

FW: Support a San Jose budget for All!

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

Please support the San José Budget for All asks — as put forth by many community organizations, including Silicon Valley Rising, the South Bay Labor Council, the Latina Coalition, the Asian Law Alliance, and Planned Parenthood (Mar Monte).

As a San José resident, I am writing to ask for your support in shaping a City Budget that prioritizes the needs of working families and upholds our values as a community. In order to properly address economic, racial, and social inequality, we need a budget that ensures we are building a City for every resident, family, and neighborhood.

I, like many others, was disappointed by Mayor Matt Mahan's budget message released on March 13th which pays lip service to multiple priorities, while still excluding a large number of residents — in particular Black, Latino, and AAPI communities as well as other immigrant and low-income residents whose neighborhoods are historically underfunded.

Moreover, the focus on "cleaning up" and other short term solutions such as using a large chunk of resources on only interim housing, rather than both interim and permanent housing, merely hides and postpones our housing crisis, raises questions regarding whose priorities are reflected in this message — the people of San José or the real estate interests aligned with the Mayor?

We cannot afford a San José budget that does not address the most urgent needs of our most vulnerable communities. I am joining together with my community to ask you to prioritize a City Budget that includes workers, parents and children, includes all neighborhoods, and our most vulnerable residents. A budget that goes beyond the surface, and addresses the root causes of inequality in our City.

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