

FW: Agenda Item 3.3

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Tue 5/16/2023 10:36 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Elizabeth Gonzalez [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:00 AM

To: 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>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Andrew Bigelow [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Agenda Item 3.3

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Hello Mayor and Councilmembers,

please find attached a letter on behalf of Silicon Valley De-Bug urging you to defend and affirm the intention of San Jose voters when we made Measure E a reality.

Thank you,

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Liz González // Silicon Valley De-Bug

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May 16, 2023

Re: Agenda Item 3.3

Mayor & Councilmembers,

We write to urge you to defend the intended spirit of Measure E that San Jose voters approved in 2020 and were led to believe would be used for “affordable housing for seniors, veterans, disabled, and low-income families and helping homeless residents move into shelters/ permanent housing.”¹ We voted for Measure E with this in mind. The City also designated specific uses for the funding after voters approved the measure. This is why we are concerned with the continued attempts by the Mayor to reallocate Measure E money away from the priorities of permanent housing solutions identified through a long community and city staff process. We urge the council to keep the 2022 Measure E allocation of 75% to permanent housing and 25% to homelessness prevention and services, and reject attempts to redirect Measure E funds to punish and harm our community.

The need for multiple solutions to homelessness is even greater now than it was in 2020, and is even more reason why permanent strategies that the city has not even begun to implement should get started, including the creation of permanently affordable units through preservation of existing housing stock. If the city is following its own budgeting guidelines of “budgeting for equity”, any plans of reallocating Measure E money from permanent housing for intended communities is inconsistent. We are concerned that the attempt to reallocate these funds is the most recent example of the City declaring their commitment to make housing a priority and then not fulfilling that commitment. We see this pattern as both not meeting the continued dire need for housing for lower resourced communities and also, whether intentionally or unintentionally, misleading the residents of this city in believing that their elected officials are prioritizing housing the way they feel it is needed, evident by Measure E ballot even passing.

To make matters worse, the proposals by Mayor Mahan to use Measure E funds to build a locked mental health facility is moving our city in a backward direction; we are not building housing for those in need and instead we are criminalizing those with mental health concerns. It also implies that Mayor Mahan somehow associates those with mental health concerns with homelessness. And while there is absolutely a population in our city that are experiencing both,

¹ <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=45889>

locking them in a mental health jail is not addressing the causes of both mental health and houselessness. We, at De-Bug, have been extensively involved in the county process discussing the building of a new jail, a new mental health facility or reallocating those funds towards preventative and holistic solutions. We have witnessed the public outcry from those who have experienced incarceration and those with loved ones with mental health concerns and building a locked mental health facility is going to cause more harm in our city and communities. Mayor Mahan's proposal is not in touch with those of us, from this city, who have been participating in that process and expressing our deepest concerns around the harm a mental health facility would cause. In addition to the mental health facility, Mayor Mahan has advocated for more police and homelessness prevention. We know from experience that homelessness prevention does not mean housing people but often means sweeping encampments, displacing already displaced people, destroying what little belongings they have. We are unclear if he plans to use Measure E funds to hire more police officers or continue the devastating practice of sweeping encampments but we know these are not far reaching concerns and would like clarity on the intended use of Measure E funds for "homelessness prevention." There are places the city budget is overinflated, like the police budget. Which under the ongoing scandals SJPD and the POA attempt to sweep under the rug, should not receive any increase in funding.

We call on you to affirm the intention of San Jose voters when we made Measure E a reality to help communities in need have access to permanent housing. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of Silicon Valley De-Bug,

Liz Gonzalez & Andrew Bigelow

FW: Opposition to Reallocation of Measure E Funds

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Tue 5/16/2023 10:37 AM

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Opposition to Reallocation of Measure E Funds.pdf;

From: John Tucker <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:55 AM

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>

Cc: jear [REDACTED]; Jeffrey Buchanan [REDACTED]; Elizabeth Kamyra [REDACTED]; Matt Tuttle [REDACTED]; Jeremy Cabaccang [REDACTED]; Will Smith <[REDACTED]>; E A [REDACTED]; sarah [REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to Reallocation of Measure E Funds

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San Jose Mayor and City Council,

Please see attached.

John Tucker

MEF - AFSCME Union Representative

Municipal Employees Federation - American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO

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May 15th, 2023

Sender's Email: [john.tucker](mailto:john.tucker@afscme.org) [REDACTED]

Sent Via Email

Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 E Santa Clara St
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: *Opposition to Reallocation of Measure E Funds*

Esteemed Councilmembers,

The members of MEF-AFSCME Local 101 are adamantly opposed to any changes to Measure E's current spending plan. It is vital to preserve (if not increase) the limited supply of funds dedicated to *permanent supportive housing*. Chronically unhoused residents cost the city of San Jose more, and *Permanent Supportive Housing* is the solution. Full stop.

Residents who have suffered enough due to our failed safety net and government support deserve permanent housing and solutions that will help keep our community healthy and safe for everyone. San Jose must not continue its legacy of failing to build low-income and very low-income housing. We need to catch up on our RHNA housing goals; this is primarily due to insufficient funding for *Permanent Supportive Housing*, housing that is genuinely affordable to unhoused residents. We must keep the promise made to the voters about where Measure E general fund/tax dollars would go. We must think strategically about the long-term needs of those most vulnerable in our community.

We urge you to vote against displacing permanent supportive housing funds. As City workers, we come face-to-face with the most marginalized residents of our community every day. As Councilmembers, you routinely tout us as experts and thank us for our work on the frontlines. So for once, take our input as frontline workers and experts. Interim Housing is critically important and should be funded but diverting and decreasing Measure E funds meant for *Permanent Supportive Housing* is one of the worst ways of doing so.

Yours,

Members of the Municipal Employees Federation – AFSCME Local 101

AFSCME Council 57 / AFSCME Local 101 (AFL-CIO)

1150 North First St., Suite #101

San Jose, CA 95112

CC:

Jean Cohen, South Bay Labor Council

Jeffery Buchanan, Working Partnerships

City Union Representatives

Encl: none

FW: Letter Opposed to on Item: 3.3; File # 23-690 from League of Women Voters

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Tue 5/16/2023 10:38 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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2023-5-16 SJ Measure E Re-Allocation.pdf;

From: Diane McNutt [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:57 AM

To: Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Subject: Letter Opposed to on Item: 3.3; File # 23-690 from League of Women Voters

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We ask you to vote NO on this item. Please see the attached letter.

Diane McNutt, President, League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara

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May 16, 2023

To: Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Torres, Cohen, Ortiz, Davis, Doan, Candelas, Foley, and Batra

cc: San Jose City Clerk

Subject: Item: 3.3; File # 23-690: **Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2023-2024 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a One-Time Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues**

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara strongly urges the City Council to **VOTE NO on re-allocating Measure E funds.**

Measure E was passed in 2020 based on specific spending expectations outlined in a December 2019 memo. If Measure E funds are re-allocated in 2023, without the support of many in the housing community, it will greatly increase voters' concerns about the City's transparency and trustworthiness.

The League also supports other good governance principles, including fiscal responsibility. We understand that there will soon be a state-implemented audit of spending on homelessness in San Jose and other parts of the state. We don't see that the current proposed Measure E changes are based on data showing what works to prevent homelessness and to move more of our residents into permanent housing.

We encourage you to wait until the audit is complete before bringing any Measure E funding changes to the City.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Diane McNutt.

Diane McNutt, President, League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara
president@lwvsjsc.org - lwvsjsc.org

FW: Council Vote Today 5/16: Support Matt's Memo Measure E and Do Not Increase ARO/TPO Fees

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Tue 5/16/2023 10:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Roberta Moore [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:51 AM

To: Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Rosemarie.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; Dexter, Michele <Michele.Dexter@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Maguire, Jennifer <jennifer.maguire@sanjoseca.gov>; Beckel, Dolan <dolan.beckel@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Council Vote Today 5/16: Support Matt's Memo Measure E and Do Not Increase ARO/TPO Fees

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Dear Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers and City Staff,

Support Matt's Plan for Measure E

Deal with the now for more people vs waiting years to serve a fraction of the people in need. Housing First does NOT work in our City. Even the lived experience commissioner said putting those who are dealing with addiction / mental illness in their own small home doesn't work.

Do not be swayed by the non-profits who get funding from Measure E without delivering substantial results.

Vote yes on Matt's plan to allocate Measure E funds to helping people NOW.

Oppose the Housing Departments Fee Increase Schedule

The Housing Department claims they need increases because of an accounting error. Hiring 20 people when only a few were claimed to be needed is NOT an accounting error, as follows:

- Staffing in Housing Departments with rent registries was almost 4 times as many staff per 1,000 as San Jose. (Ex: Berkeley 1.1 vs San Jose .03. - Source: ARO Stakeholder Meeting 2016)
- When I pointed the need for more staff, Mayor Lickard assured us the City would only need to hire a few people for the Rent Registry because of the technology they would use. Instead, the Housing Department hired 20 people.

Do not penalize the last of us naturally affordable housing providers by making us pay for the Housing Department's error.

Vote no on increases and hold the Housing Department accountable for their decisions.

Regards,

Roberta Moore
Broker Associate | Compass



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FW: Council Vote Today 5/16: Do Not Increase TPO Fees 227%

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The Tenant Protect Ordinance is taking the wrong approach to the problem. Read the Housing department's reports since 2015 when there wasn't a TPO.

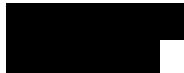
Most evictions then and now are for non-payment of rent. The TPO has not reduced the number of evictions each year. This program is a waste of funds.

If you want to protect people from eviction, set up a strong rental voucher program. And, put the money where it is needed . . helping people get back on their feet or weather a storm.

Vote NO on increasing fees. Stop rewarding the Housing Departments' punitive and destructive approach to housing.

Regards,

Roberta Moore
Broker Associate | Compass



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FW: Public Comment for City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.3

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Signed Measure E support letter to Mayor.pdf;

From: Lydia Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:06 AM

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

Cc: Leo Goldberg [REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.3

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Please see attached letter of support for Measure E Housing Funds.

Thank you!

Lydia Lopez

CA Community Land Trust Network

Co-Director for Organizing & Partnerships



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May 16, 2023

Mayor Matt Mahan
San Jose City Council
San Jose, CA

RE: Maintain Measure E Housing Funds for housing preservation

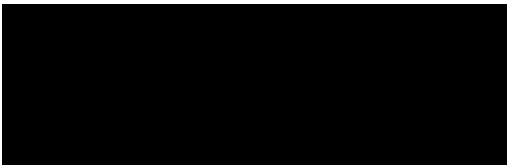
Dear Mayor,

We, the California Community Land Trust Network, respectfully request the city of San Jose Mayor's Office and City Council to maintain Measure E Housing Funds for housing preservation.

We call on the Mayor's Office and City Council to maintain this critical funding for its intended use, as approved by voters in 2020, to not divert these funds for uses other than affordable housing, and to keep the Measure E expenditure plan as is.

We urge the City Council and Mayor to keep the balanced approach of the current Measure E expenditure plan and release the acquisition/rehab RFP as soon as possible!

Sincerely,



Co-Director for Organizing & Partnerships
California CLT Network

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From: Christopher Logan <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:39 AM

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Subject: City Council Agenda Item 3.3 5/16/2023

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Hello, my name is Shay Azevedo, and I am a client of West Valley Community Services. Homelessness can happen to anyone, and I am here to urge you today to support the efforts to use Measure E Housing Funds to support Affordable Permanent Housing. Today we have representatives from all venues of homelessness, but I have personal experience of ten heartbreaking years of homelessness here in my home county, and I know how challenging it can be to find housing. Even when employed full-time, I found that I did not meet most program requirements, and it wasn't until I had exhausted over two dozen sources of housing that I finally was able to find stable and affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration. Thank you for your caring.

-Shay Azevedo

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

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Lori Katcher [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:52 AM

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

Cc: Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Comment on Agenda Item 3.3 for May 16 Council Meeting

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Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Lori Katcher, I am a 20 year resident and voter in District 6, a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice, a Mother, a volunteer with my unhoused neighbors.

Keeping Measure E funds as is, for new affordable housing projects, is important to me, because no matter who we are, whether a Mother, a child, a grandparent, a son, daughter, friend, we all deserve a safe, stable, place to call home. Not a shelter bed for decades- a home.

Decades of failing to invest in affordable housing have brought us to this place. But Measure E put a stake in the ground for affordable housing. Don't keep kicking the can down the road. Have some courage to make long term investments in affordable housing. While I agree we need interim housing, do not take Measure E for this.

Interim housing stays often have a time limit and end for people, and SO often, families and individuals end up back on the streets because there is not enough permanent housing available.

Claims that this is just a one-time adjustment is not the whole story.

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- The City has admitted that its plans to build 1,000 EIHs carries a \$50 million annual
- operating cost - for which it has no plans for funding other than via Measure E or unidentified General Fund / external sources. This will only make it harder to resume funding for affordable housing in the coming years.
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- Furthermore, even a one-time shift of funding will have hugely detrimental impacts on affordable housing production in San Jose.
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- Since projects need local funding commitments early in the development process (and
- before other financing can be secured), even a short-term pause in funding will create exponentially longer delays and threaten to kill projects altogether.
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In the face of a severe housing crisis, it is unconscionable for the 10th largest city in the country to so drastically disinvest in affordable housing.

I support investing in more interim and temporary shelter programs, but doing so at the expense of permanent housing programs will not work.

We must find a way to balance our investments across these key programs - and raise additional funding so that we can fund all of these interventions at a scale required to meet the need in our community.

That's why I believe the City Council should reject the new proposal and maintain the existing Measure E spending plan that properly balances our funding across key housing and homelessness strategies.

The health, safety, and stability of our community and neighborhoods depends on the health, safety, and stability of every single one of our neighbors. When those struggling the most are able to thrive, we all thrive.

Thank you,

Lori Katcher, D6 Resident

Member, SURJ at Sacred Heart

Board Member, Neighborhood Hands

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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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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Maureen Damrel [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:50 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>; action@housingready.org

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

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 lifetime San Jose resident (living in districts 5,3,7 and currently 6) 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 are 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 maintaining the existing Measure E spending plan.

Thank you!

Maureen Reyes Damrel

Resident of District 6

Parent to children in SJUSD

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FW: In Support of Mayor Matt's reallocation of M E funds to close encampments!

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Tue 5/16/2023 12:54 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ruth Callahan <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:49 AM

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Subject: In Support of Mayor Matt's reallocation of M E funds to close encampments!

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KWCNA's forwarding this letter to all of you to underscore KWCNA's support and enthusiastic approval of the reallocation of Measure E funds.

From:

David Noel [REDACTED]

To: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; district1@sanjoseca.gov <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; district2@sanjoseca.gov <district2@sanjoseca.gov>; district3@sanjoseca.gov <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; district4@sanjoseca.gov <district4@sanjoseca.gov>; district5@sanjoseca.gov <district5@sanjoseca.gov>; district6@sanjoseca.gov <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; district7@sanjoseca.gov <district7@sanjoseca.gov>; district8@sanjoseca.gov <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; district9@sanjoseca.gov <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; district10@sanjoseca.gov <district10@sanjoseca.gov>; mayor@sanjoseca.gov <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Mon, May 15, 2023 6:38 pm

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

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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Ruth A Callahan, President

Kooser Woods Coalition Representing 1873 Neighbors



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FW: Preserve Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing

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Tue 5/16/2023 12:54 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jessica Jenkins <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:09 PM

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

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

Subject: Preserve Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing

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Dear City Councilmembers and Mayor Mahan,

I am a resident of San Jose and a member of Showing Up For Racial Justice. I have lived and worked in downtown San Jose for many years and have been personally impacted by the housing crisis. I am writing today to ask that you preserve Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing, which the voters intended when we passed Measure E. I am well aware that we need immediate emergency shelter options for our most vulnerable neighbors. But it should not come at the expense of permanent, affordable housing.

Temporary housing is just that - temporary. As an immigration attorney, I have seen immigrant survivors of domestic violence bounce for years from shelter to couch to car to street to hotel, due to the lack of permanent affordable housing options in our community. I have also seen many former San Jose residents displaced to far flung places, away from their families and communities and support networks, due to the lack of permanent affordable options here at home.

The long-term housing crisis here has forced many of our most vulnerable neighbors onto our streets, a humanitarian crisis compounded by the lack of adequate mental health resources and substance abuse treatment options. Our housing crisis can't simply be solved by the band-aid of emergency shelter. We need a multi-pronged approach, including funding permanent affordable housing, as well as sufficient funding to attract and retain mental health professionals in an overburdened system.

I am asking you now not to circumvent the will of the voters. Please use the Measure E for the purpose for which it was intended - permanent affordable housing.

Thank you,
Jessica

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Comments for Agenda Item 3.3 Measure E Reallocation

Erika Pinto [REDACTED]

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SPUR Comment Measure E Reallocation May 2023.docx.pdf;

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Hello Mayor Mahan, Vice-Mayor, and City Councilmembers,

Please see attached comments for Agenda Item 3.3.

Thank you,

Erika Pinto

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Erika Pinto (she • her)

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May 16, 2023

San José City Council
City of San José
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José CA 95113

Comments for Item 3.3 File 23-690 – Measure E Expenditure Plan and the 2023-2024 Budget


Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers:

SPUR submits this letter in regard to proposed changes to percentage allocations and the spending plan for FY 2023-2024 Measure E funds that will alter current policy by reallocating funds away from the existing balanced commitment to the creation of new affordable housing and homelessness prevention, support, and management.

We are writing to express our concern that the proposed changes come too soon in the life of Measure E and adoption of the current expenditure plan. In 2020, SPUR expressed concerns about the security of the revenue over time. While the San José City Council has adopted a series of resolutions to protect how the funds are used, there is always a chance that future councils could decide to reallocate funds to address other needs. If the proposed changes move forward, it sets a precedent of reallocating funds whenever we have a new council.

We know that it is not enough to fund affordable housing; we must also make it faster and less expensive to build housing. San José needs housing of all types and while interim housing and homelessness services are an important piece of a comprehensive housing needs strategy, the cornerstone of the City's approach to the housing crisis should be to maintain its commitments to the near-term and long-term investments that will create a more affordable city for all.

For these reasons, we ask that the City consider alternative policy measures that include current funding strategies for the creation of affordable housing to mitigate impacts from any changes to the FY23-24 Measure E percentage allocations and spending plan.



Fred Buzo
San José Director

Erika Pinto
San José Planning Policy Manager

FW: Item number 3.3 (23-690) Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2023-2024 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a One-Time Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Propert...

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Susan Hare [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:15 PM

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

Subject: Fwd: Item number 3.3 (23-690) Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2023-2024 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a One-Time Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Propert...

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From: Susan Hare <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sun, May 14, 2023 at 8:47 PM

Subject: Item number 3.3 (23-690) Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and the 2023-2024 Proposed Fees and Charges for the City of San José, including a One-Time Revision of Percentage Allocations of Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax Revenues.

To: <councilmeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

My name is Susan Hare. I am a life-long resident of the City of San Jose and I am writing to you today regarding the City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023- 2024, Attachment D—Reallocation of Uncommitted Measure E Funding.

As a subject matter expert appointed to serve on a special district board and on an industry board, I appreciate the careful consideration of elected officials, such as members of the City Council, in making their appointments to commissions and boards. I have also witnessed firsthand the dedication, expertise, and integrity of your appointees who serve the community, such as the members of the Housing and Community Development Commission.

I wholeheartedly support the decision of the Housing and Community Development Commission to reject the budget proposal to reallocate Measure E funds and I encourage you to support the HCDC's position and reject this proposal as well.

Passage of Measure E required the establishment of a Community Oversight Committee. The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) was appointed as the oversight committee for Measure E spending. This committee consists of 14 members of the public appointed by the City Council and the Mayor. The members come from every district and reflect our diverse San Jose community. They are thoughtful, prepared, subject matter experts about the housing and development needs of San Jose. These dedicated public servants were appointed by you to hold meetings, listen to the public, understand local and state laws and regulations, and to provide oversight of Measure E spending ensuring that the will AND the intention of the voters regarding affordable housing is protected.

The Housing and Community Development Commission that YOU appointed to look after the public interest has thoughtfully considered and then rejected the budget proposal to reallocate Measure E funds. The HCDC has done their job well. Please listen to them and reject the reallocation of Measure E funds.

Regards

Susan Hare

District 3, Naglee Park

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RE: City Council: Today 5/16 Stop Raising of our fees 227%!

Espejo, Gina <Gina.Espejo@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 5/16/2023 2:10 PM

To: Webmaster Manager <webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov>; Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: CMOAgendaServices <cmoagendaservices@sanjoseca.gov>; Rachelle Blattman <rachelle.blattman@gmail.com>

Thanks Matt!

Hi Agenda Desk – Please see attached public comment for today's Item 3.3.

Thank you,
Gina

From: Webmaster Manager <webmaster.manager@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:55 PM

To: CMOAgendaServices <cmoagendaservices@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: City Council: Today 5/16 Stop Raising of our fees 227%!

Good afternoon CMO Agenda Services,

The City Manager's Office received the email below from Roberta Moore. I believe this is public comment related to item 3.3 on today's City Council agenda.

Thank you,
-matt

Matt Opsal

Senior Executive Analyst

City Manager's Office of Communications

City of San José

200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

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From: Roberta Moore <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:42 PM

To: Roberta Moore <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City Council: Today 5/16 Stop Raising of our fees 227%!

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Sorry for last minute notice. Two important issues are on the Council's agenda today.

1. After all the housing department has put us through, they are proposing to raise our fees 227% because they made an accounting error.
2. The Mayor has proposed a new Measure E spending plan to end encampments now. The Housing Department wants to wait and spend that money building \$500k units for each homeless person and have rallied their non-profits to fight against is plan.

Please attend in person or via zoom today and speak against the rent control fees increase and speak in favor of Matt's plan to end encampments.

- **What:** San Jose City Council Meeting on Rent Control Ordinance Fee Increase
- **When:** Tuesday, May 16th at 2:30pm
- **In-Person:** San Jose City Hall – 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose – Council Chambers
- **Zoom:** <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/88957084529>

Fortunately, you can call in via zoom and do other things while waiting until your name is called.

Following is information for talking points if you want them:

Here is part of a letter Gina from SCCAOR wrote to SCCAOR leadership:

TODAY at 1:30 PM, at the San Jose City Council meeting, the first item that will be taken up will be a budget proposal that does 2 things of particular interest to us:

- 1) It significantly raises rent stabilization fees on small Mom & Pop housing providers - which we **OPPOSE**
- 2) It proposes that we use half of this year's Measure E funds for interim housing communities and homelessness prevention, which will house 1,000 people by the end of 2023 - which we **SUPPORT**. The remaining half of the Measure E funds will be used for the creation of affordable housing. (See talking points below.)

Mayor Matt Mahan is working to end the era of homeless encampments, as the City of San Jose provides real solutions that will help get people housed immediately and keep them off our streets.

[PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO TELL MAYOR MATT MAHAN THAT YOU AGREE THAT THE ERA OF ENCAMPMENTS MUST END.](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecTUxSViSRS_OCo3Wjopk2_x-BRq_isVwO_Zmx4rA2IXdOig/viewform)

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San Jose's homelessness problem has reached crisis levels that are not only inhibiting development but are also creating significant quality-of-life issues for those families who are housed.

Here is the letter I emailed Council today:

Support Matt's Plan for Measure E

Deal with the now for more people vs waiting years to serve a fraction of the people in need. Housing First does NOT work in our City. Even the lived experience commissioner said putting those who are dealing with addiction / mental illness in their own small home doesn't work.

Do not be swayed by the non-profits who get funding from Measure E without delivering substantial results.

Vote yes on Matt's plan to allocate Measure E funds to helping people NOW.

Oppose the Housing Departments Fee Increase Schedule

The Housing Department claims they need increases because of an accounting error. Hiring 20 people when only a few were claimed to be needed is NOT an accounting error, as follows:

- Staffing in Housing Departments with rent registries was almost 4 times as many staff per 1,000 as San Jose. (Ex: Berkeley 1.1 vs San Jose .03. - Source: ARO Stakeholder Meeting 2016)
- When I pointed the need for more staff, Mayor Liccardo assured us the City would only need to hire a few people for the Rent Registry because of the technology they would use. Instead, the Housing Department hired 20 people.

Do not penalize the last of us naturally affordable housing providers by making us pay for the Housing Department's error.

Vote no on increases and hold the Housing Department accountable for their decisions.

Here are Council Contacts if you want to mail them:

Support Matt's Plan for Measure E

To: Matt Mahan <matt.mahan@sanjoseca.gov>, Jim Reed <jim.reed@sanjoseca.gov>, "Cohen, David" <david.cohen@sanjoseca.gov>, "Davis, Dev" <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>, Bien Doan <bien.doan@sanjoseca.gov>, "Foley, Pam" <pam.foley@sanjoseca.gov>, district1@sanjoseca.gov, district4@sanjoseca.gov, district6@sanjoseca.gov, district7@sanjoseca.gov, district8@sanjoseca.gov, District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>, Rosemarie Kamei <Rosemarie.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>, Arjun Batra <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>, michele.dexter@sanjoseca.gov

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Regards,

Roberta Moore
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Long term housing

Balam Vargas [REDACTED] >

Tue 5/16/2023 12:04 PM

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Hi, my name is Balam Vargas and I am a resident of downtown San Jose. I am also an advocate for affordable housing for the public

For far too long San José's affordability issues have been ignored, and communities like San José have disproportionately suffered from the effects of overcrowding, homelessness, and poor living conditions.

We voted for Measure E on the promise that it would be used to build affordable housing, but now the Mayor wants to shift all that funding towards temporary homeless shelters and leave no funding for new affordable housing construction. This is only a short term solution and would greatly hurt efforts to improve the housing situation for residents of all incomes of San Jose.

The only way we will end homelessness is by addressing its root cause, a crisis of affordability and the failures of the housing market. We can't afford to lose this critical resource for affordable housing.

That is why I strongly urge the council to give voters what was promised in Measure E, and keep funding Affordable Housing!

Thank you.

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FW: Protect Measure E and Fund Housing

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Wed 5/17/2023 8:13 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: David Padilla [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 5:44 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>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a resident in District 4 and am reaching out to support the efforts to keep the integrity of Measure E. 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.

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 no more displacement in order to truly and genuinely move to combat our housing crisis.

Sincerely,

David Padilla

David Padilla
SEIU 521
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