Voting: Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's, for the vacancy at City Council! Camille Rogers < Wed 1/25/2023 11:22 AM To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan District1 < District2 District4 < District5 District3 < District 6 < District7 < District9 Reed, Jim < Gomez, David < Sandoval, Vanessa < Nguyen, Lam Madero, Angel < Groen, Mary Anne Fleming, Jonathan < City Clerk Hughes, Scott < Some people who received this message don't often get email from Learn why this is important

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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 for the following reasons. First and foremost, I'll state the obvious. Wendi is a woman and a mother. The value of a woman at the table tackling city wide decisions that affect families and children is immeasurable. I know Wendi and as mothers we know that our "value add" to our families are tremendous. The care, the attention to detail, the psychological and span of impact are carefully prioritized and those values play into the importance of accessibility and purpose of decisions made that impact our city.

As stated above, Wendi has proven to be civilly engaged. She has spent her entire career advocating on behalf of families and children. Spotlighting a few positions that she's held which demonstrate her dedication to San Jose, includes her volunteer work serving as the chair of the Library and Education Commission, and being elected to the Vice President of the San Jose Unified School District Board of Trustees. That role has enabled her to continue pushing for better opportunities for children and family access all while championing the needs of those students most severely impacted by the global pandemic. She worked tirelessly for every family to make sure they had suitable options to educate their children during a time of tremendous uncertainty. And with that she earned my respect and my vote. She has done a phenomenal job and she has the vote of many women and families in district 10 and beyond!

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely, Camille Rogers --

#### **Camille Rogers**

#### **Dennis Hawkins** Michelle Tsang < Tue 1/24/2023 9:23 PM Kamei, Rosemary < To: Mahan, Matt < Jimenez, Sergio Torres, Omar < Cohen, David Ortiz, Peter < Davis, Dev < Doan, Bien Foley, Pam < Taber, Toni < City Clerk Some people who received this message don't often get email from Learn why this is important

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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

Appointment for D10 Councilmember (Item 23-046 1/26/2023, Special Meeting)

Jacquie Heffner <	
Wed 1/25/2023 10:55 AM	
To: City Clerk <	
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I am writing today to request that the City Council appoint Ron Del Pozzo to the D10 opening.

Mr. Del Pozzo is a longtime community member who has demonstrated an ability to get involved and help create a better San Jose. He has always been a person who will go above and beyond to help anyone who needs help and has had a positive impact on our city.

Having known Mr. Del Pozzo for over 20 years I highly recommend him for this opening. Further, I am a 20+ resident of San Jose, most recently redistricted to D10, and know that Mr. Del Pozzo would be an asset to D10 and our city.

Thank you.

Jacquie Heffner

## Support for George Casey to be appointed for District 10 Joyce Wing < Wed 1/25/2023 3:27 PM To: Mahan, Matt < Cc: Taber, Toni < Some people who received this message don't often get email from Learn why this is important [External Email] Hello Mayor Mahan, 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 This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

#### FW: D10 Councilmember

Taber, Toni < Wed 1/25/2023 3:36 PM

To: Agendadesk <

#### Toni J. Taber, CMC

City Clerk City of San Jose 200 E Santa Clara Street San José, CA 95113 408-535-1260

From: <a href="#"><<a>Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 2:51 PM</a>

**To:** Foley, Pam < **Cc:** Taber, Toni <

Subject: D10 Councilmember

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#### Councilmember Foley:

I am a resident of Dist. 10 and support Dave Heindel for councilmember from D10. I have watched him lead the D10 Leadership Coalition and I believe he has a broad range of leadership and experience to qualify him as a councilmember I can rely on.

Please vote for Dave Heindel.

Judy Chamberlin

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

Taber, Toni <
Wed 1/25/2023 3:46 PM
To: Agendadesk <

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

From: Steve Wing <

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 3:45 PM

To: Mahan, Matt <
Cc: Taber, Toni <

Subject: Support for George Casey for District 10

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Hello Mayor Mahan,

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

# FW: David Heindel District 10 Vancancy Taber, Toni <

Wed 1/25/2023 6:05 PM

To: Agendadesk <

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

From: Jeri Connelly <

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 5:41 PM

**To:** Taber, Toni <

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**Subject:** David Heindel District 10 Vancancy

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Happy New Year, Toni Taber!

I sent the following email to each of the San Jose Councilmembers:

I hope you take advantage of the opportunity to appoint David Heindel to serve the San Jose community that he knows so well and has supported for so long. David's integrity, business experience, long history of community service and leadership skills gives him the perfect voice to move San Jose in the right direction. San Jose deserves someone willing to represent all members of our district...I urge you to appoint David Heindel to the District 10 Council vacancy!

Sincerely,

Jeri Connelly
<a href="District 10 Resident">District 10 Resident</a>

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#### FW: David Heindel for District 10 Seat

Taber, Toni <

Wed 1/25/2023 6:05 PM

To: Agendadesk <

Toni J. Taber, CMC

**City Clerk** 

City of San Jose 200 E Santa Clara Street San José, CA 95113 408-535-1260

From: Tracy Rodriguez <

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 6:05 PM

To: Foley, Pam < Cc: Taber, Toni <

**Subject:** David Heindel for District 10 Seat

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#### Hello Pam.

I am a resident of District 10, asking for your support in the appointment of David Heindel for the open Supervisor's seat. I have served with David on the Shadow Brook Homeowners Association for the past three years. David recruited the entire team to replace the previous board that was leaving after 15 years of service with many loose ends. He was the driver for automation of the many tasks required of the board and led us to become a finally oiled machine so that we may all provide a smooth transition for the boards to come after us. I believe that the fact that he has no intention of running for the office in 2024 shows he is committed to be focused on serving the community without the distractions of running for an election. I urge you to support his appointment.

Sincerely

Theresa Rodriguez

San Jose, CA 95120

#### FW: David Heindel District 10 Seat

Taber, Toni < Wed 1/25/2023 6:23 PM

To: Agendadesk <

**Toni J. Taber, CMC City Clerk**City of San Jose
200 E Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

From: Tracy Rodriguez <

408-535-1260

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 6:23 PM

To: Mahan, Matt < Matt.
Cc: Taber, Toni <

Subject: David Heindel District 10 Seat

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Hello Matt,

Congratulations on your election for Mayor! My family and I are thrilled that you won.

As you may recall I am a resident of District 10, and have served with David Heindel on the Shadow Brook Homeowners Association for the past three years. He recruited the team and led us his in cleaning up the issues in our HOA from the previous board that was worn out from 15 years of service. He was the driver for automation of the many tasks required of the board and led us to become a finally oiled machine so that we may all provide a smooth transition for the boards to come after us. I believe that the fact that he has no intention of running for the office in 2024 shows he is committed to be focused on serving the community without the distractions of running for an election. I urge you to support his appointment to fill your open seat.

Kind regards, Tracy (Theresa) Rodriguez

San Jose, CA 95120

FW: District 10 Council—David Heindel Taber, Toni < Wed 1/25/2023 6:55 PM To: Agendadesk < 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: K Azevedo < Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 6:52 PM To: Mahan, Matt < Kamei, Rosemary < Jimenez, Sergio Torres, Omar < Cohen, David Davis, Dev < Doan, Bien < Foley, Pam < Taber, Toni -Cc: K Azevedo < Subject: District 10 Council—David Heindel [You don't often get email from Learn why this is important at

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Dear Elected Officials,

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Thank you for your service. I am emailing you today to express my support for David Heindel for District 10.

I am a resident of District 10, although I feel these districts (8 and 10) should have been put to democratic vote, I am confident that David Heindel will represent District 10 with competence and compassion.

Please do take my support of David Heindel into consideration when you decide who should take over this gap position.

All my best, Karen Azevedo

Fwd: D10 Councilperson Representative
Taber, Toni <

To: Agendadesk <

Wed 1/25/2023 8:43 PM

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From: Bob Vonderwerth

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 8:07:43 PM

To: Mahan, Matt < Matt.

Cc: Taber, Toni <

Subject Re D10 Councilperson Representative

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On Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 07:55:10 PM PST, Bob Vonderwerth

wrote:

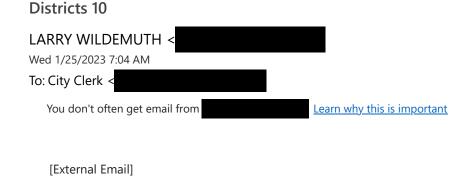
Dear Matt,

I am writing to urge you, and the seated Councilperson's who I will email separately, to vote for Dave Heindel to fill the District 10 Councilperson's seat

I have been a resident of District 10 for nearly 50 years. I am an active member of the community, serve as the Vice Chair of the Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Association, Founder of the July 4th Family Fun Day and Fireworks held at Almaden Lake, and one of the Founding Members of the District 10 Coalition.

I am recommending Dave because I know that he'll be a fair and honest representative for the citizens who live in District 10. I met Dave more than 9 years when he and I, among twenty-five others, formed the District 10 Coalition to bring the community together. Dave has been actively involved in the group and has done an excellent job by listening to the residents and representing their needs when he is called upon to do so. As a volunteer leader the only currency we have is our reputation and sweat equity, Dave uses both to tell the story and support his constituents. I can't think of another person who is better suited for this role than Dave. A vote for Dave is a vote for D10!

Sincerely, Bob Vonderwerth



#### Dear Mayor & Councilmembers -

I live in District 10 and am very concerned that my voice be heard regarding your pending appointment of my Councilmember. The list of 24 applicants is so long that I feel you need to look for candidates who have current experience and success in bringing people together and working with local government. Please look closely at David Heindel, he is currently the Chair of the District 10 Leadership Coalition and one of the co-founders of the All District Leadership Group. His ability to work with leaders from all 10 districts puts him at the top of active volunteer leaders in our city. So, with David you get 2 for 1 - An accomplished leader for District 10 & someone who knows how to collaborate with others throughout our city.

Please vote for him to advance to the interviews later this month.

Thank you,

Larry Wildemuth

95120

#### Dave Heindel





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Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

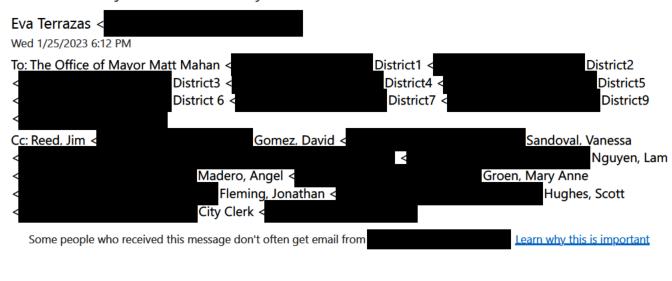
Please consider selecting Mr. Dave Heindel to represent District 10. I recently met Dave as my working group came up with the idea of creating a dog park at Los Paseos Park. Dave has been very helpful and inspirational for us in providing direction and advice to get our project moving forward.

We feel that he would be the best representative to the council for our area.

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Adrienne Burke

#### Wendi M Gurajoo for San Jose City Council District 10



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#### Good evening-

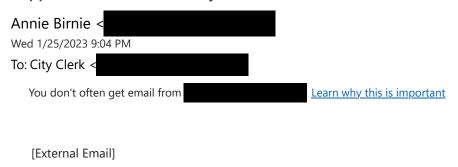
Please accept this letter in support of Wendi Gurajoo for the appointment to the vacant seat on the San Jose City Council District 10.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Eva M. Terazas

#### Support for Wendi Mahaney Gurahoo for District 10 Seat



#### 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 currently chairs the City's Library and Education Commission and serves as the Vice President of the San Jose Unified School District Board of Trustees, representing much of the city council district. She is a community impact leader with over 30 years of experience in advocacy, policy, and operations.

Wendi has a keen ability to understand the needs of those around her and is a forward thinker. Wendi is an exceptional collaborator and connector of people to attain a common goal for the best of her community. In addition, Wendi's experience extends to government, non-profits, and private sectors.

I support Wendi because I've witnessed Wendi's servant leadership and her ability to bring people together for a common purpose. Passionate about being a public servant, Wendi has the ability to listen carefully and is very skillful in helping individuals find common ground when they are on opposite sides of an issue.

I encourage you to appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,

Annie T Rivnie

Fwd: City Council Vacency
Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo <
Wed 1/25/2023 9:06 PM

To: City Clerk <

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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 differning 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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Fwd: Recommendation for District 10 seat - Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo <

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From: MARIA CANNITO <

**Date:** January 23, 2023 at 7:05:06 PM PST

To: Mahaney-Gurahoo Wendi <

Subject: Fwd: Recommendation for District 10 seat - Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

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From: District7 <

Subject: Re: Recommendation for District 10 seat - Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Date: January 23, 2023 at 7:04:14 PM PST

To: MARIA CANNITO <

Hi Maria,

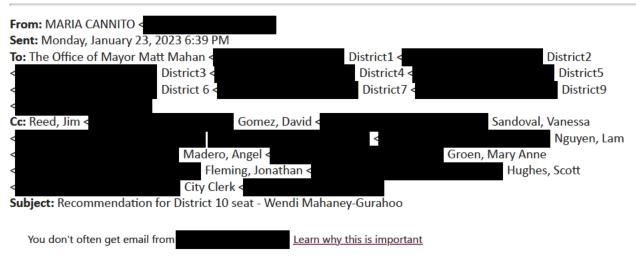
Thank you for taking the time for providing your feedback.

Best regards,

#### Sonya Lu

Executive Administrator / Policy Office of Councilmember Bien Doan, District 7 City of San José 200 East Santa Clara Street San José, CA 95113-1905





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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

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

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo <

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To: City Clerk <

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From: Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo <

**Date:** January 23, 2023 at 9:57:44 PM PST

To: Darrell Evora <

Subject: Re: Fw: Support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy in District 10



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

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

#### Recommendation for City Council Appointment, District 10 Jennifer Cloyd < Wed 1/25/2023 9:31 PM To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan District1 < District2 District4 < District5 District3 < District 6 < District7 < District9 Gomez, David < Reed, Jim < Sandoval, Vanessa < Nguyen, Lam Groen, Mary Anne Madero, Angel < Fleming, Jonathan < City Clerk < You don't often get email from Learn why this is important

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

My name is Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd and I am a long-time leader in the city of San Jose for almost two decades focused on the safety and well-being of children and families, housing as a human right, and health access for all. As a social justice legal aid attorney for many years, I know the opportunity that our City Council has to deeply influence equity, especially racial equity of the citizens of San Jose. I am writing in support of Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy in District 10.

Wend's commitment to improving outcomes for San Jose's most vulnerable residents is evidenced by her 30 years of experience in advocacy, policy development, communications, operations. She has served as an elected leader, teacher, change agent, and consultant across multiple sectors. She has not shied away from difficult decisions and always strives to do right by the people she serves and isn't afraid to use her voice to do so. In this unique opportunity to appoint an advocate who could serve to navigate our community's transition out of the pandemic and into a new world of equity, Wendi would be a dedicated advocate to supporting the vision of the opportunity that San Jose could offer to all.

Please consider appointing Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd

#### **Appoint Dennis Hawkins D10**

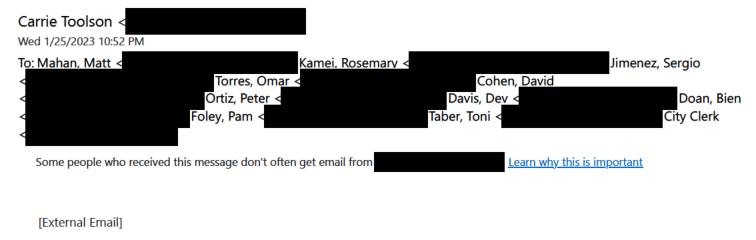
Kristy Orton <	
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To whom it may concern,

I would urge you to appoint Dennis Hawkins to represent District 10 on the San Jose City Council. He has proven himself trustworthy, hardworking, open minded, and capable of representing and hearing the many differing voices and opinions of our diverse population. With already 25 years of public management experience, he will be able to hit the ground running to work towards finding reasonable solutions for improving public safety and homelessness, while also improving the overall quality of other public services in San Jose. Please choose to appoint Dennis Hawkins for City Council.

Thank you! Sincerely, Kristy Orton District 10 Resident

#### **Dennis Hawkins for District 10**

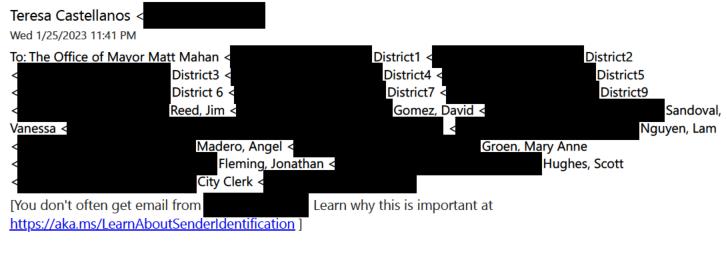


#### Dear City Council Members,

I strongly encourage you to appoint Dennis Hawkins to represent District 10 on the San Jose City Council. He has proven himself trustworthy, hardworking, open minded, and capable of representing and hearing the many differing voices and opinions of our diverse population. With already 25 years of public management experience, he will be able to hit the ground running to work towards finding reasonable solutions for improving public safety and homelessness, while also improving the overall quality of other public services in San Jose. On behalf of District 10, please choose to appoint Dennis Hawkins for City Council.

Thank you, Carrie Toolson District 10 Resident

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



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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 I have witnessed her commitment & dedication to address difficult issues in our community. Her many years of experience make her the best candidate in understanding the layers of situations facing San Jose families during difficult economic moments.

As a school board member, I am aware of the skills, abilities & values needed to grow in an ever changing environment. In my years of working with Wendi, I have seen her demonstrate the leadership needed to lead in the City of San Jose. She understands the complexity of diverse opinions, the bigger picture and is not afraid to make difficult decisions that address the needs of a diverse population.

Please appoint Wendi to the District 10 seat.

Respectfully,

Teresa Castellanos, SJUSD Trustee

Support Democracy, Support a Special Election for SJ City Council!



Dear 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.

We saw how flawed the appointment process is in real time on Tuesday night. It's not properly controlled and the candidates are not properly vetted through this approach.

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 vote on Thursday, January 26, 2023, to change course and schedule a special election to fill the district 8 and 10 seats.

Sincerely,

Elaine Jones
District 10 Resident



#### Please appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to SJCC D10 Seat



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

I send this email to share my strongest support for Wendi-Mahaney-Gurahoo's candidacy for the vacancy in District 10. Wendi has been an excellent trustee at San José Unified bringing a strong voice for the Almaden area to the decision-making table while balancing a vision for the entire community to thrive. She is an experienced public servant who can hit the ground running and I know she will bring the same drive and commitment to the City Council.

During the time we have worked together at SJUSD 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 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 policy on Grading for Equity. Wendi also represents teachers and parents as the Board representative on the District-wide Council of the PTA Committee. She has a deep respect for the community and knows the importance of moving past sound bites to have real conversation.

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 and serves as the Vice President of the San Jose Unified School District Board of Trustees, representing much of the city council district. Some might not only ask how she can do it all, but also how she does it all so amazingly well...but that would be sexist because men don't typically get asked how they balance it all.

As the once feminist capital of the world, I trust that our San José leaders know the incredible value of a colleague that understands that childcare is just as essential to economic prosperity as reaching key performance indicators or maintaining product-market fit. Even more important, her work on both the SJUSD Budget Committee and Audit Committee have demonstrated her deep understanding of and commitment to sound fiscal decision-making that is guided by her genuine love of this community.

You have an excellent opportunity to appoint a strong woman, insightful collaborator, and amazing public servant who will improve the entire City as she works hard to best represent District 10. My only regret in sending this email is that I will miss her dearly on the SJUSD Board.

Please appoint Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo to the District 10 vacancy.

Sincerely,

Carla Collins, SJUSD Trustee Area 3

Fw: District 10 - SJ City Council vacancy appointment

Rosemary Self <
Wed 1/25/2023 9:03 PM

To: Taber, Toni <
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#### Toni Taber,

I am forwarding this email which i sent to each SJ council member so that it will be included in the public record for Jan. 26th council meeting.

Hello Mayor Mahan,

I urge you to appoint David Heindel to fill the vacancy for District 10 City of San Jose Council member. I am very confident he will do an outstanding job and be laser focused on issues important to District 10 instead of launching a re-election campaign.

I have lived in Almaden (District 10) since 1982 and love our beautiful community. I have known David and his family for about 30 years. He is a devoted family man, energetic school volunteer and an Almaden resident who has been involved and actively contributed to political issues important to the safety and preservation of our community. Recently he was very active and effective in supporting your campaign for Mayor of San Jose.

He will do an excellent job!

Sincerely,

Rosemary Self (current resident of District 10)

# Pam O'Hara < Wed 1/25/2023 8:51 PM To: Taber, Toni < You don't often get email from Learn why this is important [External Email]

District 10

Good evening - I would like to recommend Dennis Hawkins for the vacancy in District 10. I remember him with his years on the Board of Trustees with Oak Grove School District. He is a man of honor and a hard worker for his community- Please consider him for the help he can bring to district 10 and San Jose-Thank you for your time- Pam O'Hara-School Secretary at Sakamoto Elementary

FW: JANUARY 1, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS PERHAPS ILLEGAL



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

From: Kevin Larsen <					
Sent: Wednesday, January 25	, 2023 9:29 PM				
To: to: Kevin Larsen <		Kamei, Rosemary <			Jimenez, Sergio
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Subject: Re: JANUARY 1, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS PERHAPS ILLEGAL

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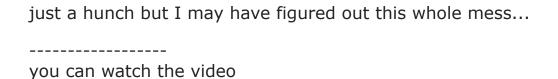
## this is real important in my view

I would suggest delay of interviewing any people for District 10

I think, and maybe it happened or maybe not, but the video if studied might show things

this may have happened on January 24, the worst city hall council meeting in history in my opinion

# the following is just a possibility and would need to be proven out



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I think I figured out what went wrong in the process...

a person waiting to be called in the chamber to get the 9 questions (each city council member and the mayor asked the same question to the candidates (30 minute period)

so, someone in the audience may have texted all 9 questions to a potential candidate waiting in the back to be called up to be interviewed

then if that candidate was say the 4 candidate to go and get interviewed

this gave the candidate one hour or more to prepare answers to the questions texted to the candidate by the candidate using internet and drafting responses which

if it did happen was unfair and unethical.

so as the candidate went through the same questions... such a candidate may have just read the

prepared answers (over one hour of prep) to the city council members and mayor and had an unfair

advantage for the candidate did not have to think of answers on the fly

## I'd make a good spy

so, if the above is proven out, delay the selection of the district 10 candidates till this gets figured out better. it is as many

are saying a "circus" so I ask one of you city council members to copy this out on paper and give it to your city council leader



#### FW: Supporting D10 candidate Arjun Batra

Taber, Toni <
Thu 1/26/2023 11:06 AM
To: Agendadesk <

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: geeta kapur < Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 10:45 PM To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan < Mahan, Matt < Taber, Toni District1 < District2 < Kamei, Rosemary Jimenez, Sergio < District3 < District4 < Torres, Omar < Cohen, David Ortiz, Peter District 6 District9 Davis, Dev < District7 < Foley, Pam < Doan, Bien Subject: Supporting D10 candidate Arjun Batra

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#### Dear City Council Members,

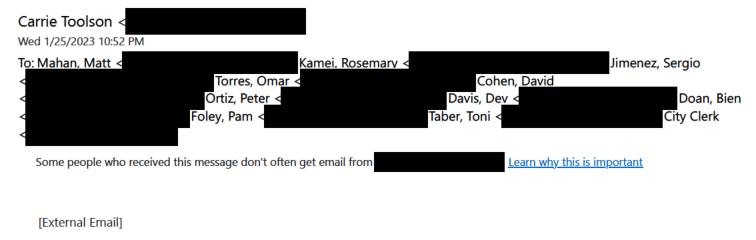
I attended the Avca event on Thursday the 19th of January. I would like to express my support for Arjun Batra. Listening to him that day strengthened my belief that he would be the best candidate for Council Member for D10. His vast experience on the Smart City Advisory Board and his participation in governing policy formulations and operations of the city of San Jose. He created the San Jose Information technology advisory board and had I T experts to volunteer

their expertise in various ventures.

Working pro bono for 6 years shows Arjun's dedication and passion for the betterment of the community! I have known him for 30 years and have lived in Almaden for 45 years. His skill in the tech sector and vision for the future uniquely qualifies him to be our Council Member I think Arjun is the ideal candidate for D10 as his commitment speaks for itself!

Thank you, Geeta Kapur San Jose, CA 95120

#### **Dennis Hawkins for District 10**



#### Dear City Council Members,

I strongly encourage you to appoint Dennis Hawkins to represent District 10 on the San Jose City Council. He has proven himself trustworthy, hardworking, open minded, and capable of representing and hearing the many differing voices and opinions of our diverse population. With already 25 years of public management experience, he will be able to hit the ground running to work towards finding reasonable solutions for improving public safety and homelessness, while also improving the overall quality of other public services in San Jose. On behalf of District 10, please choose to appoint Dennis Hawkins for City Council.

Thank you, Carrie Toolson District 10 Resident

#### **Appoint Dennis Hawkins D10**

Kristy Orton <	
Wed 1/25/2023 10:45 PM	
To: Mahan, Matt <	
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To whom it may concern,

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Thank you! Sincerely, Kristy Orton District 10 Resident

# FW: Arjun Batra - D10 candidate Taber, Toni < Thu 1/26/2023 11:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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

From: A Look <alook@att.net> Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 10:26 AM To: Mahan, Matt < Matt. Kamei, Rosemary < Jimenez, Sergio Cohen, David < Torres, Omar < Ortiz, Peter < Peter. Orti Davis, Dev < Doan, Bien < Foley, Pam Taber, Toni < Subject: Arjun Batra - D10 candidate You don't often get email from . Learn why this is important [External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in support of Arjun Batra to be appointed Council Member for District 10.

I have been Arjun's neighbor for over 20 years. He is a dedicated and conscientious person. He has dedicated his time on a pro bono basis to monitor and verify that the city budget is administered appropriately. With his vast work experience in the Silicon Valley, he was able to help the city of San Jose to improve on its IT structure along with obtaining support from Intel.

As a resident of the district 10, Arjun should be our choice to represent us.

Sincerely, Arthur Look

San Jose, CA 95120

#### FW: In support of Dennis Hawkins - personal experience

Taber, Toni <	
Thu 1/26/2023 12:45 PM	
To: Agendadesk <	

**Toni J. Taber, CMC City Clerk**City of San Jose
200 E Santa Clara Street
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From: Steve Orton <					
Sent: Thursday, January 26	5, 2023 12:37 PM				
To: Mahan, Matt < Matt.		Kamei, Rosemary <		Jimenez, Serg	gio
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Hello,

I'm writing to you in support of Dennis Hawkins appointment to the San Jose City Council seat for District 10. You're no doubt already aware of his extensive past experience in city government and local elected office, both of which will help him make an immediate impact on the important problems facing San Jose. Given the short appointment period, I think his experience is critical!

I'd like to add that my personal experiences with him as a public servant and private citizen have been very impressive. In his time as an OGSD Trustee, his commitment to transparency & accountability were apparent as he personally facilitated public outreach sessions on difficult community matters (rather than hide behind closed doors). As a private citizen, I've been a witness to the practical, wise, & even-handed advice he has provided to members of our D10 community on a variety of complex and difficult topics -- all without demonizing others. His personal integrity shows in the consistency of his public and private character.

In a time of increasing polarization in our community, it's more important than ever that leaders get back to the basics of good governance including accountability, transparency, and a commitment to solving problems. I believe Dennis will do the hard work necessary to solve the very real problems of homelessness, blight, & public safety facing San Jose. I hope he will have your vote!

Sincerely,

Steve Orton

FW: District 10 City Council Appointment

City Clerk <
Thu 1/26/2023 1:24 PM
To: Agendadesk <

From: Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2	< 2023 1:23 PM		
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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

I would like to write to you to express my opinions on the appointment of the District 10 City Councilmember. I would urge you to vote **against** Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo and to **vote for** David Heindel.

My experience with Wendi has shown that she is not engaging and does not have an appreciation of issues that are important to D10 residents. When she ran for SJUSD trustee, Wendi initially posted a message on the "NextDoor" App. When respectfully asked her stance on certain key issues, rather than engaging in a dialogue, Wendi removed the post. She won her SJUSD trustee position because nobody else chose to run.

During the school district's investigation into using school land for employee housing, the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury identified some concerning aspects of the district's processes, including not properly disclosing using school funds to hire a lobbyist, as well as not following proper procedures for a potential conflict of interest of an analyst hired by the district. The school district's response to this report was incredibly disrespectful, dismissive, inflammatory and derogatory towards residents in Almaden Valley. Wendi approved this response with virtually no probing or questioning into the issue at all (she asked two unrelated questions and nothing else).

As Chairman of the D10 Leadership Coalition, David Heindel knows issues impacting the district well. He is fair, balanced, and engaging. Please appoint David Heindel for District 10 City Councllmember.

Thank you, Greg Braley District 10 Resident

FW: Please Consider David Heindel For D10 City Council



From: David Noel <
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 2:44 PM

To: Mahan, Matt <
District3 <
District4 <
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District6 <
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Subject: Please Consider David Heindel For D10 City Council

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Hi Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

As a District 9 neighborhood leader with decades-long close ties with District 10, I encourage you to consider appointing David Heindel as the next D10 city councilmember. I've worked closely with David in his capacity as Chair of the District 10 Leadership Coalition and have found him to be an energetic, knowledgeable and effective community builder. Under his leadership, the D10LC was reinvigorated, new D10 neighborhood associations were formed, and volunteer teams worked closely addressing several of D10's most pressing issues in a model partnership between the D10LC and the D10 council office.

David's resume includes significant relevant public and private sector experience. He brings knowledge of best practices from several municipalities including San Jose. For San Jose, he brings deep District 10 and city-wide knowledge as a volunteer leader, deep institutional knowledge as a former city employee (Redevelopment Agency), and lived-experience as a current downtown San Jose business owner.

Thanks for your consideration!

David Noel

President, Erikson Neighborhood Association Board and Founding Member, District 9 Leadership Group Past President, VEP Community Association (in D10 until 2022 redistricting) Grew up in District 10

FW: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council District 10





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As the City continues to incorporate equity into its decision making, it is even more critical for women to have a seat at the table because gender equity transcends race, ethnicity, and socio economic status, truly touching our entire community.

We hope you will consider this during your deliberations.

Respectfully,

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#### Individuals (titles for identification purposes only)

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Alex Caraballo	
Alexa N.	
Amber Marx	
Angelica Cortez	Executive Director, LEAD Filipino
Angelica Ramos	President, National Women's Political Caucus
Angelina Ramirez	PSRD

Carla Collins	SJUSD Trustee
Carol Garvey	
Celia Medina	
Cindy Harlin	City employee and President of MEF
Claudia Rossi	, , ,
Constance Carpenter	
	Board Vice President/Alum Rock Union
Corina Herrera-Loera	Elementary School District
Dalenna Hughes	
Darcie Green	Community Health Advocate
Delanie Medina	
Dianna Zamora Maroquin	Democratic Activists for Women Now
Elisa Koff-Ginsborg	
Emiliana Guereca	President Women's March Foundation
Eva M Terrazas	Chief Public Polcy and Advocacy Officer
Evelyn O'Marah	
Frances Herbert	Vice President, Democratic Activists for Women Now
Heidi	
Helen Chapman	
James Kim	
Janice Allen	
Jennifer Van Every	
Jenny Higgins	Deputy Director Women's March Foundation
John Comiskey	Co-Chair, Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley
John Tucker	AFSCME
Judy Pipkin	
Kathy Tran	IFPTE Local 21
Karina Dominguez	former Vice Mayor, City of Milpitas
Leslye Corsiglia	
Linda Alexander	President- DAWN
Lisanna Dominguez	
Margaret Hawley	
Marie	Senior PAD

Mary Cheryl Bravo Gloner	District 4 Resident; Community Health and Nonprofit Leader
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Mayra E Cruz	Equity Elder
Melanie Helmke	
Meri Maben	
Michele Dauber	Professor of Law, Stanford Law School (title for identification purposes only)
Miki Bellon	
Nancy Bremeau	CEDAW Challenge Team
Nick Watson	
Patricia Gardner	
Patrícia Rocha	Community activist
Patrick O'Marah	
Raeena Lari	
Randi Kinman	
Rebeca Armendariz	Silicon Valley Rising
Ronald Robinson Jr	Journeyman Inside Wireman
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Ortiz,

Foley, Pam

Subject: Last-minute support for Dennis Hawkins

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Peter < Peter. Orti

Last minute word of support for Dennis Hawkins for the district 10 vacancy.

Davis, Dev <

Taber, Toni <

Dennis has been an asset to our community for decades on the school board, and has been helpful numerous times in both community and faith-based projects that I have worked with and overseen as a member of the District 10 Faith leader council.

Doan, Bien <

City Clerk <

We would be well-served by his continued service to our area.

Sincerely,

Nathan Casper

#### FW: In Support of Patti Andrade

City Clerk <
Thu 1/26/2023 4:29 PM
To: Agendadesk <

From: Purvinder Kaur Soor < Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:18 PM To: Mahan, Matt < Matt. Kamei, Rosemary < Jimenez, Sergio Torres, Omar < Cohen, David < Ortiz, Peter < Peter. Orti Doan, Bien Davis, Dev < Foley, Pam City Clerk < Subject: In Support of Patti Andrade Some people who received this message don't often get email from Learn why this is important [External Email]

#### Good Evening,

I am writing in support of Patti Andrade for the District 8 Council seat. I support Patti because of her experience serving District 8 families as a School Board Trustee for the Evergreen School Board and serving as the District 8 Community Relations staffer. She has built relationships with schools, neighborhood associations, faith-based organizations, and community members.

We need a Councilmember who is collaborative in their efforts to bring about results that benefit the families in the district.

She is ready to serve and represent District 8 and I hope that you vote to appoint Patti Andrade as the next District 8 Councilmember.

Thank you,

**Purvinder Soor**