Comment from District 5 Youth Commissioner on item 3.5 Status Report on the November 2018 Ballot Measure T - The Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure General Obligation Bond.

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The Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Environmental concerns in our neighborhoods in District 5 have been neglected for far too long, and when our leaders have suggested ways to make Lake Cunningham better, they have frequently encountered resistance.

Since the middle of the 1990s, Lake Cunningham's water quality has deteriorated adversely, posing a threat to the ecosystem and jeopardizing the security of park amenities and meadows during algal blooms or natural flooding on this former floodplain.

The lake has been off-limits for recreational use for more than 30 years.

Given this truth, when should we act if not now? Your vote will demonstrate how much you respect East San José's environmental justice and equity.

I firmly recommend that the council:

- Accept the Candelas & Ortiz memo, and
- Give residents what was promised in measure T, putting these funds towards preventing flooding and water quality contamination. "

Very Respectfully,
Andrew Lieu

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