

Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

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Fri 6/9/2023 5:12 PM

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

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B.A.R. 25 <[REDACTED]>

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Benito Rodriguez

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Jeanne Tate <[REDACTED]>

Fri 6/9/2023 7:21 PM

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I support the Measure E spending plan from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres

Angela Schertle <[REDACTED]>

Fri 6/9/2023 8:16 PM

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your efforts in crafting a budget that will best meet the needs of our whole community. As a San Jose resident and voter, I write to share my support for the Measure E spending plan from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres.

We cannot afford to ignore our region's severe housing affordability crisis. It is a massive shortage of affordable homes that has caused the homelessness we witness today, and we must invest in more permanent, affordable housing while also expanding shelter options for our homeless neighbors. We need to focus on SOLVING the affordable housing crisis and housing EVERYONE in our city.

While the proposal from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz, and Torres falls short of meeting that goal, it is the option that will be most impactful to move us in the right direction. It's the right next step, with many more to follow.

Thank you!
Angie Schertle
San Jose resident

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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Amanda Jo Fisk <[REDACTED]>

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Amanda's Cat Rescue

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Alondra O <[REDACTED]>

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Jordan Reeves <[REDACTED]>

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06/3/23 Agenda item 3.4 - 3.5 - Budget and measure E

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Dear City Leaders,

I also support CM Davis, CM Torres, and CM Ortiz's memo for measure E and their allocations. And support CM Jimenez and Cohen's modifications for more staff funding and services for EIH.

EIH is an important tool for temporarily housing people but without increasing/ the supporting amount of permanent/ affordable housing the success rate of moving residents into permanent housing is compromised.

According to Ray Bramson:

"An affordable housing development is actually a financial model where tenants are paying rent, and those rents are supporting the operations," Bramson said. "So it's a closed system. You're not having to continuously put in additional resources once the building is open."

We should consider that the EIH homelessness prevention efficiency declines when more EIH units are added without multiplying units of permanent housing accordingly.

When we had less BHC sites, the success of residents finding permanent housing used to be around 85%. Now with more EIH units, the success dropped because there not enough units being added to absorb the need and people are at risk of returning into the streets.

Felipe Ave EIH: lowest success rate 32%

"Of the five tiny home sites sponsored by San Jose, just one – on Felipe Avenue – has a hard six-month cutoff set by Caltrans, the property owner. That site has the lowest success rate of all the city sites, getting just 32% of its occupants into permanent housing."

Rue Ferrari EIH: residents are terrified because they can't find homes after six

months and will return to the streets

"When Angelique and Manuel Ortiz moved into their tiny home on San Jose's Rue Ferrari in April,..."

"At first, Angelique and Manuel were optimistic. ...**they met with their case manager and began their housing search.**

But months went by with no progress. On a recent afternoon, with their six-month anniversary in the tiny home fast approaching, Angelique confessed that she's terrified she and Manuel will be dropped from the program before they find housing. Just in case, the couple bought a cheap car from a friend so they'll have somewhere to sleep at night."

Source: <https://centerforhealthjournalism.org/our-work/reporting/do-tiny-homes-really-work-solution-homelessness-heres-what-data-shows#:~:text=But%20tiny%20homes%20work%20better,much%20more%20expensive%20to%20operate.>

Measure E was voted to be used for affordable housing. Building a lot of tiny homes shelters to house every unhoused person in San Jose is not a viable solution but a preference again for politics.

Some points to consider:

Deputy County Executive Ky Le:

"Redirecting Measure E dollars away from permanent housing had already started to disrupt "long-standing partnerships and projects."

"We've been working with cities on a pipeline that anticipates some Measure E funding and a sudden change would require all of us to recalibrate, reprioritize, work with developers, and some projects might be delayed, some projects might be paused indefinitely," Le said in an interview.

In his memo, Le also expressed concern that the city's original proposal could disrupt projects that are further down the pipeline and result in delays longer than a year. Additionally, redirecting Measure E funds could impact the county's ability to leverage state and federal dollars that would pause some developments, argued Le, and impact the construction of more than 1,000 units on projects located on county land."

Ray Bramson from Destination Home and Jackie Morales:

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Bramson said without these notices, San Jose can't plan ahead to pay for affordable housing.

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"Let's keep supporting both initiatives," he said. **"But at the same time, understanding that at the end of the day, it's permanent housing that's going to end homelessness and help us address this crisis."**

The math is simple, if you keep adding more and more EIH units the success rate decreases because you do not have enough units of permanent housing to move the residents. But when you invest in affordable housing more people can move out of the EIH faster into permanent housing. Then you don't need to build more units of EIH.

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D2 Resident

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he found it, or it was his. They were about to turn him away stating no room, however they made him wait. Many of these overcrowding issues can be alleviated if you allow the fairgrounds to be a temporary overflow. They are set up for animals, and with your help, a staff can be placed there to care for them. The fairgrounds is less than a mile from SJACC. It's time to think out of the box. San Jose, and the entire state is in a huge crisis.

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Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Louise Just

Kitten went into the trap.

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Sickly injured and wobbly old Tom cat.(you can see he is intact).



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Ann Chasson <[REDACTED]>

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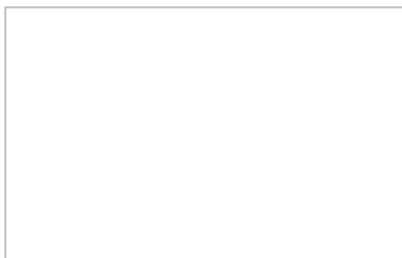
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Karin Lowden <[REDACTED]>

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Laura Meadows <[REDACTED]>

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Support for City Manager's Budget Addendum #46

Mary Hoover <[REDACTED]>

Sat 6/10/2023 2:16 PM

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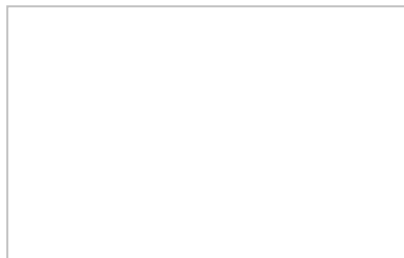
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Alexis Del Alto <[REDACTED]>

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Paula Martinez

PS: Please help our helpless animals and give us the dedicated staff to provide great care.

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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

deborahmc <[REDACTED]>

Sat 6/10/2023 6:44 PM

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Deborah McCaslin

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Allie Hewett <[REDACTED]>

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I am the founder of the Cat & Kitten Advocates group on Nextdoor, an active community of over 2500 people who support the shelter, are involved in animal rescue, or are seeking help with issues in their neighborhood. I am writing to state my strong support for the increases for Animal Services in the Mayor and City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. I appreciate how these increases recognize the challenges faced by Animal Services and respond to concerns voiced by the community over the past year.

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Liana Krause <[REDACTED]>

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Belle Ayre <[REDACTED]>

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cloewertorrez <[REDACTED]>

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Cynthia L. Loewer-Torrez

support increases for shelter

Meow Haven Kitty Rescue <[REDACTED]>

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Founder of Meow Haven Kitty Rescue

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Scott Trafford <[REDACTED]>

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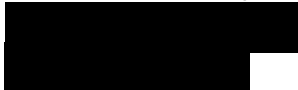
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Vanessa Forney <[REDACTED]>

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While it was not the case in previous years, we are now at a loss with what to do. The lack of appointments is so extreme, we can't even help someone who has one litter of kittens in their yard. There is nowhere to take the kittens. There is nowhere to take the adults. Trapping feral cats is difficult enough, but with the additional overhead of getting appointments weeks or months ahead, people tell me they would rather not do anything at all. Many of these people don't want the kittens back, and some of them don't even like cats, so it's easier to walk away. SJACC and HSSV are not taking healthy kittens in San Jose right now. Even if some are accepted, there are 10 litters of kittens turned away for every one accepted. The need is far misrepresented due to lack of accurate data collection and transparency on the number of animals turned away. Just as we are tracking the animals coming into the shelter, we need to be tracking the animals turned away and community members whose needs are not met by the shelter.

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At this point, it will take years to get the situation under control. Without drastic measures now, the animal control complaints will continue increasing, the need for more and more shelter space for kittens will grow, and the cat population is going to explode more than it already has. We urgently need:

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I urge you to approve the proposed increases for Animal Services. The longer we avoid the problem at its source (lack of spay/neuter for pets and TNR), the longer animals will suffer and communities will suffer with them. Please do not delay any longer. The community and the animals deserve better than what we are giving them.

Thank you,

Vanessa

Founder of Bay Area Cats (bayareacats.org)

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June 9, 2023

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In support of City Manager's Budget Addendum #46

Jenna Skinner <[REDACTED]>

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Gatos de la Noche has been an established 501(c)(3) rescue in San Jose for 13 years. We manage colonies primarily in District 3 and District 5. I can safely say that in the time we have been actively participating in TNR we have altered well over a thousand cats and kittens and during the last three years alone, found homes for upwards of 700 kittens. We are boots on the ground and are acutely aware of the crisis San Jose's animal welfare community finds itself in now.

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“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” Mahatma Gandhi

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Shirley Young



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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Catherine Valentine <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 1:48 AM

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Denisa <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 6:50 AM

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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Shirley Young <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 7:58 AM

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Protecting Measure E funds from diversion

Patricia Ciccantelli <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 8:17 AM

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

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My name is Patricia Ciccantelli; I am a voter and resident of San Jose. I am writing as a supporter of Survivors of the Streets at Sacred Heart.

I encourage you to enact the Davis/Torres/Ortiz plan that uses Measure E funds to build affordable housing and finds funds for interim housing in the city budget, as well as providing rent assistance for San Jose residents who need it to remain housed.

It's impossible to miss the suffering of our fellow San Joseans who have been priced out of our brutal housing market and are trying to survive without shelter, a basic need. Measure E was approved to provide some balance in the supply of housing in San Jose by expanding affordable options for permanent housing. Diverting Measure E funds to interim housing does not get us to the goal of providing the housing stability needed for all to thrive and be productive.

The Davis/Torres/Ortiz plan addresses three important pieces of the need for affordable dwellings, most importantly without draining the critical fund for building housing that voters approved in Measure E. Please approve the Davis/Torres/Ortiz plan.

Patricia Ciccantelli

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Re: Public Comment for City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.4 - Monday, June 12, 2023

Carolyn Straub <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 8:33 AM

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

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

We support the protection of Measure E funds. First, we voted on these funds thinking that that was what they would be used for. Borrowing is "out." Keep the original purpose.

Measure E:

Uses Measure E funds to maximize the support we provide for affordable housing

Finds funding in the general budget for interim housing and homeless support services

Maintains investments in homelessness prevention

This is the plan sent by Council members Dev Davis, Omar Torres, and Peter Ortiz.

The city of San Jose cannot hold its head up as the "Capital of Silicon Valley" unless these things are provided for:

Google could hold off hiring workers soon enough near the train station Diridon where it will not be attractive to employees IF there are homeless under the nearby train tracks. Nor with homeless at the on and off ramps at Capitol Expressway (and others across the city) at the bridges. Nor further down Monterey Road.

As for objecting neighbors, this is not all about us or them.

Thank you for your attention.

Carolyn Straub
Stephen McHenry
City District 7



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Agenda Item 3.4--Measure E

Melissa Morris <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 9:28 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am unable to attend this evening's budget hearing because I am traveling out of state, but I wanted to send a quick note to support the memo from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres, which will preserve Measure E funds for permanent affordable housing. I am currently serving as the Board Chair of Sacred Heart Community Service, and I am writing in support of Survivors of the Street at Sacred Heart, as well as their community partners who have spoken out to ensure that Measure E funds remain available for permanent affordable housing.

The only real solution to homelessness is housing—deeply affordable housing with voluntary supportive services for people who need them. Shelters—whether traditional congregate shelters or other interim alternatives—only work if people are able to transition from those shelters to safe, stable housing that they can afford. Having a greater number and diversity of shelter options available is a laudable and important goal, but it should not be undertaken at the expense of long-term housing that is integrated into the larger community.

Thank you,

Melissa Morris

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Josie Supencheck <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 9:38 AM

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I support Mayor Mahan's city budget because San Jose has a need for financial stability and responsible spending of a budget that is equitable and well distributed. Thank you.
Member of District 2

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Agenda item 3.4 Measure E allocations/Budget

Lori Katcher <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 9:52 AM

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

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

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Lori Katcher, I am a 20 year resident and voter in San Jose, a homeowner for 15 years, and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart.

I am supporting Survivors of the Streets and writing in favor of the Davis, Torres, Ortiz plan for Measure E funds.

- *The Davis, Torres, Ortiz plan keeps the promise made to voters for Measure E funds to maximize the building of affordable housing we can support and build in our city. We must continue to do our part to increase permanent affordable housing.*
- *This plan finds funding in the city's budget for interim housing and homeless support services while maintaining previous Measure E fund allocations. We all realize the need to provide temporary shelter for individuals seeking housing and this plan helps to meet that need and invests in permanent and affordable housing solutions for them to transition to.*
- *This plan continues to invest in homeless prevention. The cost of living continues to increase faster than the wages people earn. By providing assistance to those who are struggling to pay rent we help keep families and individuals stably housed but also slow the flow of people to our streets.*

This plan is not "status quo". This plan is creative, collaborative, and allows our city to do both- build quick, interim housing AND keep moving strongly forward to increase permanent affordable housing.

We have raised three children in San Jose having the safety and security of a home, which has allowed us to focus on caring for both the daily physical and emotional needs of our family and participate in our community. However, when a person is without a home, it makes it incredibly difficult to keep a steady job, go to school and learn, and take care of a family.

I want to live in a vibrant city where everyone belongs. 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, and strong.

I urge the city council to vote for the plan created by Council members Dev Davis, Omar Torres, and Peter Ortiz.

Thank you,
Lori Katcher
member, SURJ at Sacred Heart
board member, [Neighborhood Hands](#)

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Final Measure E Budget Hearing: Memo from Davis/Torres/Ortiz

Kathryn Hedges <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 9:58 AM

To: Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing Element <HousingElement@sanjoseca.gov>; Housing - CSJ <housing.csj@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmembers Davis, Torres, and Ortiz:

I am Kathryn Hedges, downtown resident in affordable housing and member of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). The only reason I can afford to live in San José on SSDI is having affordable housing partially funded by the City of San José and the HUD HOME loans the City administers.

SURJ has accountability partners at Survivors Of the Streets. They have asked us to amplify their message that they disapprove of any budget that changes the original allocation of Measure E funds. They have lived in tiny homes or other interim housing, or have neighbors who do. It is a bad fit for many people, and the only thing that makes it tolerable is knowing you have a permanent supportive apartment waiting for you on the other side. They are extremely concerned that the City considered stopping or reducing funding for permanent housing.

Thank you for your courage to do the right thing, instead of the easy thing, for solving our homelessness crisis in San José. Too many politicians want to find quick, easy, "common sense" proposals to solve problems their constituents find intolerable. These solutions may appear effective for a year or two, but because they are not the right thing to do, they eventually fail. Continuing to produce affordable housing is the right thing to do even though the opponents are very vocal.

Thank you for recognizing that without a supply of permanent supportive housing and affordable housing, interim housing is not an effective solution. Although interim housing is part of the solution, we must not overinvest in a tool whose upkeep expenditures could be 4% of the City budget (as Mayor Mahan admitted at the Budget Town Hall in D1 on Saturday afternoon). It is far more appropriate to find one-time funding sources outside the Measure E proceeds and I thank you for doing the hard work to look at funds such as those that homelessness agencies are not ready to spend.

Thank you for agreeing that a San José where thousands are relegated to the purgatory of interim housing with no available permanent affordable housing is not the San José where we want to live. Continuing the pipeline of permanent affordable housing is necessary to have a pathway out of interim housing. Although cycling people out of interim housing if they fail to find housing, when

there IS no housing for them, is cruel, it is also cruel to leave them in this interim housing indefinitely. We might as well say we decided to build substandard apartments for the unhoused because they don't deserve a permanent home that meets the same standards as everyone else. (I hear enough people saying they don't deserve decent housing that I don't think it's an accident we may be facing this situation three years down the road.)

Thank you for understanding that creating affordable housing is an effective strategy (along with legal assistance and emergency rent support) that keeps people from falling into homelessness. Providing affordable housing for rent-burdened residents of San José is the right thing to do, even though it is not the easy thing to do for a quick fix. The reason we have a perpetual homelessness crisis isn't that other cities are busing thousands of people here, or that they are attracted by services. The reason we keep having more unhoused people is that the rents are too d*** high.

"Rent-burdened" technically means anyone whose rent is over 30% of their income, yet most tenants in San José have rent over 50% of their income--sometimes up to 80%. (Even in affordable housing, my rent is 48% of my income.) A single person must earn \$55/hr to afford the average 1-bedroom market rate apartment, and rents don't get low enough on the open market to afford an apartment on \$18/hr. Any financial bump in the road means falling into homelessness when it takes roommates and 2-3 jobs to afford housing. Having affordable housing means people can pay a reasonable rent for their income and live without the fear of homelessness hanging over them any time they take unpaid sick days or their roommate/partner moves out. Temporary rental assistance to keep people in their homes is a better quick and easy solution to homelessness, except the rents are so high that many tenants can't afford the rent on an ongoing basis after a rent hike--not just when there's a change in income or occupancy. That is why rental assistance and tenant right to counsel are a good secondary use of Measure E funds to complement constructing affordable housing.

Thank you for doing the right thing for the unhoused people and renters of San José, instead of the easy thing to score political points with homeowners and the real estate industry. We have enough affordable housing in the pipeline that it will take at least two years to notice the drop in supply from failing to issue a NOFA in FY 2023-24. Yet by finding alternative one-time funding sources for a one-time investment in interim housing, we can still provide temporary relief to more of our unhoused residents. I sincerely hope this will not be coupled with measures to make it illegal to camp anywhere but the interim sites, as Texas did.

In community,

Kathryn Hedges



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Support the Davis/Ortiz/Torres memo (Item 3.1)

Emma Hartung <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 9:59 AM

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

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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 stay in touch with friends and family, maintain stability, 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. Support the [Davis/Ortiz/Torres memo](#) so that we can preserve the Measure E allocation for permanent affordable housing AND fund new emergency interim housing.

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

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FW: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Shirls F <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 10:28 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>**Subject:** Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

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Shirley Feliciano

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Public Comment for City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.4

Deborah Garvey <[REDACTED]>

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Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmember Davis, Mayor Mahan and City Council members,

As a concerned citizen and voter, I want to help our community stay safe and housed by protecting Measure E spending allocations.

Of the new proposals for spending Measure E funds on homeless prevention and housing, I stand with Survivors of the Street at Sacred Heart Community Service in supporting the plan proposed by Council members Dev Davis, Omar Torres, and Peter Ortiz because it:

- Uses Measure E funds to maximize support for affordable housing
- Uses general budget money to fund interim housing and homeless support services
- Maintains investments in homelessness prevention

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Affordable housing *is the fundamental solution* to homelessness.

I urge the City Council to vote for the plan created by Council members Dev Davis, Omar Torres, and Peter Ortiz.

Deborah L. Garvey, PhD

IG: @dlgarvey

(cell)

Reference: <https://sanjosespotlight.com/san-jose-city-council-divided-on-core-budget-issue/>

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My Support for Arts and Culture Funding in the FY 2023-2024 City Budget. And a few comments.

Lee Kopp <[REDACTED]>

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I SUPPORT THE EMAIL BELOW WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS. (See below)

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Lee Kopp. I was born and raised in San Jose and I am an Arts Advocate that has worked my entire adult life in the arts in San Jose and Bay Area. I currently work with Symphony San Jose, sjDANCEco, San Jose Chamber Orchestra and Steinway Society.

I want to thank the Mayor and Administration for including one-time resources for arts and cultural programs in the proposed FY 2023-2024 City Budget. These one-time resources will help sustain the creative industry during a period of severely diminished Transient Occupancy Tax revenues.

However, the one-time nature of this investment only underscores that the time has come for city leaders to identify and prioritize pathways to sustainable funding for arts, cultural, and tourism programs.

With that in mind, I stand with San José Arts Advocates in calling on the City Council to:

1. Direct the Administration to pursue a percent for art allocation from private development and return with a policy framework for Council consideration as soon as possible; and
2. Support recommendation #4 in the memo from Councilmembers Torres, Davis, Ortiz, Batra, and Doan's to "Direct staff to explore additional revenue options and a budget policy strategy to re-invest 2% of the General Fund portion of TOT incrementally starting with an increase of .5% in Fiscal Year 2024-2025."

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Regards,
Lee Kopp
District 1 (Rosemary Kamei)

Additional Comments: Having worked for 50+ years in San Jose and the surrounding area as an actor, musician, arts manager and educational outreach director, I know far too well the state of the arts and arts organizations in my home town. I have watched the death of San Jose Civic Light Opera, San Jose Cleveland Ballet, San Jose Repertory Theatre, and so many smaller groups during that time. I have been part of Americans for the Arts, "Arts & Economic Prosperity" surveys and reports for major arts organizations locally and know how many thousands of jobs and millions of dollars the arts bring into our community. But I fear that far too many of our local populous is unaware and the fiscal impact the arts have here.

We must take better care of this vital part of our economy. A percentage for art allocation from private development is a good start, and, in my opinion, must be instituted ASAP. But it is only one step. Please look to the future of our economy, and the quality of life for our current residents, our children and our children's children.

As the classic Joni Mitchell song warned us back in the 1960s, "Don't it always seem to go, you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." Those words are especially timely today. Don't be blind to the possibilities. Thank you.

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Gloria Sciara <[REDACTED]>

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TNR volunteer
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In regards to the budget :

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Meriam Ahmad <[REDACTED]>

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Hello,

My name is Meriam Ahmad, and I am a **resident of East San José** and an advocate for affordable housing.

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

Many of us voted for Measure E on the promise that it would be used to build affordable housing, but now the Mayor wants to shift funding towards temporary homeless shelters, which would jeopardize funding for new affordable housing construction. This is unacceptable!

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Thank you.

Meriam Ahmad, 95127

Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Kim Mellon <[REDACTED]>

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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. Support the [Davis/Ortiz/Torres memo](#) so that we can preserve the Measure E allocation for permanent affordable housing AND fund new emergency interim housing.

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Co Tran
San José, CA 95112

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Hanh Pham <[REDACTED]>

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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the Mayor's proposed budget, including reallocation of partial Measure E funds, to provide housing with wrap-around services to homeless individuals approximately five times faster and at 10 times lower cost than the status quo.

The scope of the humanitarian crisis, including 250 homeless deaths per year, demands that we try new ideas. ***The quicker an unhoused individual is housed, the better their chances of success.*** Many individuals provided interim housing with wrap-around services will become self-sufficient or reunited with family and won't need permanent supportive housing. ***We can and should help them now.***

I also urge the City of San Jose to lobby at the County, regional and State levels for revenue sharing policies that reward cities that provide housing, especially affordable housing. It's not fair that San Jose suffers economically for serving as Silicon Valley's bedroom community. It's also not fair when San Jose taxpayers fund affordable housing for workers in other cities that reap the economic benefits of those workers.

Mayor Mahan was elected with a mandate to address homelessness, crime and blight. His proposed budget tackles these priorities head-on. ***In the spirit of Silicon Valley, I urge you to try something new this year, measure the results, and make course corrections as needed next year.***

Thanks for your consideration.

David Noel,
District 9 resident and President of Erikson Neighborhood Association

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Urgent

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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I urge you all to support the Davis, Ortiz, Torres memo as it represents the will of the voters, and works strategically to address both the affordability and unhoused crisis that we are facing.

Thank you.

My position on this budget and suggestions on the next one

Yi Wang <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 3:03 PM

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Hello,

My name is Yi Wang and I'm a resident of the East San Jose neighborhood. I urge you to support Mayor Mahan's Back-to-Basics Budget. I believe it's the best approach so far, but I hope that the next budget can be even better. Here are my suggestions:

1. Financial decisions should be made at the **district** level and should **benefit all parties** involved instead of prioritizing the interests of some individuals over others. **Each neighborhood** should take responsibility for its own homeless population and have the final say about receiving new homeless people.
2. Homeless individuals who **are capable** of taking care of themselves should provide **proof of residency** in San Jose in order to receive benefits from our city.
3. Homeless individuals who are **unable** to take care of themselves should be provided with care in **medical facilities** rather than in private homes.
4. Our police officers should be treated with **respect** instead of being unjustly labeled as racists. **Their safety** should be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your attention.

Yi Wang

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Protect Affordable Housing in San José!

Brittany Alvarez <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 3:36 PM

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Sincerely,

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Financial Support for the San Jose Animal Shelter

Carol Graffius <>

Mon 6/12/2023 3:36 PM

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

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Dear Council Members,

The San Jose Animal Care Center has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. San Jose is a high profile city in the United States and world and I would hope we would want to be a leader in animal welfare which means giving the shelter what it needs to support the well being of community animals. I am a foster, rescuer and TNR person for all things cats and kittens. I am one of many volunteers on the ground floor getting my hands dirty and scratched up every single day saving cats and kittens. We cannot do this work without the shelter and they cannot do their work without us. For way too long the shelter has not been functioning in the way it is intended. It needs your attention and financial support because our communities are in crisis. We are overrun with dogs and cats and needless suffering. The animal overpopulation has just begun. Creative minds need to come together to support the needs of the shelter. As we are realizing now more than ever, TNR works. Among other things, money needs to be allocated for TNR to stop the crisis of the overpopulation of cats. Please consider this as you discuss ways of supporting the San Jose Shelter.

Thank you,
Carol Graffius

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Fiscal 2023- 2024 Animal Care & Services Budget

Sue Dileanis <[REDACTED]>

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

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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Dear Councilmember:

I’m writing about a very important issue which has been affecting our community. I’m a long time San Jose resident and want to voice my strong support for the increases for Animal Services in the Mayor and City Manager’s proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. I appreciate how these increases recognize the challenges faced by Animal Services and respond to concerns voiced by the community over the past year.

However, I feel the proposed changes don’t go far enough. I cannot tell you how overloaded the rescues have been. I am involved in fostering cats, and I am constantly hearing from others in the rescue community how overloaded and exhausted everyone is. I believe that reinstating low-cost spay and neuter services is extremely important. I constantly see on Nextdoor people asking where they can get low-cost spay and neuter, because the veterinarians they have inquired at are unaffordable. A neighbor will post asking how to trap a mother cat and her kittens that are living in their yard, but they don’t have the funds to spay the mother cat. This was not the case prior to low-cost spay and neuter services being offered by the shelter. This is one reason we have such an explosion of animals needing homes.

I also believe the data produced and used by the shelter to direct its operations, measure its performance, and predict future community needs is incomplete and/or inaccurate. The shelter needs a dedicated IT Business Analyst to review and develop systems and processes for the collection, use, and transparency of data, including the collection of critical missing data integral to development of a long-term strategy, such as the number of animals turned away at intake and the reasons admission was denied.

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I know that the challenges facing the shelter will not be resolved overnight. Animal Services requires oversight at the City Council level, and your participation in making sure Animal Services meets the current and future needs of the community is vital. These changes have been a long time coming and are definitely a step in the right direction! I urge you to approve the proposed increases for Animal Services.

Thank you,

Sue Dileanis

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Protect Measure E

Elizabeth Barcelos <[REDACTED]>

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Hello, my name is Elizabeth Barcelos. I currently live in District 6, but I was born and raised in East San José.

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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Jeff Gao <[REDACTED]>

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I support the Measure E allocation of Davis, Ortiz, and Torres

L A Kurth <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 3:23 PM

To:City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>;District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear City Council,

I support the ideas brought forth by Dev Davis (my councilperson), Peter Ortiz, and Omar Torres. Both immediate help and longterm housing are needed, and I'm really happy that this trio is seeking suitable funding so that these two important goals are not pitted against one another.

I have to say I question the extreme cost of \$18million merely to lease land for 10 years and benefit only 85 people. I hope the city can look at that again.I'd like to see exactly where the great cost is.

Cordially,

Lita Kurth, [REDACTED]

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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Jeffery A. Koenig <[REDACTED]>

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Byron Yue <[REDACTED]>

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Byron

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Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services (“Animal Services”) Budget

Maria Perez <[REDACTED]>

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Urgent Need for a Workable Budget/Plan of Action to help San Jose Unhoused and other residents in need

Loreto Dimaandal <[REDACTED]>

Mon 6/12/2023 4:05 PM

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Greetings and bountiful blessings to all of Mayor Mahan, Vice-Mayor Kamei, City Council Members, and city staff!

I'm Mrs. Loreto Quevedo Dimaandal, Founder and Community Organizer/ Advocate of LoretoQD's Brigade - Silicon Valley, an all-volunteer grassroots team who help humanity in and outside Santa Clara County including outside the US. I'm also in the Leadership Team and the scheduler for the Coalition for the Unhoused of Silicon Valley.

I'm a CalPers retiree who primarily handled Contracts and Accounts Payable and other accounting duties at the City of Mountain View's Finance Dept/Accounting Division for over 20 years. My job included reading city council minutes and staff reports, budget items and paying out HUD housing funds and Community Development Block Grants to recipient non-profit organizations.

My family and I have been helping the Unhoused and Underprivileged Families for many years and also in collaboration with other non-profit, faith - and community-based organizations and caring individuals. We helped provide food, water, clothes, shoes, winter care, hygiene and toiletry kits, etc. We help in providing transportation, getting ID's, applying for benefits, free phones, and housing, etc.

My Brigade and I have seen first-hand the difficult situations, the unhealthy and dangerous environment of the Unhoused during our regular outreach and distributions in the various encampments in San Jose, Milpitas, and in other cities. Although I am not a resident of San Jose, I hope you all can consider and accept this urgent message.

There's a great and immediate need for temporary, interim housing, and permanent affordable housing and supportive services for the Unhoused, the sick, the elderly, indigent families, et al.

I hope that you could **all amicably and responsibly work together** to come up with a workable budget and plan of action that will help mitigate these humanitarian, housing, mental health, and opioid crises in San Jose and in our county.

Any further delays could exacerbate the dire conditions of San Jose and County residents who are vulnerable and at risk.

I also would like to encourage further collaborations with the Board of Supervisors and Santa Clara County agencies on these important and immediate matters.

Respectfully,

Loreto Quevedo Dimaandal (She, her, hers)
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Support for Arts and Culture Funding in the FY 2023-2024 City Budget

Brendan Rawson <[REDACTED]>

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I want to thank the Mayor and Administration for including one-time resources for arts and cultural programs in the proposed FY 2023-2024 City Budget. These one-time resources will help sustain the creative industry during a period of severely diminished Transient Occupancy Tax revenues.

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Thank you for your service and consideration.

Regards,
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District 3

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City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Hally Bowman, and I am an Arts Advocate. I want to thank the Mayor and Administration for including one-time resources for arts and cultural programs in the proposed FY 2023-2024 City Budget. These one-time resources will help sustain the creative industry during a period of severely diminished Transient Occupancy Tax revenues.

However, the one-time nature of this investment only underscores that the time has come for city leaders to identify and prioritize pathways to sustainable funding for arts, cultural, and tourism programs.

With that in mind, I stand with San José Arts Advocates in calling on the City Council to:

1. Direct the Administration to pursue a percent for art allocation from private development and return with a policy framework for Council consideration as soon as possible; and
2. Support recommendation #4 in the memo from Councilmembers Torres, Davis, Ortiz, Batra, and Doan's to "Direct staff to explore additional revenue options and a budget policy strategy to re-invest 2% of the General Fund portion of TOT incrementally starting with an increase of .5% in Fiscal Year 2024-2025."

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Regards,

Hally Bowman
San Jose, District 9

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FW: Do not remove funds for Affordable Housing

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Final Public Hearing 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Capital budgets

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Thank you.

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Adopt the Davis-Ortiz-Torres memo

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Re: Public Hearing 2023-3024

Proposed Operating& CapitolBudgets and the 2023-2024 Proposal Fees and Charges for the City of San Jose.

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