

## Protect Measure E

Patrice Beard <[REDACTED]>

Mon 5/15/2023 1:21 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hello,

Permanent Affordable Housing is the only way out of the homeless crisis in this city. Moving funds to temporary housing is a political stunt to appease voters and has no long-lasting effect, thereby exacerbating the issue for years to come!

My name is Patrice Beard and I am a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice, and a San Jose District 6 voter. In 2020, voters supported Measure E because we know that we need permanent affordable housing to keep people in their homes. Now, the city council wants to go against the will of the people and change what the Measure E money is used for. Instead of affordable housing, they want to use the money on temporary bandaids that won't address the problem and will just sweep it under the rug. We demand permanent solutions. Years of failing to invest in affordable housing while adding thousands of high-wage jobs in San Jose has driven up rents and pushed more and more people into homelessness. Let's not make the same mistake twice. Building more permanent affordable homes is the proven long-term solution to unsheltered homelessness.

Voters passed Measure E for a reason. Do not go against the will of the voters--ensure Measure E funds will provide long-term affordable housing in our city.

Sincerely,  
Patrice Beard

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## Oppose the Housing Department Fee Increase

Mon 5/15/2023 2:04 PM

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## Comment Letter on Proposed City Budget

Alex Rogala <[REDACTED]>

Mon 5/15/2023 2:14 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Nevada Merriman <[REDACTED]>

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23-0510 San Jose Measure E Reallocation Letter.pdf;

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Hello,

Please see attached MidPen's comment letter for City Council on the proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget. Please forward to the respective City Council members.

Thank you,

**Alex Rogala (he/him) | Policy Manager**

**MidPen Housing**

C. [REDACTED]



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May 15, 2023

**RE: Measure E Reallocation in the Proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget**

Dear City of San José City Council:

I am writing on behalf of MidPen Housing Corporation to express our grave concerns about the reallocation of Measure E funds in the proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget.

MidPen Housing is one of the nation's leading nonprofit developers, owners, and managers of high-quality, affordable housing and onsite resident services. Since MidPen was founded in 1970, we have developed over 130 communities and 8,600 homes for low-income families, seniors and those with supportive housing needs throughout Northern California. In San José, our portfolio includes 12 properties comprising over 1,000 units; an additional 311 units across two properties are in our pipeline.

Addressing the homelessness crisis requires that we invest in a spectrum of housing solutions. MidPen supports a "1-2-4 Framework for Homelessness Solutions" that involves a strategic and coordinated set of investments: for every unit of interim housing created, another two units of permanent housing and another 4 interventions should be invested in homelessness prevention. Together, these actions can help eliminate unsheltered homelessness in the Bay Area by 75%. This approach aligns with the rationale behind the existing Measure E allocation.

By eliminating funds for new production, the proposed 2023-2024 budget fails to provide a place for folks to live when they transition out of interim housing. That's why we believe the City Council should reject the new proposal and maintain the existing Measure E spending plan that properly prioritizes 75% of the funding for affordable housing development.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me at 650-477-6195 or

[Redacted contact information]

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
[Redacted signature]

Nevada V. Merriman

Director of Policy

MidPen Housing Corporation

**FW: Oppose the Housing Department Fee Increase**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Mon 5/15/2023 2:50 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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## FW: I oppose changes to the Measure E Spending Plan (Item 3.3 on the May 16th Agenda)

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Mon 5/15/2023 2:50 PM

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**From:** Kathie Pham <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 2:37 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** I oppose changes to the Measure E Spending Plan (Item 3.3 on the May 16th Agenda)

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

As a San Jose resident and voter, I write to express my opposition to the proposed Measure E spending plan. When we approved Measure E in 2020, we were promised the proceeds would fund much-needed affordable housing, and this new proposal is a reversal of that commitment.

The rates of homelessness our community faces today is a symptom of our severe housing shortage, and we know that solving this crisis will require us to create more permanent affordable homes. Investing in more interim options is important, but it cannot come at the expense of building more permanent affordable housing. As the 10th largest city in the county, San Jose should be a leader in deploying evidence-based solutions rather than disinvesting in affordable housing at such a critical time.

Now is the time to fund MORE affordable housing, not less. Please keep your commitment to the people of San Jose by rejecting this new proposal and maintain the existing Measure E spending plan.

Thank you!

*Kathie Pham*

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**FW: May 16, 2023 City Council Amended Agenda Item 3.3**

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Mon 5/15/2023 2:54 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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CSJ Housing Letter 5.15.23.docx.pdf;

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**From:** O'malley solis, Jessie <Jessie. [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 2:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Quigley, Aaron <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** May 16, 2023 City Council Amended Agenda Item 3.3

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Good afternoon City Clerk,

Last week VTA TOD sent a letter to the HCDC Commissioners on this matter. Please find our updated letter to share with the Mayor and Council as they prepare to hear item 3.3 on the City Council agenda tomorrow.

Thank you.

**Jessie O'Malley Solis**

Transit-Oriented Development Program Manager

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

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May 15, 2023

Mayor & Council Members  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
City of San José, CA

**Re: Agenda for May 16, 2023 City Council Amended Agenda Item 3.3**

Dear Mayor & Council Members,

The Housing Staff memo dated May 5, 2023 regarding Proposed Changes to the Percentage Allocations and The Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Including uncommitted funds recaptured from Fiscal Year 2020-2021 through Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for Measure E Transfer Tax Funds will significantly change current policy to reallocate funds from new construction projects targeting permanent affordable housing production.

VTA has several projects in the Transit-Oriented Development Portfolio pipeline that have considered Measure E as a potential local match funding source for two projects ready to apply for The California Department of Housing and Community Development Super Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in 2024. The policy change proposed in this memo could impact near term development competitiveness of VTA affordable housing projects that have both Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) units as required by the County of Santa Clara Measure A Affordable Housing funds in the City of San José:

VTA Projects	Proposed PSH Units	Proposed RRH Units	Total Proposed Supportive Housing Units
Berryessa	30	19	49
Capitol	51	0	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100</b>

We ask that the City consider alternative policy measures to include funding for near term, new construction projects with PSH and RRH units to mitigate impacts from any changes to the 23-24 FY Measure E Spending Plan.

Sincerely yours,

DocuSigned by:  


Jessie O'Malley Solis  
Program Manager of Transit-Oriented Development

Cc: Rachel VanderVeen, Assistant Housing Director

**FW: Item 3.3 Don't mess with Measure E funds**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Mon 5/15/2023 2:55 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Leticia Alvarez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 11:58 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.3 Don't mess with Measure E funds

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Dear Council member, I'm writing to you in regards to the funds that come from measure E. Our community of San Jose voted to bring solutions on housing crises and will be disrespectful that those funds are not used to what community voted for.

We urge the city council to endure that there are funds available to support new affordable housing projects in the city of San Jose.

Sincerely,

Leticia Alvarez

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**FW: Public Comment for May 16th Hearing Agenda Item 3.3**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Mon 5/15/2023 2:56 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Marly Young <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 11:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for May 16th Hearing Agenda Item 3.3

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Good morning,

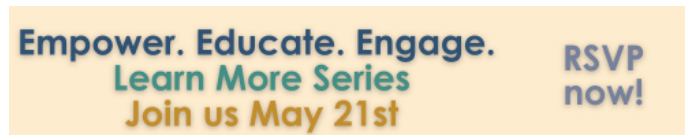
I am submitting the attached letter from Dawn Coppin, CEO of the San Jose Public Library Foundation regarding the May 16 Hearing Agenda Item 3.3: Proposed FY 23-24 Operating Budget and Fees and Charges for the City of San Jose.

Best,

**Marly Young**  
**Advocacy and Communications Manager**  
**San José Public Library Foundation**  
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# San José Public Library Foundation

May 15, 2023

Mayor Matt Mahan and San Jose City Council  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

As the Chief Executive Officer of the San José Public Library Foundation, I thank you for your continued investment in our public library system by maintaining Sunday hours at 16 branches and funding critical staff positions in the latest budget proposal. I also write to respectfully request your consideration of full restoration of library hours to pre-pandemic levels as well as an elimination of late fines for all in the final FY23-24 budget.

Our community is safer and stronger when we invest in our libraries. Access to professional development and digital tools through the library provides an opportunity for many residents to make a better life for themselves. Open libraries increase foot traffic in an area, making it safer, and provide a safe place for many youth and adults to get work done, finish homework, or read a book. By restoring hours to pre-pandemic levels at all of our branches, we can ensure more San Jose community members are able to access the critical resources our libraries provide. This investment in our libraries is an investment in public safety, a focus of Mayor Mahan's March Budget Message.

Further, library fines and the fear of accruing them pose a significant barrier to our most vulnerable adults and inhibit their use of any of the free library resources. SJPL was among the first in the nation to remove late fees for children; now is time to catch-up with other libraries, including our neighboring systems in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Alameda Counties, and go Fines-Free For All. This is an equity issue that will support the recovery of our highest-need communities and make the library a welcoming space for everyone.

I appreciate the Mayor and City Council's investment in our library system and urge you to continue this critical support.

Warm regards,



CEO

**FW: Coalition letter re Measure E reallocation**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Mon 5/15/2023 3:01 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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Letter to CSJ from Coalition re Item 3.3, Measure E Proposed Expenditures 2023.05.12.pdf;

**From:** Kyra Kazantzis <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 8:00 AM**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov <[REDACTED]>

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**Subject:** Coalition letter re Measure E reallocation

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Dear City Council and City staff,

Please find a letter, attached, from over 100 nonprofit organizations and community leaders opposing the Mayor's proposal to reallocate Measure E funding from permanent affordable housing. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

Kyra

**Kyra Kazantzis | CEO****Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits**Phone: [REDACTED] | Web: [svcn.org](https://svcn.org) | Twitter: @SVCN

Pronouns: she/her/hers

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May 12, 2023

San José City Council  
San José City Hall  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San José, CA 95113  
*Sent via electronic mail*

**Re: May 16, 2023, City Council Meeting, Item 3.3, Measure E Proposed Expenditures**

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and members of the City Council:

We are a broad coalition of organizations and individuals writing to ask you to support maintaining the current Measure E expenditure plan. The proposed changes not only zero out funding for affordable housing next year, but raid the funds received in prior years and create a massive long term budget obligation to the city. This violates our commitment to voters, undermines our commitment to expanding affordable housing, and ignores the role of affordable and permanent supportive housing in providing real homes for people moving out of interim shelters.

The destabilizing impact of rent burden, overcrowding, displacement, and the increase in homelessness is a result of the lack of homes in our community that people can afford. As a City, we have recently made important commitments to building affordable housing in more parts of the City, expanding opportunities and ensuring that new housing is a resource for neighborhood stability. Taking money from Measure E for band aid solutions is abandoning these commitments.

Overdependence on interim shelter is a major shift in priorities, and not a responsible policy. We urge you to keep the balanced approach of the current Measure E expenditure plan.

Signed by:

**Nonprofits**

Louis Chicoine, Abode Services  
Sandy Perry, Affordable Housing Network of Santa Clara County  
Jon White, Allied Housing  
Michelle Humke, Almaden Valley Counseling Services, Inc.  
Jeremy Barousse, Amigos de Guadalupe  
Vaughn Villaverde, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)  
Richard Konda, Asian Law Alliance

Elisa Koff-Ginsborg, Behavioral Health Contractors' Association (BHCA)  
Josh Selo, Bill Wilson Center  
Jahmal Williams, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet (BLKC)  
Alex Shoor, Catalyze SV  
Gregory Kepferle, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County  
Stephen Levy, Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy  
Jovanny Escareno, Charities Housing Development Corporation  
Frederick J. Ferrer, Child Advocates of Silicon Valley  
Jenna Murakami, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)  
Jennifer Loving, Destination: Home  
Shawn Gerth, Educare California at Silicon Valley  
Justine Marcus, Enterprise Community Partners  
Beth Leary, Family Supportive Housing  
Viviana Rodriguez, First Community Housing  
Mickelin Burnes-Browne, HANDS  
Jordan Grimes, Greenbelt Alliance  
Ashley Raggio, Joint Venture Silicon Valley  
Gabriela Chavez-Lopez, Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley  
Darcie Green, Latinas Contra Cancer  
Cesar Navarro, Gabriel Manrique, Mariana Mejía, Latinos United for a New America (LUNA)  
Alison Brunner, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley  
Quency Phillips, Lighthouse Silicon Valley  
Cindy Wu, LISC Bay Area  
Agnes M Veith, Livable Sunnyvale  
Gisela Bushey, Loaves & Fishes  
Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez, MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana  
Matthew O. Franklin, MidPen Housing Corporation  
Colsaria Henderson, Next Door Solutions  
Rev. Ray Montgomery, PACT  
Kathy Cordova, Recovery Cafe San Jose  
Courtney Pal, Resources for Community Development  
Poncho Guevara, Sacred Heart Community Service  
Susan Hayase, San Jose Nikkei Resisters  
Carlos Rosario, Santa Clara County Black Lawyers Association  
Vanessa Shieh, Jessica Paz-Cedillos, School of Arts and Culture at MHP  
Jennifer Myhre, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ, SHCS)  
Gabriel Hernandez, Si Se Puede Collective  
Kiyomi Honda Yamamoto, Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
Kyra Kazantzis, Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

Maria Noel Fernandez, Silicon Valley Rising Action  
Saul Ramos, Victor Vasquez, SOMOS Mayfair  
Josefina Aguilar, South Bay Community Land Trust  
Regina Celestin Williams, SV@Home  
Tomara Hall, TEYA (Teachers Empowering Youth Activists)  
Michele Lew, The Health Trust  
Jess Hudson, United Way Bay Area  
Ellen Wu, Urban Habitat  
Abigail Hindson, Veggielution  
Sujatha Venkatraman, West Valley Community Services  
Jeffrey Buchanan, Working Partnerships USA

### **Community Leaders**

Michael Hering, ATS  
James Silverwood, Affirmed Housing  
Rob Wilkins, Affirmed Housing  
Kate Conley, Architects FORA  
Leah Alissa Bayer, Architects FORA  
Athena Carter, Architects FORA  
Sarah Vaccaro, Architects FORA  
Nicole Little, Architects FORA  
Jessica Goswick, Architects FORA  
Kyle Seem, Architects FORA  
Andrea Hering, Bozzuto Insurance Services, Inc.  
Atisha Varshney, Forward City Labs  
Carmen Brammer, Global Majority Consulting  
Edgar Mationg, John Stewart Company  
Aaron Hicks, Joyner/Payne Community Service  
Marcus Griffin, Milestone Housing Group, LLC  
Mary Helen Doherty, Sacred Heart Housing Action Committee  
Lana Gomez, SJSU Student Homeless Alliance  
Victor Lopez, Youth Liberation Movement (YLM)  
Courtney Portal, Youth Liberation Movement (YLM)  
Angel Adrian Ramos, Youth Liberation Movement (YLM)  
Roberta Ahlquist  
Tristia Bauman  
Angela Di Berardino  
Eric Ryan Bonesteel  
Maia Bookoff

Bunny Bornstein  
Michael Cabana  
Alexis Esquerra  
Henry Etzkowitz  
Mary Cheryl B. Gloner, MPH, MBA  
Wm. Derek Grasty  
Matt Gustafson  
Silke Gurlich  
Dorothy Hwang  
Yvonne Jimenez  
Matt King  
David Low  
Anita Lusebrink  
Mitch Mankin  
Misrayn Mendoza  
Nassim Moallem  
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Brandon Smith

cc: City Council Chiefs of Staff, City Manager, Housing Department

**FW: Oppose the Housing Department Fee Increase**

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**FW: Mayor's budget - changing the approach to Homelessness**

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**From:** Rich Crowley <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 4:01 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Mayor's budget - changing the approach to Homelessness

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**Mayor Mahan & Council Members -**

Mayor Mahan has laid out a new approach to homelessness that moves quickly to get encampments off our sidewalks and creek beds and into emergency dwellings.

This is a major step in showing major progress by getting a large portion of our homeless population off the streets and into emergency housing that will help them start to move toward true long-term stability thus allowing them to get back to productive lives without waiting for years before any progress is made. The use of Measure E funds is the only way to accomplish this in the short term and the measure does include use for homeless services.

**I urge you to vote in favor of the Mayor's Budget Proposal so that all San Jose residents can leave behind the failed Housing First policies that have been promoted by the Housing Department and housing NPOs.**

Mayor Mahan was elected because he has given all of us hope for a better city. You need to follow his lead.

**RICH CROWLEY**

Rich Crowley  
San Jose resident since 1959

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## FW: Oppose the Housing Department Fee Increase

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 7:43 AM

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**From:** oasis1628 [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 5:00 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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## FW: Comment on Agenda Item 3.3 for May 16 City Council Meeting

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**From:** Daniel Weed <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 5:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment on Agenda Item 3.3 for May 16 City Council Meeting

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To our city leaders:

As summarized from SJ Spotlight (May 8, 2023):

"Measure E has been working. To date, the city council has committed funds to create more than 300 deeply affordable apartments, assist 80 unhoused students find a place to live, and keep over 1,000 families in their homes. In a time of uncertainty, these dollars have offered some reliable support to keep people stable and safe, while also building permanent homes for the future."

If funds are diverted, the long term effects of this will continue to challenge the future of our city. Measure E was approved by voters, to bait and switch will compromise credibility with our elected officials and show lack of true leadership. Don't rob Peter to pay Paul, figure out another way to fund temporary housing, while you continue to build MUCH NEEDED permanent housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Weed  
Resident of District 6

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**FW: NO to diverting Measure E funds!**

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**From:** Kara Schlindwein [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 5:33 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** NO to diverting Measure E funds!

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Hi,

My name is Kara. I am a voter in San Jose District 6.

Do NOT divert Measure E funds from building more affordable housing.

We need more permanent affordable housing options in our community. Emergency and temporary housing options are important but do not cover long term needs and put families at risk of having to return to the streets.

Thank you,  
Kara Schlindwein

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## FW: Measure E Funds for Interim Housing - City Council 5/16/23 Item 3.3

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** David Noel <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 6:39 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Measure E Funds for Interim Housing - City Council 5/16/23 Item 3.3

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to support the Mayor's proposed one-time reallocation of Measure E funds to rapidly house San Jose residents living in poverty outdoors. I feel this reallocation meets the intent of Measure E as presented to San Jose voters (see ballot text below), addresses a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions, and directly benefits all San Jose residents, both unhoused and housed.

We are in a housing crisis. The mayor's proposal does the most good for the greatest number, and does so much faster than the status quo. It won't stop affordable housing development, though it may slightly delay some. With the mayor's plan, many people could be housed, stabilized and graduate to self-sufficiency and/or be reunited with family long before an affordable housing unit could be built for them. Others may need to remain in temporary housing longer than ideal, but isn't that so much better than living outdoors? When residents and businesses begin to see our city improve, that'll start a virtuous cycle that helps us afford more affordable housing, better parks, longer library hours and more.

Keep in mind this is only a one-year reallocation of a funding source that continues indefinitely until repealed. Hopefully in future years, new EIH sites could be partially funded by the net cost savings of housing people in EIH sites compared to leaving them unhoused.

Unfortunately, Measure E can't solve the root causes of the housing crisis. San Jose can't build subsidized homes as fast as nearby cities add new jobs without housing. So in parallel, we need to advocate strongly for regional housing solutions and reduce the costs and red tape of building new housing.

I think San Jose voters would agree with me that the Mayor's proposal meets the intent of Measure E, and would strongly support getting people housed as quickly as possible. For reference, here is the ballot language for Measure E:

*"To fund general City of San José services, including affordable housing for seniors, veterans, disabled, and low-income families, and helping homeless residents move into shelters/permanent housing, shall an ordinance be adopted enacting a real property transfer tax... until repealed, with all money staying local?"*

The ballot measure Impartial Analysis prepared by the San Jose City Attorney stated:

*"Measure E was placed on the ballot by the City Council and, if approved by a majority of the voters, would enact a real property transfer tax ('Transfer Tax'). The Transfer Tax is a proposed general tax which means the City of San Jose could use the revenue for any governmental purpose including, but not limited to, assisting the homeless and providing affordable housing..."*

Thanks for your consideration.

David Noel

District 9 resident and President of Erikson Neighborhood Association

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## FW: Protect Measure E Funds!

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**From:** E A [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 7:13 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Protect Measure E Funds!

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Hello Mayor and Council Members!

My name is Elizabeth. I have lived in Downtown San Jose the last 8 years. I am writing to express my opposition of re-allocating Measure E affordable housing funding to Interim Emergency Housing.

It is important to preserve the very limited supply of funds dedicated to permanent supportive housing. Folks who are chronically unhoused cost the city of SJ more and Permanent Supportive Housing is the solution. Folks who have suffered enough due to our failed safety net and government support are deserving of permanent housing and solutions and it will help keep our community healthy and safe for everyone.

San Jose has a history of not building low income and very low income housing falling greatly behind in our RHNA housing goals; this is in large part due to not having enough funding for Permanent Supportive Housing, housing that is truly affordable to unhoused folks.

It is essential that we keep the promise made to the voters about where Measure E general fund/tax dollars would go.

It is important that we think strategically about the long term needs of those most vulnerable in our community.

Please vote against displacing permanent supportive housing funds.

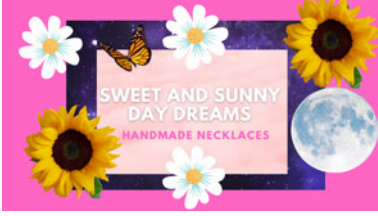
I say this as a resident of Downtown San Jose, an area highly impacted by folks who are unhoused, a community leader with the Sacred Heart Housing Action Committee, and as a full-time worker of an Interim Housing Shelter.

Interim Housing is critically important and should be funded but diverting and decreasing Measure E funds meant for Permanent Supportive Housing is not the best way of doing so.

Thank You!

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Thank You!  
Elizabeth  
she/her/ella

Sacred Heart Housing Action Committee-We need The Right to Counsel!  
Race Equity Community Safety at Sacred Heart-Reimagine Public Safety!  
Cassell United-Close Reid-Hillview Now!

"be a light  
that doesn't cast shadows  
on anyone

have a smile  
that shines  
for everyone

and create a happiness  
that can be taken by  
no one"

~ellen everett

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## FW: Vote against diverting Measure E Funds

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**From:** Sandra Asher [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 7:42 PM

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**Subject:** Vote against diverting Measure E Funds

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Hello Mayor Mahan and Council Members!

My name is Sandra Asher. I have lived in San Jose for 23 years, the last 20 in Almaden Valley. I am writing to express my opposition of re-allocating Measure E affordable housing funding to Interim Emergency Housing.

It is important to preserve the very limited supply of funds dedicated to affordable housing. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, ***the single greatest systemic cause of homelessness in California is a lack of affordable housing.***

San Jose has a history of not building low income and very low income housing falling greatly behind in our RHNA housing goals; this is in large part due to not having enough funding for Permanent Supportive Housing, housing that is truly affordable to unhoused folks.

It is essential that we keep the promise made to the voters about where Measure E general fund/tax dollars would go.

It is important that we think strategically about the long term needs of those most vulnerable in our community. [This report](#) by Destination Home gives solid insights into the causes of the problem and viable solutions.

While Interim Housing is critically important, diverting and decreasing Measure E funds meant for Permanent Supportive Housing just isn't common sense. It will create a perception of success, while doing nothing to address the **real causes of homelessness** and preventing more of our community members from falling into homelessness.

Please vote against displacing permanent supportive housing funds.

Thank You!  
Sandra Asher

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*Sandra Asher*  
*Director, Governing Board*

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**Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. (author unknown)**

**Member,**

**Safety for All Disability Justice Coalition**

**SURJ: Showing up for Racial Justice**

**RECS: Race, Equity and Community Safety**

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**From:** lisa feldberg [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 8:22 PM

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**Subject:** no diversion of Measure E funds

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Dear City Council members,

I am a registered voter and live in District 3. It breaks my heart to see homeless encampments in our city and anywhere, However, closing encampments will do little if anything to house all the people who need to be housed.

I urge you to keep the current breakdown of measure E funds- 75% for affordable housing and 25% for homeless services. Housing is the number one way to provide stability and temporary solutions are just that- temporary. Everything I read validates that housing experts and the unhoused themselves feel that permanent housing is the only solution- only then, can other issues be addressed and people will not be shuffled from one temporary setting to another.

Please show more compassion and understanding. Please find more sites for sanctioned encampments . Reject the mayor's proposal and most importantly, please allocate additional funding for permanent affordable housing.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Feldberg  
[REDACTED]

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## FW: Oppose the Housing Department Fee Increase

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 7:44 AM

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FW: May 16, 2023 Agenda: Item 3.3: Do Not Mess With Measure E

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Andrew Siegler [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 8:44 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>

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Greetings!

I am a resident of District 3, grew up in San Jose, and have spent the majority of my adult life in this great city. 5 of those years were as an unhoused resident.

Bottom line: Don't mess with Measure E.

Don't move Measure E funds to Emergency Interim Housing (EIH).

We need to fund permanent affordable housing solutions. This city is so far behind its RHNA goals in terms of Extremely Low Income, Low Income, and even Moderate Income units. We can't afford to fall back even further.

While we need EIH--I am in no way saying we don't need this, remember, I have lived experience on the streets of this great city... but for EIH's funding to come at the expense of permanent affordable housing? It's unconscionable.

Perhaps it would be better to not double the hiring rate of police officers this year, and instead use those funds to fund EIH--and use the Measure E funds as they were intended--for permanent affordable housing solutions.

Thank you for your time.

In solidarity,

Andrew Siegler (he/him)

[REDACTED] | San Jose, CA  
[REDACTED]  
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## FW: Public comment for City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.5

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 7:44 AM

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**From:** Andrew Macias [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 8:55 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment for City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.5

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Good afternoon Council Members

My name is Andrew Macias and I have lived in San Jose my entire life. Unfortunately I have watched the housing prices soar to heights leaving me unable to ever feel like I can own a house of my own.

I am writing you today in support of Measure E.

San Jose does not have to be the most expensive place in the country to try and live. We just need more houses that normal people can actually think about affording in their lifetime.

As it is there are people who are having to choose between making rent or eating. Some of my friends have had to choose eating because rent is so crazy. But I don't have enough couches for everyone.

We need your continued support as well for Measure E.

Please do not send our funding away when it still has so much good it can do.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Macias

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FW: Protect Measure E : We need holistic solutions to homelessness

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 7:45 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Hector Hernandez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 9:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Protect Measure E : We need holistic solutions to homelessness

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San Jose City Clerk Toni Taber,

Dear Mayor and Council,

When Measure E was approved in 2020, the intent of this funding source was to provide revenue to a board set of housing solutions. In order to address our immense housing shortage, Measure E dollars need to be readily available for uses including permanent sources of affordable housing.

As a San José resident who wants to see an end to this crisis, I'm disappointed that my elected leaders are going back on this promise, and abandoning the comprehensive and long-term approach that Measure E was set to fund.

I urge council to keep Measure E's spending plan as is so we can focus on a holistic set of housing priorities in order to combat our housing crisis. We need these dollars available in order to address our housing shortage and resources for other critical solutions.

Now is NOT the time to divert these crucial resources towards other uses, rather we must focus on north stars such as permanent housing and ending displacement in order to truly and genuinely combat our housing crisis for the long term.

Sincerely, Hector Hernandez resident of district 5

Hector Hernandez  
[REDACTED]



## FW: Item 3.3: Keep your promises on Measure E for PERMANENT affordable housing

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Emma Hartung [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 9:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.3: Keep your promises on Measure E for PERMANENT affordable housing

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Hi, my name is Emma Hartung, I live in District 3, and I'm a member of SURJ at Sacred Heart.

When I think of the San Jose community and especially people who are from San Jose, love San Jose, and give everything they've got to support community orgs and support their neighbors, so many of the people who come to mind are homeless, have been homeless, or are struggling with cost of living in our city - which has made it that much harder for them to hold down jobs, stay in touch with friends and family, and contribute their love and light to our communities.

It doesn't have to be this way. By working together, we can take bold action that makes San Jose a place where everyone has a roof over their head and all of our families can thrive, so that all our neighborhoods can be safe, diverse, strong and stable.

**Please take that bold action for a thriving San Jose today by protecting Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing projects, and voting NO on the new proposal that would take that funding away.** We need permanent solutions, not temporary band-aids.

Thank you,  
Emma Hartung  
District 3  
San Jose, CA 95116

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## FW: Opposing Mayor's proposed re-allocation of Measure E funds

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**From:** HuyTran 4SanJose <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 9:50 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Opposing Mayor's proposed re-allocation of Measure E funds

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Measure E was adopted in 2020 to tax property transfers valued at over \$2 million to fund the construction of affordable housing. When funds become available through measures like this, it takes some time to ramp up interest and proposals to actually fund the development of large scale projects. At this point though, \$90 million dollars of projects have been lined up and there is interest from other affordable housing developers to build here in San Jose. This is due in part to the availability of Measure E funds for those projects.

However, Mayor Mahan's proposal seeks to shift ALL UNCOMMITTED FUNDS away from permanent supportive housing and towards interim housing instead. There are four problems with this.

First is the definition of "uncommitted," which basically means any and all projects that have not yet been reviewed by the Council. There is about \$87 million collected in prior years that are waiting for projects to be finally reviewed by the Council. That funding can be yanked away despite the fact that these various proposals have already been vetted, are on the way to a final proposal, or are dependent upon this funding to be viable.

Second, it can take time to create grant parameters and generate interest from affordable housing developers to commit to building in San Jose with Measure E funds. Those funds could not become immediately available just because Measure E was passed in 2020 and the funds were collected soon after. Three years later, there IS interest now and projects are getting lined up. Drastically shifting this spending plan to divert ALL Measure E revenue is akin to pulling the emergency brakes on a train that just picked up speed. It will derail the progress that has been made and there is no guarantee that the developers who are interested now will continue to be if Measure E funds are delayed. Larger scale development proposals take into account many factors including costs, available support funds like Measure E, timing, and other commitments. Such a drastic shift is simple irresponsible.

Third, while interim housing is an important part of addressing the unhoused and housing crisis we are experiencing, it is not and cannot be the solution for the simple reason that it is interim. Many of the interim housing we currently have in San Jose puts time limits on how long people can stay there (the most flexible sites have no limit, but others max out at six months). If we do not have any place for the unhoused to go after those six months, then we are merely repeating the cycle. Even if we look at our current supply of interim housing and the success stories that come from there, one must ask where it is that people go once their time is over in interim housing. If they get housed, how many get into the permanent supportive housing that the Mayor now seeks to defund?

Lastly, the Mayor is trying to sell this proposal as a one-year reallocation, but that makes no sense because interim housing has a required repeating operating costs. If this reallocation is approved, how realistic is it that this reallocation truly lasts only one year? If it were, would it mean that staff

overseeing interim housing would be laid off in one year? Or would staff have to spend a big chunk of their time looking for more funding? Or realistically would the "one-year reallocation" actually be more permanent?

Interim housing is certainly part of the solution that we must look at to help get the unhoused off the streets. It is part of the current plans. If there are opportunities to add more funding to the development of interim housing, that's fine. However, the Mayor's current proposal is unserious because it pulls the brakes on all current plans to hone in on one unrealistic idea - that a permanent solution can be found through interim ideas.

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Thank you,

Huy Tran



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## FW: Agenda Item 3.3

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**From:** sharon lachappelle <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 9:56 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.3

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Thank you for your work on behalf of the City of San Jose!

As you prepare to vote on the Budget for our city, I wanted to take a moment to stress the importance of fully funding the city's libraries. Everywhere I have lived the library has been a central part of my life. As a very young child it was library programming that caused me to want to learn to read.

At age 62 I am still an avid reader and lifelong learner. That thirst for learning has always been satisfied by the broad wealth of knowledge the library makes available in a variety of ways.

Libraries are a critical resource and determinant of a healthy city. Libraries are a resource used by people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. Libraries provide some of the most unexpected resources like the State Park Pass I checked out last weekend!

Please don't underestimate the value libraries add to the quality of life in San Jose as your budget votes!

With gratitude,

Sharon LaChappelle

Sharon LaChappelle (she/her)

[REDACTED]

"Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary." Dr. Martin Luther King

Security Income (SSI) benefits equal to \$1001.71 per month. Statewide, this income was equal to 16.9% of the area medium income. A person with disability would have to pay 141% of their income to rent an efficiency unit and 162% of their monthly income for a one bedroom unit.

According to Social Security Administration (SSA) as of February 2023, the average Social Security check is \$1,693.88. Seniors have increased in being homeless and will continue to increase greater with Federal government fiscal cliff.

When you have one senior becomes a widow, he or she cannot afford rent on one income. This is a reality for seniors and I have had to help those seniors get into affordable housing without getting evicted in order to get into housing. With a eviction record, it's impossible get housing.

The City has a responsibility to continue to build more affordable housing for college students, unhoused community, low income workers, families, people with disabilities, and seniors.

The City Housing Department is doing what they can with affordable housing but more needs to be done especially with low income housing, Transitional Supportive Housing, workforce housing, families housing, senior housing and expand accessibility housing with all new affordable housing with Universal designed features to make it more accessible for people with disabilities and seniors. All this needs to be in Housing Elements to solve this problem. Check with the City of Fremont on Universal designed features with accessible housing.

Remember homeless population are residents of the City and some of them are working individuals living in cars and/or shelters. Most of them is due to Trauma. Some of them due to Substance Abuse. Some of them is due to having Severe Mental Illness (SMI).

More Housing funds is coming from CARE Act (CARE Court) and the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) with the MHSA Modernization Act and a Housing bond in 2024.

The State of California, Community Housing Development (CHD) and Office of Attorney General is looking into Cities and Counties if meeting the needs of the community (Housing Elements plans) more aggressively due to Housing crisis caused by Cities and Counties throughout the State. I have turned in the City of Santa Cruz and the City of Capitola. They recently filed a lawsuit with City of Elk Grove. The lawsuit is the result of a denial by the city of a proposed project, known as the Oak Rose Apartments, which would add 66 units of supportive housing for lower-income households at risk of homelessness, in a jurisdiction in dire need of low-income housing opportunities. The project would also provide off-site and on-site services to assist residents in maintaining housing, improving their health status, and maximizing their ability to live and work in the community.

Being 10th largest city in the Country would be morally wrong in disinvesting in affordable housing.

As a member of Residents United Network (RUN) I OPPOSE changes to measures E otherwise the problem will be worsen with proposed changes.

Mental Wellness is possible

Respectfully,

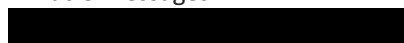
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## FW: Oppose the Housing Department Fee Increase

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 7:45 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** migarocat [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose the Housing Department Fee Increase

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As a rental housing provider in San Jose, the impacts from the pandemic continue to be felt. From missed rent payments to deferred maintenance, it will take years to recover from its impact. Complicating this recovery are the actions by the Housing Department to enact programs that make it harder to provide quality rental housing.

The current proposal by the Housing Department to enact a single year increase in the Tenant Protection Ordinance fee of 127% makes it harder for me to provide affordable rental housing. The dramatic increase is not an isolated increase, it follows a 200% increase from the previous year and an overall 466% increase since the fee was enacted.

After a 200% and 127% consecutive increases in the TPO, my biggest fear is what's next! There is no accountability by that department. I would encourage the Council to reject the Housing Department's proposal to pass this dramatic fee increase and ask you to limit any future increases to 5%. If the department saw it fit to limit me to that amount under rent control, they should be able to operate their budget with the same limitations.

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## FW: Measure E funds 3.3

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**From:** Ianib <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:18 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Measure E funds 3.3

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My name is Lani Ballard. I am a San Jose resident in district 2. And I am a member of Showing Up For Racial Justice.

I know how important stable housing can be. Many years ago as a single parent my biggest fear was that the rent would increase and I would be unable to afford my then current living situation.

Our community includes moms just like me who need a permanent stable environment for their families.

I am asking that you keep measure E funds directed toward PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING as it was intended (not temporary quick fixes).

It's what we voted for...its what our community needs!

Lani Ballard  
San Jose resident

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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**FW: Measure E**

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 7:58 AM

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**From:** Anne Cashman [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:55 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Measure E

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To whom it may concern,

We VOTED for Measure E - please listen to you your citizens, we want the money to be used as it was stated in the Measure. Do not let one man, only recently elected, steal the money. We've seen what happens with short term remedies for a long term problem.

Please don't mess with Measure E!

Anne Cashman

[REDACTED]  
San Jose

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## ONE-TIME CHANGES TO MEASURE E REVENUE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS

Trudy [REDACTED]

Tue 5/16/2023 8:05 AM

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To the Mayor, City Council and Staff,

I voted for Measure E to build more affordable housing and do not agree with a 100% shift of funds to temporary, transitional housing and support services. I ask that Measure E funds be spent wisely with the majority allocated toward permanent housing solutions.

Respectfully,

Trudy Ellerbeck

[REDACTED]

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## FW: Item 3.3 - Measure E

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**From:** Maria Lynch [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:04 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Item 3.3 - Measure E

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Please do not abandon Measure E and the city's commitment to be build new affordable housing.

Maria Lynch  
Resident - San Jose

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## FW: I oppose changes to the Measure E Spending Plan (Item 3.3 on the May 16th Agenda)

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 9:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Adrienne Belardes [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:06 AM

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**Cc:** Kylie Clark <[REDACTED]>; Ingrid Granados [REDACTED] Thuy [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** I oppose changes to the Measure E Spending Plan (Item 3.3 on the May 16th Agenda)

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

As a San Jose resident and voter, I want to express my concern regarding Measure E. The spending plan was voted in by voters who believe Measure E is for the greater good of the community.

Funding desperately needed housing is essential for everyone in the local economy. When an impoverished individual becomes housed they are able to put funds back into the economy.

Oppressing an already struggling population is not the way to go.

People living in poverty cannot just be erased.

We must acknowledge the problem to solve it. Ignore any problem and it gets worse.

And honestly, in my opinion, it is not politically correct to rob these funds from those who need it most.

San Jose has allotted the funds for this project already. I find it to be criminal to take the funds back.

Unhoused individuals need permanent housing and need stability more than any other population.

I urge you to keep your commitment as it was already made, by maintaining the existing Measure E spending plan.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

[REDACTED]  
Thank you,  
Adrienne Belardes

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