

Letter to CSJ re Item 7.1 MGPTF Strategic Plan

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Dear Honorable Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

Please see attached a letter prepared by the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) regarding item 7.1, Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Plan - San José Youth Violence Prevention Strategy for the Tuesday, January 31, 2023, City Council meeting. We look forward to your discussion around this and other related items.

Regards,

Claire Kennedy

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January 27, 2023

San José Mayor and City Council
San José City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: Item 7.1, Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Plan – San José Youth Violence Prevention Strategy


Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council:

I write to you on behalf of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), an alliance of community-based organizations working to support thriving and equitable communities in Santa Clara County.

SVCN writes in support of the recommendations by the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee for item 7.1--accepting the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Strategic Plan, adopting the new name of San José Youth Empowerment Alliance, and discontinuing the term "hot spots" to define areas of high youth and gang crime and replace it with Opportunity Neighborhoods.

SVCN and representatives of the BEST providers are grateful to have had seats at the table in the strategic planning process and we appreciate the hard work of staff, consultants, and stakeholders in moving this work forward so thoughtfully and inclusively. SVCN generally approves of the direction that the strategic plan took, and would like to emphasize that BEST services are a cost-effective part of the City's strategy to support youth and prevent crime and violence. Doubling down the investment in prevention and intervention, particularly in community-based approaches rather than continuing to focus primarily on policing and carceral approaches, would really make San José a smart city.

Regards,



Kyra Kazantzis, CEO

About SVCN

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) advances the role, voice, and capacity of the nonprofit community in Santa Clara County so it can be a force for positive social change and support the creation of equitable, vibrant, and thriving communities. SVCN has committed to be a change-agent and a model of possibility by centering racial justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion principles in everything SVCN does internally and externally. One of our strategic commitments is to support the nonprofit ecosystem by being a trusted source and hub of information, resources, and connection for nonprofits across Silicon Valley, that facilitates nonprofit collaboration and collective impact. We also leverage our power, positionality, and access, in order to partner with, amplify, and support community to influence decision-makers to change systems in ways that address the biggest challenges facing nonprofits and the communities they serve. SVCN's nonprofit membership is 170+ strong; we also offer Ally Membership to individuals, businesses, and foundations. To learn more about SVCN please visit www.svcn.org.