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Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

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Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public

1. Letter from Martha O'Connell, dated April 27, 2023, regarding: Preserving Mobilehomes in SJ - the "third P".

Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

Preserving Mobilehomes in SJ - the "third P"

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For Rules packet

Mayor and Council

During the hours-long 4-25-23 Council meeting on COPA, the word “preservation” was used over and over. The \$5 million dollar tag to build a handful of units was cited.

Mobilehome advocates who listened to the tape of the meeting later were shocked to discover that Housing staff did not say one word, one word, about persevering the 10,729 mobile homes that house **well over** 35,000 San Jose residents.

Why did Housing stay silent on Mobilehomes?

On 10-18-22, the Foley/Esparza motion passed Council unanimously. For those who need to see it again, it is at the very end of this email.

Among the 13 Parks to be redesigned next is one of the poorest in the City. Westwinds and Mountain Springs already obtained the MH land use designation. They are beautiful, upper scale Parks. All Parks, and all residents, deserve the same additional protection in the name of fairness.

Let's move on this.

We have been waiting for years. While money and staff time is wasted on things like COPA, this low cost and easy preservation of MHs drags on year after year.

As the Foley/Esparza motion made crystal clear: **“Streamline the public outreach process for the land use designation work, recognizing that this is work that our mobile home residents have both been aware of and actively fighting for since 2015.”**

Here is Esparza (moved) Foley (seconded) motion:

Direct Staff to:

1. Return to Council with a detailed multi-year plan and timeline to complete the General Plan Land Use designation work for the remaining 56 mobilehome parks in the City, including returning through the Mid-Year Budget Review with resources needed to complete land use designations this fiscal year for the 12 most at risk parks identified in the Staff Report, and returning through the Budget Process with resources needed to redesignate all of the remaining parks in the City, and a detailed plan and timeline for doing so.

2. Streamline the public outreach process for the land use designation work, recognizing that this is work that our mobile home residents have both been aware of and actively fighting for since 2015.

3. Include Millpond 2 along with the other 12 parks assessed by staff to be highest risk to be redesignated this fiscal year through the Mid-Year Budget Review process.

Thus making the complete list of parks to be redesignated this year: Oak Crest, Lamplighter, Quail Hollow, Chateau La Salle, Mill Pond 1 and 2, Caribees, Hometown, San Jose Mobile Home and RV Park, San Jose Trailer Park, La Buona Vita, Sunshadow, and Silver Creek Mobile Estates.

4. Align the relevant portions of the Housing Element with the plan and timeline for this work to ensure consistency.

End of Foley/Esparza 10-18-22 motion.

Martha O'Connell

GSMOL Regional Manager

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. – Desmond Tutu

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