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Regards,
Chloe Shipp
Resident, Tamien Neighborhood, District 3

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Regards,
Anna Marcoida-Harshbarger
DISTRICT 3 - Japantown Neighborhood

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Hally Bowman <[REDACTED]>

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Hally Bowman
Cambrian, San Jose

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Regards,
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Karen Kienzle <[REDACTED]>

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Karen Kienzle and I am an Arts Advocate. I am writing to you today regarding the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. I believe that arts and culture are essential to the economic, social, and civic wellbeing of our city. We have all experienced the power of the arts in helping our community get through the pandemic. Now in recovery, the arts will be vital in our community restoration, promoting resiliency and revitalization.

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Best,
Karen Kienzle
San Jose District 3 Resident

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Public Comment Regarding the Mayor's Budget Proposal

Carman Gaines <[REDACTED]>

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Carman Gaines, and I am an Arts Advocate, Associate Director of the 501c3 Local Color, and a San José native. I am writing regarding the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. I believe arts and culture are essential to our city's economic, social, and civic well-being.

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Regards,
Carman Gaines

A Resident of District 3

Carman Gaines
Associate Director

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Dalia Rawson and I am the Artistic and Executive Director of New Ballet in downtown San Jose, as well as a supporter of the arts. I am writing to you today regarding the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. I believe that arts and culture are essential to the economic, social, and civic wellbeing of our city.

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District 6

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Emmett Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

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Santa Clara County

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Regards,
Sorcha Tate
À San Jose Resident

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Suhita Shirodkar. I am a resident one of four Creative Ambassadors to the City of San Jose this year, a program that creates community-facing art and results from our Arts Budget. I'm an Arts Advocate and am writing to you today regarding the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. I

The City Manager's one-time allocation of \$1 million from a \$35.3 million General Fund surplus to supplement the City's Cultural Grants Programs is a step in the right direction. But it is not enough. Unfortunately, this allocation still leaves the proposed Cultural Grants budget nearly \$585,000 (or 8%) below 2022-2023 levels.

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Regards,
Suhita Shirodkar
Almaden, COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

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Regards,
Rebecca Nugent

Kristin Bertrand [REDACTED]

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Regards,
Kristin and Christopher Bertrand
Naglee Park

FW: Public Safety Budget Study Session

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember

My name is Kathryn Hedges and I have lived downtown in District 3 since 2016 and visited downtown as a TechShop member since 2011. I am also a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice, a member of the Care First, Jails Never coalition.

Living downtown in affordable housing, I have a front row seat to all the different public safety issues. Unlike my neighbors on Nextdoor, however, I want to see people treated humanely instead of just incarcerated if they make a mistake.

I have overheard multiple incidents of domestic violence in my building, but hesitated to call 911 because armed police officer intervention can make matters worse. Therefore, I support the pilot project to prevent and respond to domestic violence as recommended by RIPS.

I also worry about fatal results of police 911 calls for mental health or substance abuse crises, as the City has settled many wrongful death suits after SJPd killed someone in crisis. (They killed a guest in my building who had a history of dual diagnosis, mental health and drug use.) This is why I ask that the City allocate \$1.9 million to fund a second TRUST field team for the City of San Jose, instead of allocating \$5 million to the Police Department Sworn Backfill Reserve for police overtime.

I also oppose adding 2 sworn law enforcement officers and other increases in the police budget. These funds are better spent on non-police alternatives.

I want to see a more caring San Jose where we help people up when they fall instead of just punishing them.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hedges

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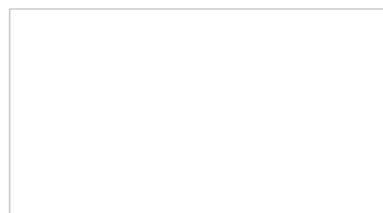
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Please find attached a letter from San José Arts Advocates on behalf of our creative community related to the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, specifically the budget for the Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs and the Transient Occupancy Tax (Fund 461).

Thank you as always for your service and for your consideration. We stand available as a resource for any of your questions or initiatives related to the arts in San José.

Regards,
SJAA Core Team



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San José Arts Advocates

May 10, 2023

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SJAA is a collaborative of the San José creative community dedicated to education, advocacy, and action to support arts and culture. We believe that arts and culture are essential to the economic, social, and civic wellbeing of our city. Our creative industry was the first to be crushed by the COVID shutdown, and it continues to be the slowest to recover.

With that in mind, we appreciate the City Manager's one-time allocation of \$1 million from a \$35.3 million General Fund surplus to supplement the City's Cultural Grants Programs. As ARPA and other pandemic relief funding sunsets and the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Fund remains far below pre-pandemic levels, it is critical that the City maintain its support of the nonprofit arts sector, which collectively generates hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact and provides thousands of good-paying jobs for San José residents.

Unfortunately, this allocation still leaves the proposed Cultural Grants budget nearly \$585,000 (or 8.3%) below 2022-2023 levels. In many cases, this reduction could impact the ability of a small or medium-sized nonprofit arts organization to offer a full slate of programs — or to offer any programs at all. This would not only make San José a less desirable place to live, work, and play, it would reduce the creative industry's economic impact, leaving the City with less revenue to fund core services like public safety.

We are also concerned that both the City Manager's estimate for TOT revenue in FY 2022-2023 and projection for FY 2023-2024 are overly optimistic. If that turns out to be the case, it could further reduce funding for Cultural Grants Programs, not to mention additional arts, cultural, and tourism programs funded by the TOT.

To address these concerns and achieve the Council's stated goal of improving the vibrancy and quality of life in San José, we call on you to take the following actions with regard to the City's FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget:

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We hope you will take these steps to preserve, protect, and promote our creative community. Thank you for your service and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

San José Arts Advocates Core Team

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cc:

City Manager

Budget Director

Economic Development Director

Cultural Affairs Director

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Laura Burton [REDACTED]

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Regards,
Laura Burton
Downtown San Jose

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Regards,
Ted Lorraine
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I am active with the San Jose Chamber Music Society, and with the local non-profit American Beethoven Society which supports the Beethoven Center at San Jose State.

FW: I am trying to submit a comment for the Public Safety City Council Budget Session

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Deborah St. Julien. I live in South San Jose in District 2. I am a member of Showing Up For Racial Justice @Sacred Heart.

I want my neighbor to be able to call a TRUST unit when her son is having a mental health crisis. We know almost half of the people killed by police in San Jose were suffering a mental health crisis. That is why I ask the city to allocate \$1.9 million

to fund a second TRUST field team for the City of San Jose (in place of the proposed one-time funding of \$5 million to the Police Department Sworn Backfill Reserve in order to pay overtime for officers).

As a volunteer at the YWCA, I also support the recommendation to develop a pilot community-based approach to preventing and responding to domestic violence, based on one of the Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendations.

And I oppose the proposed budget recommends adding 20 sworn law enforcement officers to the city's roster, as well as other increases in the police budget. We need to robustly fund alternatives recommended in the RIPS report before adding more money to a broken system. San Jose tax payers have funded millions of dollars of payouts for wrongful deaths. We need new paths that insure public safety for all.

We need to be bold to make our community safer for all, not by disappearing our neighbors, or fear-mongering, but by courageously embracing many of the RIPS report recommendation.

Deborah St. Julien
Volunteer: SURJ@SH

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Subject: Animal Care and Services Operating Budget May 11

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The Companion and Community Animal Project requests that the attached letter be put into the public records.

Thank you

Catherine Valentine
The Companion and Community Animal Project

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May 10, 2023

San Jose Mayor & City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Animal Care & Services Operating Budget

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Community and Companion Animal Project (“CCAP”) supports the increases for Animal Services in the City Manager's Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. We appreciate how the budget reflects the recognition of challenges facing Animal Services and responds to the concerns voiced by the community over the past year.

Converting the temporary overstrength position of Supervisor Shelter Operations to permanent status, and adding more full-time positions, a night shift and a dedicated senior resource for facilities repair and maintenance will improve the shelter’s ability to provide greatly needed support to our community and increase live outcomes for the animals.

The night shift is a critical addition as it will enable the shelter to provide care for underage kittens, the highest volume and most vulnerable animals at the shelter. The allocation of monies for support of adoption and rescue outcomes is also essential. It will allow more animals in need to move to organizations that can provide the specialized care necessary for such animals to be placed for adoption.

While the proposed budget for Animal Services represents substantial progress, we continue to be concerned about the integrity of the data produced and used by the shelter to direct its operations, measure its performance and predict future community needs. The shelter needs a dedicated IT Business Analyst to review and develop systems and processes for the collection, use, and transparency of data, including the collection of critical missing data that is integral to development of a long-term strategy, such as the number of animals turned away at intake and the reasons admission was denied.

CCAP would also like to see the addition of an animal behaviorist role at the shelter. A dedicated position would enable the shelter to structure enrichment, socialization, behavior modification, post-adoption support and owner-retention programs for all of the animals, increasing positive

outcomes. Though we appreciate that the shelter has been using outside resources for enrichment, those resources seem focused exclusively on dogs.

CCAP would like to acknowledge the investment and increased support for the shelter shown by the facilitation of meetings with the shelter and its strategic partners by Deputy City Manager Rios and the City Manager's office. We understand the challenges facing the shelter will not be resolved overnight, but positive change is in progress and the proposed budget is vital to those efforts.

CCAP urges the City Council to support the proposed increases for Animal Services.

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Sincerely,

Catherine Valentine

The Companion and Community Animal Project

FW: Animal Care and Services Operating Budget May 11 Comments

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Thu 5/11/2023 8:05 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ann Chasson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:49 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Animal Care and Services Operating Budget May 11 Comments

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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to add the staff positions outlined in the 2023-2024 proposed budget for Animal Care and Services, including the overnight care position and the medical services staffing. In addition, I would appreciate that more attention be paid to spay/neuter services for the cats in our community, both for stray cats and for cats that are cared for by people who have few financial resources to provide their cats with veterinary care, including spay/neuter.

The low-cost spay/neuter services that SJACC provided prior to the pandemic are no longer available, and the free TNR (trap/neuter/return) services are extremely limited.

The Animal Care Center is seriously understaffed and this is having a negative impact on the lives of pets and people in San Jose. With the lack of spay/neuter appointments for cats, thousands of kittens are being born on the streets and in back yards of San Jose residents. For every unfixed cat living outside, there's a possibility of 2-3 litters being born every year. One cat becomes fifteen. Fifteen cats quickly become a hundred. The problem of unwanted kittens grows exponentially. This issue becomes even more expensive to solve every year that spay/neuter services are not available.

I would like to see SJACC recruit or contract out a veterinary staff that's commensurate with the number of animals in need in San Jose, with a specific focus on spay/neuter of cats and dogs.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ann Chasson

Ann Chasson, Co-Founder
[REDACTED]

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From: Janice Frazier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:03 PM
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Please put our comments into the public records and distribute to council members.

I am writing on behalf of Pet Awareness Welfare Society for San Jose Animal Care and Services. We are the welfare group supporting San Jose Animal Care and Services. We endorse the proposed budget increases to help provide quality care and housing for the animals as well as expand efforts to save animals in the community. And we respectfully request the Council approve the proposed budget.

Janice Frazier
President, Pet Awareness Welfare Society for San Jose Animal Care and Services

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jenna Skinner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:59 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Good Morning,

I'd like to add my voice to the many rescues in San Jose that have struggled to stay afloat during the last few years with minimal services available through what should have been our local support system, San Jose Animal Care Center. Gatos de la Noche is primarily a TNR and colony management focused rescue. Without the support of a functioning TNR program, the numbers of cats and kittens on the streets has exploded. The next couple of years are going to see the number of free roaming and community cats increase dramatically.

While the pandemic certainly made things worse, given in person restrictions that were necessary to keep the community safe, things have been woefully underfunded and understaffed at SJACC for quite some time. We are grateful that this council and mayor have recognized that and started to move in the right direction.

Adding a night staff will make a huge difference in the health and well being for the animals housed at the shelter. The added shift will take some of the burden off the day shift that is so overworked. We also support the added facilities staff and capital improvements. Unfortunately our shelter is far too small for the population it serves, so the fact that is not maintained properly is unacceptable.

We are happy with the progress of the foster system and adoptions. Tara Davis has been an excellent addition to management. We would like her to be a permanent part of this process.

There is still work to do, we hope the discussions that we are having with the city managers office and Mr. Rios will provide insight and direction from those of us that are out in the field, working hand and hand with the animals and public that San Jose Animal Care Center serves.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Jenna Skinner
Director
[REDACTED]

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: jcoleman [REDACTED] >

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: larry.bourdet [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: elizabeth [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:16 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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FW: Regarding SJ Public Libraries

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From: James Hamm <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:19 PM

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Subject: Regarding SJ Public Libraries

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To whom it may concern,

I use my local library, Vineland, so much and appreciate that it now has more accessible hours. It provides a place of quiet, a place for the young people to go after school, computer access, story times, and much more. I especially appreciated all the the librarians did for the community during the pandemic keeping books available to all of us. While Vineland as a building, is in seemingly good condition, the landscaping outside is not and the parking lot needs to have the parking lines repainted. That should figure in the the financial support for all libraries along with a well-paid staff and support for purchasing books and other media needs. Having a welcoming "curb appeal" makes a library a place you want to enter. I consider myself a cheerleader for public libraries!

Sincerely,

Claudia L. Hamm

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95124

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From: Jim270 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:27 PM

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: dsoares20 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:00 PM

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From: mckbrig2030 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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