare for working parents. As a new mom myself, this is an issue that hits close to home. It is vital to my family that we have affordable childcare for my son so we can continue on our career paths. We need someone like Wendi to advocate on behalf of parents and their children when it comes to childcare and early childhood education. I believe Wendi is an excellent fit for the job.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Chukhlebov

## Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's support letter for District 10

Ron Mahaney <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 8:24 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2  
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Dear San Jose District 10 Council Members,

Please note the attached letter of support for Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo.

Respectfully,

Angela Maria Orozco

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January 24, 2023

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.

Wendi has played a major role in the growth of several local businesses while being a pillar to the community. She has led and been an advocate for the people and has been able to successfully use her skills to make big impacts to all the organizations that she has been apart of.

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.

I support Wendi because she not only is knowledgeable and trustworthy, but she has also been an incredible leader in any position she has held. She knows how to lead in a way that is caring and diplomatic.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,

  
Angela Maria Orozco



## FW: D10 Appointment

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 9:07 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Alin Gharapetian <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 6:44 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: D10 Appointment

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Hello Mayor Mahan and Council Members,

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

Thank you ,

Alin Gharapetian

[REDACTED]  
San Jose CA 95120

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Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 9:07 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: humaira akbaryar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 6:58 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: D10 appointment

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Dear council members and Mayor Mahan,

I am a D10 resident and would like to offer my full support for the appointment to George Casey. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Humaira

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## District 10, Council Member

Kirti Kumar <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:32 PM

To: Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio

<[REDACTED]> Cohen, David

<[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev

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Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing to all of you to give my support to Mr. Arjun Batra. I am supporting him to be appointed as our District Council Member (I live in District 10).

I have known Arjun Batra for more than 35 years. He lives in our Almaden Valley and interfaced with him during Speech and Debate program at Leland High School on Camden Avenue, San Jose, CA. He worked at Dow Chemicals, IBM Corporation and at Intel in Santa Clara and held senior managerial and Technical positions. He is very social, energetic, problem solver, analyzing data, solving complex, anticipates potential problems and uses his scientific and engineering skills to address the problems.

He has been working with the City of San Jose for the last few years.

I would strongly recommend him for the position of City Council member. His engineering and management skills will be an asset to your organization.

Best regards.

Kirti Kumar

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## D10 appointment

Talin <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:09 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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To Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

We are a D10 resident and want to offer our full support for the appointment of George Casey.

Regards,  
Talin Kevorkian

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## D10 appointment

Sam Daniels <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:07 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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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

Sam Daniels

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## D10 appointment

Alivia Thomassian <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:06 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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To Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

I am a D10 resident and want to offer my full support for George Casey. I believe he will be a great addition.

Thank you,  
Alivia Thomassian

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Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 9:07 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Kayla Daniels <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 7:30 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject:

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Dear mayor Mahan and councilmemembers

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

Thank you.

Kayla Daniels

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## D10 appointment

Julie Kovacevic <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:55 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

I am a district 10 resident. I am writing to show my full support for the appointment of George Casey for the City Council seat in District 10.

Thank you for time and attention.

Julie Boncher

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## D10 appointment

Ted <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 7:59 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

Hi, I am a D10 resident and want to offer my full support for the appointment of George Casey to the D10 city council seat. He is an outstanding citizen and would make a great addition to D10.

Thank you,

Ted Barikmo

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## D10 Council Member

Lisa Butler <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:11 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council Members:

As a District 10 resident, I would like to offer my full support to George Casey. I have known George for ten years. He is well-respected, we'll-qualified and interested in representing our district. Please strongly consider him for this position.

Regards,

Lisa Butler

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**George Casey D10**

Catherine Caouette <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:16 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan -

I am writing to offer my full support for George Casey to represent District 10, where I am a resident. I have known George over the years as a wonderful uncle to his nephews and niece, who are friends with my kids. He is a great role model for all of the kids and a good man. I hope you will consider him.

Thank you,  
Katy Caouette

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## D10 Appointment

J. Montali <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/23/2023 8:44 PM

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

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

Thank you,  
Jaimee Montali

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FW: Appt of Mr george Casey

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 11:52 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of San Jose  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113  
408-535-1260

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

From: Ferial PIRAYO <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 9:10 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Appt of Mr george Casey

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Dear mayor Mahan and councilmembers,

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

Thank you.  
Ferial Pirayo

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Dennis Hawkins

Tue 1/24/2023 11:07 AM

To: Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio  
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I'd like to speak in behalf of Dennis Hawkins, candidate for the City Council.

As a teacher in the Oak Grove School District, I became acquainted with Dennis, who, as you may know, served as a Trustee for something like 24 years. Almost 1/4 of a century.

In that role, I knew who the school board members were, but they didn't necessarily attend Back to School Night or Open Houses when you would expect them to. Except Dennis. He was always there, interested in what the students were doing, talking with parents and teachers.

It seemed difficult to find a majority agreement with the staffs on a tough issue or the way an administrator is performing. However, I've only heard total praise from every teacher I've talked to (at many schools) about two people: Manny Barbara and Dennis Hawkins. There is great respect for each of them from those for whom they work - and with whom - for the same reason: they value others, get a lot done, and they listen extremely well. Whether or not you agree with their decisions, you always know you've been heard.

Dennis served on the school board during two very tough times in the district, first in about 2003 when San Anselmo and Blossom Valley Schools were closed, and then again a few years ago when Miner and Glider Schools had the same experience. Tensions ran high with parents at these times, and emotions sometimes trump reason. Dennis was involved in these decisions, and because I was teaching at San Anselmo and was directly affected, I watched how it played out. Yes, it was difficult, but I felt it went quite smoothly, all things considered, and parents and teachers accepted the outcome.

A few years ago, when it was evident a school or two would need to be shuttered, Dennis volunteered to chair the public meetings. A lot like putting yourself on the front lines of a heated battle. There were some very emotional times, and people who were extremely upset, but Dennis kept it on keel. It was evident to me that Dennis' cool persona helped people to be more calm and to accept the decision. Again, they felt they'd been heard, and that was the key.

During the time he was on the Oak Grove School Board, Dennis was known by many as the "voice of reason." I've never seen him upset or belittle anyone, no matter how they acted. He can "fly above the storm," and building consensus is one of his talents as a people-focused person.

Not only was I a teacher in the district and working on several district committees, but I have lived on the same street as the Hawkins family. I was curious to see if Dennis would be the same calm,

steady person in real life as he was in public life. He was, and the entire neighborhood respects and appreciates him and his family.

Dennis not only served on the school board for almost two and one-half decades, but he has worked as manager in the city offices, so he has seen city operations in their entirety. He has a working knowledge of not just the area where he lives, but he knows the city, the departments, and how they all fit together. He can and will hit the ground running from the first day on the council, able to understand the complexity and breadth of the city and how his district can work well to achieve the goals. He won't have to learn it over a period of time.

As an HR manager, he knows how to work with people, how to build competent staffing, how to bring out the best in others. It's not just book knowledge. He has decades of experience with it, and what he does works because he treats people as being of value, is organized, and a great listener, focusing on people's eyes and what they are saying when they speak.

The last point is that having lived in the city and Blossom Valley, especially for a long time, I have not known us to have a city councilor from Blossom Valley, or even the Bernal area. Usually they are from Almaden Valley. It's time for a representative who is more from the middle or even eastern edge of the district.

Thank you for your considerations. Dennis has my wholehearted support to serve on the San Jose City Council, knowing he is responsible, organized, responds and listens to what people have to say before he says anything. He will make the best decisions for District 10 and the city!

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## FW: D10 Appointment

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 12:12 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

**Toni J. Taber, CMC**

**City Clerk**

City of San Jose

200 E Santa Clara Street

San José, CA 95113

408-535-1260

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 11:04 AM

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

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** D10 Appointment

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

My name is Miesha Hardy. I am a D10 resident ([REDACTED] San Jose, CA 95123). I'd like to offer my full support for the appointment of George Casey.

Warm regards,

Miesha Hardy  
[REDACTED]

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**FW: D10 vacancy**

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 12:15 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

**Toni J. Taber, CMC**

**City Clerk**

City of San Jose

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:44 AM

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

**Subject:** D10 vacancy

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Toni Taber,

I sent this support letter to each Council member and the San Jose Mayor:

Council member (name)

I support, and urge you to support, J. David Heindel for the San Jose, District 10, council vacancy because of his leadership, budget experiences and care for local issues.. I have known Dave for over 6 years and find his priorities concerning budgeting, safety, housing for the homeless, roads and efficient government to be the right ones for our city.

Please vote for him to join you on our city council.

Robin Williams, long term resident of district 10.

(PhD, Fellow IEEE, Fellow ACM)

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## FW: D10 Appointment

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 12:25 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

**Toni J. Taber, CMC**

**City Clerk**

City of San Jose

200 E Santa Clara Street

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:19 AM

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

**Subject:** D10 Appointment

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Council-members,

I am a D10 resident and would like to voice my full support for candidate George Casey.

I believe he would be a great representative of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tsang

Sent from my iPhone

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## FW: D10 Appointment

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 1:48 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 1:38 PM

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

**Subject:** D10 Appointment

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

I'd like to offer my full support for the appointment of George Casey for the D10 City Council seat.

Thank you.

~Jonna Jackson

[REDACTED]

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## FW: Appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to D10 Vacancy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 2:27 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12:48 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to D10 Vacancy

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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.

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.

I support Wendi because her breadth and depth of experience in these various sectors are of utmost importance in understanding the community needs. Her professionalism, ability to connect with others, and vast experience will not only benefit District 10, but all Districts.

I strongly urge you to please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Most Sincerely,  
Eleanor Castillo Sumi  
District 6 Resident

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

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 2:27 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 1:18 PM

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

**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.

Sam Saiu  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95122

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**FW: Please Appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to D10 Vacancy**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 2:28 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: Heidi Emberling <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 1:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Please Appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to D10 Vacancy

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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.

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.

I have worked closely with Wendi for several years on addressing the needs of families and young children in our community and I find her to be one of the brightest, most thoughtful, and deeply committed people I've had the privilege of working with. She will be a tremendous asset to the City Council and I urge you to support her candidacy. Thank you for your time and consideration and for all you do!

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Heidi Emberling  
Educational Executive

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Heidi Emberling, EdD

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# FW: WENDI MAHANET-GURAHOO DISTRICT 10 CANDIDACY

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 4:01 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 3:27 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** WENDI MAHANET-GURAHOO DISTRICT 10 CANDIDACY

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

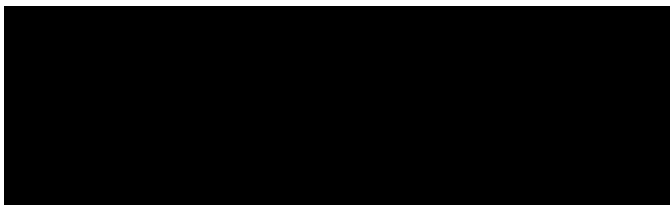
I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy in District 10. Wendi is a community impact leader with over 30 years of experience in advocacy, policy development, communications, operations, in government, non-profit, and private sectors. She currently chairs the City's 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.

I support Wendi because she is honest and integral. As long as I have known her, she has been a dedicated team player, but a leader nonetheless. She is family-oriented and a loyal friend. Wendi is just as motivated as she is motivating in her professional life as well as her advocacy. Her impact on our community makes her a more-than-qualified candidate for the vacancy in District 10.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,

*Dora Kouretas*



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## FW: District 10 Candidate support - Wendy Mahaney-Gurahoo

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 4:01 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 3:57 PM

**To:** Madero, Angel <[REDACTED]> Gomez, David <[REDACTED]> District1  
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Hughes, Scott <[REDACTED]> Sandoval, Vanessa <[REDACTED]> City Clerk  
<[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** District 10 Candidate support - Wendy Mahaney-Gurahoo

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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.

Wendi is a mom, a school board member, and active community volunteer. When she was a single mom navigating the world when her son was very young, she was grateful to have an employer who subsidized 70% of her child care costs so that she could return to work. As a school board member, she was dedicated to ensuring that teachers and students were supported during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. And finally, whenever a natural disaster strikes her neighborhood, she jumps in trying to connect her neighbors to services at every level of government. Wendi is a passionate advocate for our community and our district 10. She has a record of success in bringing services, funding, and a voice to those historically disenfranchised.

It is important for our government to reflect who we are. When women are represented at high levels in business, nonprofit organizations and the public sector, decisions are more collaborative, transparent and effective. In what used to be considered the Feminist capital of the world, the City of San Jose is one of the few localities that lost gender parity on its City Council after the November 2022 elections. We do not ask this Council to appoint Wendi because she is a woman. But we cannot ignore that the 10th largest city in America lacks the women's equality it once was celebrated for. We ask this Council to appoint Wendi because she already represents a large swath of the district and is the most qualified, experienced person for the job.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,

Neela Chaudhari

Resident of District 10

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## FW: Letter of Support - D10 (Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo)

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 4:42 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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José Magaña - Letter of Support WMG D10.docx.pdf;

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**From:** José Magaña <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:33 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Letter of Support - D10 (Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo)

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Hello,

Attached is my letter of support for Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for D10 appointment. I am happy to answer any questions. I hope she earns your support. Thank you!

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Best Wishes,

José Magaña (he/él)

[View my LinkedIn Profile: https://www.linkedin.com/in/josemagana11/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/josemagana11/)

*"It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to where we are today, but we have just begun. Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little bit better than the one we inhabit today."- Barack Obama*

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

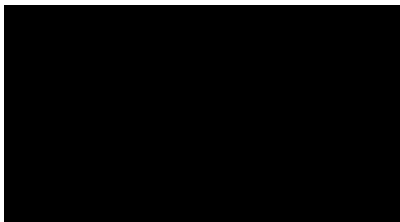
I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy in District 10.


It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve alongside Wendi in our capacity as Commissioners for the Library and Education Commission, as well as Trustees for the San José Unified School District. We have spent the last 5 years serving and advocating to continue to make San José a beautiful city where everyone can safely raise their children and allow them to pursue their dreams. I have been blessed to have served on committees with Trustee Mahaney-Gurahoo and I wholeheartedly believe that she leads with her mind, heart, and values.

Through her service at SJUSD, and 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. As Board President, I know that our district will be losing a fantastic Vice President, but the San José City Council, and residents of our city, will be gaining a valuable asset and leader.

Vice President/Chair Mahaney-Gurahoo will bring experience as a mother, educator, non-profit leader, and policy maker that will only make our city stronger. She has been committed to service and has a proven record of success. I am confident Wendi will bring that same drive if appointed to the City Council. Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 vacancy.

Sincerely,



José Magaña  
Board President, San José Unified School District  
 - Council District 6

**FW: D10 appointment**

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 4:49 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: Natalie Derse <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:44 AM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Subject: D10 appointment

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Council members and Mayor Mahan,

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

Thank you!!!!

Natalie Derse

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FW: For Arjun Batra

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 4:51 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

From: Renu <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:29 AM

To: Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> Kamei, Rosemary <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio  
<[REDACTED]> Torres, Omar <[REDACTED]> Cohen, David  
<[REDACTED]> Ortiz, Peter <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Doan,  
Bien <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>  
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In my opinion Arjun Batra is a perfect candidate for this. I will support him all the way.  
Renu Kohli.  
Sent from my iPhone

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## FW: Arjun Batra for City Council

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 4:51 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:53 AM

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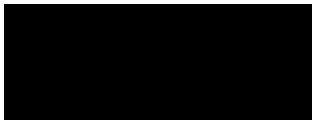
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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for Arjun Batra to be appointed Council Member for District 10. I have known Arjun for over 30 years. He has been very successful in business and technology. He possesses a sharp mind, compassion and a great sense of humor. He would be ideal for you all to work with. For the last 6 years he has served the city of San Jose on a pro bono basis to help improve the city.

As a resident of the Almaden Valley, Arjun would be our first and ideal choice to represent us.

Mohan Mahal



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**FW: D10 best candidate is David Heindel**

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 5:10 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:09 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2  
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<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** D10 best candidate is David Heindel

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All,

I am writing to you today asking you to support and appoint David Heindel for our District 10 council member. I have watched all 6 candidates in a forum last week and I found David standing out by far with the qualities we need in our D10 community. I will not add all his qualifications since you all have probably read it in his application.

Thank You,  
Issa Ajlouny

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## FW: David Heindel D10 Endorsement

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 6:22 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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**From:** Comanche Blossom Valley <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:16 PM

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

**Cc:** Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** David Heindel D10 Endorsement

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Hi Matt ~

The Comanche Blossom Valley Neighborhood Association, with its 900+ households in South San Jose, was established in the summer of 2021. It was due to David Heindel's leadership and guidance that we were able to smoothly form a neighborhood organization that promotes safety, responsibility, and civic duty among its residents. Without David's help and encouragement, we would not have been able to do all the community projects that we have accomplished so far.

We endorse David Heindel to represent our district and we hope you will highly consider his nomination.

Thank you,

Roxanne Koopman

Secretary/Treasurer

Comanche Blossom Valley Neighborhood Association

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## FW: Selection of Council Member for District 10 in San Jose

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 8:38 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 7:28 PM

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

**Subject:** Selection of Council Member for District 10 in San Jose

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for Arjun Batra to be appointed Council Member for District 10. I have known Arjun for almost 20 years. He has worked for IBM and Intell at very senior positions for a long time. He has a successful technology and business carrier. He is very compassionate and has a great sense of humor. For the last 6 years he has served the city of San Jose on a pro bono basis to help improv the city.

I think he is the most deserving. candidate for the position

Renu & Brij Kohli

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**FW: Dennis Hawkins**

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 9:29 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:23 PM

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**Subject:** Dennis Hawkins

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council Representatives,

It is with great honor that I write on behalf of Dennis Hawkins in support of his appointment as the City Council Representative for District 10. Not only am I a resident of District 10, I am also an employee of the Oak Grove School District where he played an integral part in my role and growth as an educator. As you know, Mr. Hawkins was an Oak Grove School District Board Member for 24 years. In his 24 year tenure, which is most of my 20 year career in the district, Mr. Hawkins truly represented what it means to be a leader. He built an excellent rapport with both the employees of the district and his constituents. As a teacher, I never once hesitated approaching him with my concerns and knew he would be empathetic and responsive. During school closures, Mr. Hawkins navigated our district through a tough decision with integrity, open-mindedness, and equity. His calm voice of reason made those heightened with emotions see multiple perspectives and gain clarity. As a senior board member, Mr. Hawkins took many newer board members under his wing and supported them in their journey to reach their highest potential. Mr. Hawkins embodies all the elements of a great leader and has helped shape who I am in my new role as school principal. I strongly feel he will be an asset for the city as his years of service and experience in the public sector will attest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Michelle Tsang

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## FW: District 10 Representative

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/25/2023 12:10 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

**Toni J. Taber, CMC**

**City Clerk**

City of San Jose

200 E Santa Clara Street

San José, CA 95113

408-535-1260

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 12:08 PM

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

**Cc:** Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** District 10 Representative

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I have known and worked with **David Heindel** for a number of years and his dedication to the D10 community is without comparison.

Unlike so many of the other candidates, David has demonstrated his capability as the Volunteer Community Leader: District 10 Leadership Coalition, Chair; San Jose All District Leadership Group, founding member; Shadow Brook HOA, 2020-2022 President; San Jose Downtown Parking Board, member; Rotary Club of San Jose, member.

I strongly support David Heindel to represent D10 for the next two years on the San Jose City Council.

Lee Steckmest

D10 and Almaden Valley Resident since 1985

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## FW: Support for George Casey for District 10 Council Seat

Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/25/2023 12:14 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

**Toni J. Taber, CMC**

**City Clerk**

City of San Jose

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San José, CA 95113

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 11:19 AM

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

**Cc:** Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]> Nancy Elizabeth Romer <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Support for George Casey for District 10 Council Seat

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Dear Pam:

This is a quick note to let you know that we have attended D10 forums for all 6 District 10 candidates and conclude that George Casey is the standout. He is a long time resident and has deep roots in Almaden (D10), as we are. He has proven himself to be a well educated and long term public servant of San Jose institutions.

Please vote for George Casey to occupy the District 10 Council seat.

Sincerely,

- *George & Nancy Romer*

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## Recommendation for D10 Council Member

Janet Williams <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 10:56 PM

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Dear Elected Representatives,

I am a resident in D10 and would like to recommend a candidate for your consideration & upcoming vote.

Dennis Hawkins was a long standing member of the Oak Grove Elementary school district. In my 10 years of attending OGSD meetings, Dennis has been a leader in connecting the district with the community. Even though he isn't currently on the board, his attendance and comments at board meetings has offered a voice of reason, and he still advocates for the district to do more outreach to the community as they make decisions.

Dennis has great potential to be a valuable council member for our city. In this situation where voters are not able to directly elect our own council member, it will be especially important for that council member to have good relations with the community in order to represent our voice on the council. Because Dennis has the diplomacy skills and track record to keep the community stakeholders involved, he has my endorsement for the open D10 position.

Thank you for taking the D10 position appointment seriously and listening to neighbor voices.

Best regards,

Janet Williams  
D10 Resident

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## D10 appointment

R B <[REDACTED]>

Tue 1/24/2023 6:26 PM

To: Taber, Toni <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan ,

I reside in D10 and want to offer my full support for appointment of George Casey.

I fell that he will do a wonderful job representing us.

Thank you,

Rozik Baghramian

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

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 1/25/2023 2:52 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Virginia BEAULIEU [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 2:42 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.

Virginia BEAULIEU

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San Jose, California 95136

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