


Re: Agenda Item 3.1: Preserve full funding for Climate Smart in 2023-24 budget

Linda Hutchins-Knowles [REDACTED]

Tue 6/13/2023 8:36 AM

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Mothers Out Front & Allies' Letter to SJ City Council_ Preserve Climate Smart budget (3).pdf;

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and City Councilmembers,

Some more people asked to add their names. Attached is the updated version of our letter, signed by 10 organizations and 114 residents.

In a nutshell, we ask you to **preserve full funding for the Climate Smart program in the 2023-24 fiscal year budget.**

For our children and communities,

Linda Hutchins-Knowles

Team Coordinator, [Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley](#)

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On Jun 12, 2023, at 5:49 PM, Linda Hutchins-Knowles [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and City Councilmembers,

The 10 organizations and 109 individuals who've signed this letter urge you to **preserve full funding for the Climate Smart program in the 2023-24 fiscal year budget.** This funding is essential to reach our climate goals as rapidly and as equitably as the climate crisis and climate justice demand.

Thank you,

Linda Hutchins-Knowles

Team Coordinator, [Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley](#)

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June 13, 2023

Re: Agenda Item 3.1: Preserve full funding for Climate Smart in 2023-24 budget

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

The 114 residents—mothers, fathers, youth, allies, and community leaders—and the 10 local organizations who've signed this letter urge you to **preserve the proposed funding for Climate Smart San José in the 2023-24 budget.**

The City Manager's Budget Proposal originally proposed \$400,000 for non-personnel Climate Smart expenses. However, the City Manager's Budget Addenda (MBA) Item #21 suggested Council could **cut this in half** to just \$200,000 if it wishes to reallocate this funding elsewhere.

We urge you to decline to adopt [MBA Item #21](#) and instead preserve the proposed Climate Smart \$400,000 line item (or increase it). This funding is urgently needed to implement our climate plans and fulfill your pledge to achieve climate neutrality by 2030. **Cutting it would be penny wise and pound foolish**, as part of this funding can be leveraged to submit competitive proposals for federal, state, and private grants. If we win any of these grants, this will bring more resources to our City and help support an equitable transition to energy-efficient, sustainable homes and transportation.

In addition, to align with city carbon neutrality goals and climate investments in other major cities, millions more is needed in staffing and non-personnel funding. Yet Item #21, as explained in the City Manager's Addenda, would reduce

*“technical consultant services and Community Based Organization (CBO) partnerships to support the City in developing these programs. With reduced levels of funding, **the implementation and development of programs will be slowed and will require staff to adjust projects to require less input and engagement with the community through CBOs and technical support services.**”*

No matter how urgent other issues may be, we can and must preserve (and increase) our funding for climate action and maintain community engagement. **The environment is the bedrock upon which our health and lives depend, and we must do all we can to protect it in every budget cycle, with input from our diverse communities.**

To jog your memory of some of the local climate impacts we've experienced in just the past five years:

- The 2017 [Coyote Creek flood](#) forced 14,000 residents to evacuate, causing \$100,000,000 in damages.
- **Dangerous air quality** from the 2018 Camp Fire made it unsafe to venture outside for days on end.
- The **2020 SCU fire** turned the sky eerily orange and forced evacuations from our foothills.
- In 2021, Santa Clara County declared a [local drought emergency](#).
- In 2022, **record-breaking heat** led PG&E to issue Flex Alerts 10 days in a row.
- As 2023 began, [nine atmospheric rivers](#) in 20 days caused widespread power outages, flooding and school closures.

Without bold, immediate action and focus on climate, this list is sure to grow. 39% of San José's buildings are at risk of wildfire and 41% at risk of flooding, [depending on location](#), and our Eastside neighborhoods disproportionately endure the [urban heat island effect](#).

In March, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley asked you to **publicly affirm the ongoing [climate emergency](#)** declared by the City Council in 2019, name climate safety and justice as a **top priority**, and direct the City Manager to **allocate additional funding** so that our Climate Smart staff have the resources to secure generous funding for climate action from federal, state and nonprofit entities. Instead, the City Manager's Budget Addenda Item 21 goes in the opposite direction by providing the option of a **dramatic cut** to the Climate Smart non-personnel budget.

Over the past six years, this Council has championed key climate initiatives: San José Clean Energy, Climate Smart San José, Coyote Valley preservation, building electrification, EV charging, and bike lanes. To keep up this good work and ensure equitable implementation of the Climate Smart plan, the Climate Smart team needs sufficient resources. **Will you vote today to continue San Jose's climate leadership—or will you propose to dramatically reduce its non-personnel funding?**

In the accelerating climate emergency, we don't have the luxury of focusing on just a few priorities. The climate can't wait. As Henry David Thoreau observed: "What's the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

Can we count on you to preserve a livable climate for our children and communities?

Sincerely,

10 local organizations:

Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley
Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Team Coordinator

Acterra: Action for a Health Planet
Laura Weston, Executive Director

350 Silicon Valley
Cheryl Weiden, Steering Committee Member

Children's Garden Preschool
Isabelle Chappuis, Director and Teacher

Climate Reality Project: Silicon Valley Chapter
Karen Nelson, Chair Emeritus, Executive Team Dir.

The Harker School Green Team
Diana Moss, Advisor

Project Green Home
Sven Thesen, Co-founder

Salamander Nature Awareness School
Meg Pelose, Founder

Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action
Danica Kubota, San José Co-Lead and Rohan Pandit, Executive Director

Sustainable Silicon Valley
Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director

111 residents:

Hoi Poon, District 1

Adam Sweeney, District 1

Stacy Levy, District 1

Daphne Zhu, District 1

Lotina Nishijima, District 1

Scott Lor, District 1

Maria Carroll, District 1

Jeannie Entin, District 2

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Amanda Senior, District 2

Andrew Gendel, District 2

Kathleen Nunes, District 3

Kathryn Funk, District 3

Heather Guillen, District 3

Lisa Feldberv, District 3

Audrey Rust, District 3

Sandra Hayden, District 3

Katja Irvin, District 3

Michael Kutilek, District 3

Mila Bekele, District 3

Ralf Buengener, District 3

Ken MacKay, District 3

Mani Bekele, District 3

Brenda Rodriguez, District 3

Tim Wallace, District 3

Serena Zhao, District 4

NM Schringer, District 4

Allan Campbell, District 4

Isabelle Chappuis, District 4

Phuong Nguyen, District 4

Chloe Tsai, District 4

Miranda Kim, District 4

Vivian Zhang, District 4

Lisa Kobayashi, District 4

Miranda Kim, District 4

Blanca Alvarado, District 5

Juan Estrada, District 5

Marco Velasco, District 5

Lilia Pantoja, District 5

Ashley Bowman, District 5

Muneerah Lalani, District 5

Elizabeth Drioane, District 5

Lydia Heinrich, District 5

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Marilynn Smith, District 5

Meg King, District 5

Perla Arellano, District 5

Elaine Travers, District 5

Cynthia Rodriguez, District 5

Minh Pham, District 5

Bruce Smith, District 5

Emma Seagrim, District 6

Hoai-An Truong, District 6

Ruth Merino, District 6

Diana Moss, District 6

Karen Nelson, District 6

Danica Kubota, District 6

Meg Pelose, District 6

Mary Perry, District 6

Casey Cameron, District 6

Todd Weber, District 6

Jimmie Yonemoto, District 6

Anna Fox, District 6

Consuelo Yepiz, District 6

Rachel Welch, District 6

Barbara Rose, District 6

Patti Bossert, District 6

Charles Chew, District 6

William Benson, District 6

Kelly Robertson, District 6

María Ramírez, District 6

Shreya Krishnan, District 7

Moria Merriweather, District 7

Rajiv Onkar, District 7

Kerrie Romanow, District 7

Julie Allingham, District 8

Susan Trivisoon, District 8

Jennifer Loft, District 8

Robert Reese, District 8

Yolanda Amaro, District 8

Helen Ansted, District 8

Linda Hutchins-Knowles, District 9

Kristine Karnos, District 9

Susan Butler-Graham, District 9

Patricia Blevins, District 9

Joel Masser, District 9

Jenny Green, District 9

Glen Garfunkel, District 9

Patty Linder, District 9

Rebecca Habermann, District 9

Michael Wittig, District 9

Carole Gonsalves, District 10

Genie Bernardini, District 10

Claire Bleymaier, District 10

David Poeschel, District 10

Mary Lindemuth, District 10

Lawrence Deng, District 10

Rebecca Newhouse, District 10

Cheryl Weiden

Laura Weston

Hanan Abdillahi

Sven Thesen

Jennifer Thompson

Kathleen Wright

Roy Nordblom

Kevin Ma

Rebecca Young

Lorin Peritz-Sharp

mark hoffberg

Kristel Wickham

Leane Eberhart

Linh Dan Do

Rohan Pandit


Bruce Naegel

FW: REAL Coalition Letter to CSJ re FY24 Final Budget

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Tue 6/13/2023 7:39 AM

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REAL Coalition Letter re FY24 CSJ Final Budget 06.12.23.pdf;

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Subject: REAL Coalition Letter to CSJ re FY24 Final Budget

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the nonprofit **Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition**, please see attached a letter to be submitted under **Item 3.1 (June 12) and Items 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 (June 13)**.

We look forward to your discussion around this. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Alan Gouig | Policy & Advocacy Associate | he/him

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

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June 12, 2023

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

Re: Item 3.1, June 12, and Items 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, June 13

Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council:

This letter was prepared by members of the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition.

Background

The REAL Coalition has been deeply engaged throughout the budget process, discussing our proposals to advance racial justice and economic equity with the Mayor and every councilmember at least once.

We appreciate the inclusion of a pilot program to establish non-police responses to interpersonal violence (as well as several other items we'll delineate later), and are grateful to Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei and Councilmembers Pam Foley, David Cohen, and Sergio Jimenez for their thoughtful efforts to preserve money for permanent affordable housing.

However, with the release of the Mayor's June message we see there are still several shortcomings in the proposed budget and call on Council to make these changes:

Measure E

We have always been supportive of "an all of the above" approach to end our homelessness crisis. The city needs to invest in emergency interim shelter but it must not shy away from its commitment to affordable and permanent supportive housing by even a single dollar. The REAL Coalition supports the memo from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres that preserves Measure E, taps more of the excess fund balances, and outlines a plan to expand emergency interim

shelter in collaboration with other partners. This memo should be adopted as-is as part of the FY 23-24 budget.

BEST Programs

We are disappointed to see no additional funding for Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST) programs. As we stated in our March letter, council should double down on the city's investment in prevention and intervention of violence by adding \$5 million to the BEST appropriation. Whereas the mayor has acknowledged the importance of prevention and intervention in his message, the budget should express this stated value.

Recovery Task Force

The pandemic may be considered over but the needs identified by the Recovery Task Force persist. We appreciate the use of unspent money to continue progress in workforce development but there should be further allocation to continue the task force's work in health equity, early childhood education and housing. The city should budget an additional \$2 million to further high priority and high impact recommendations. As staff and council committees assess which priorities to move forward, task force members should be consulted as appropriate.

Racial Equity Work

Although the Mayor's Message spoke to racial equity, we need to put our money where our mouth is. We should advance racial equity work in the City of San José by ensuring that City positions dedicated to this work are filled. In light of failure to hire key positions in Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement; and Transportation, those positions should be converted to permanent Program Manager positions.

City Manager's Budget Addenda and Council Budget Documents

We are glad to see the following items included in the mayor's June message:

- Extension of the Eviction Help Center
- Additional staff to raise money for Vision Zero and manage Vision Zero projects
- Tree canopy projects in Calle Willow and Luna Park

- Investments in digital equity programs
- Investment in pedestrian safety projects
- Enhanced traffic and pedestrian safety through road and intersection design
- Investment in youth education and afterschool programs
- Investments to serve our LGBTQ+ residents
- Investing in cultural spaces including the Vietnamese Heritage Garden and African American Community Services Agency
- Enhanced lighting for safety

Further, with the extension of the automated license plate reader program, the City needs to acknowledge that its data management and transparency policy is inadequate and convene relevant stakeholders to write a stronger and more equitable policy.

Lastly, we are interested in the references in the March message to divert calls from 911 and other possibly innovative ways to move away from unnecessary policing and carceral approaches. We call on the City to involve the community at a deep level in these conversations. The REAL Coalition stands ready to participate in these dialogues and to support the City in bringing the voices of community members with relevant lived experiences to the table.

We appreciate the Council offices that engaged in dialogues with Coalition members during this process and all of the offices and staff for their hard work on the budget.

About the REAL Coalition

The REAL community of nonprofit leaders and allies has been meeting since June 2020 to use our positional power to advocate for a more racially-just and equitable society; to establish a peer network of leaders committed to fighting white supremacy and systemic racism in ourselves and our institutions; and to hold each other accountable to the promises we made in the Nonprofit Racial Equity Pledge. The REAL coalition is broadly representative of the nonprofit community including human and community services, behavioral health and health, arts and culture, domestic violence, older adults, food distribution, education, environmental, farming, legal, disability rights, LGBTQ rights, ethnic, immigrant rights, housing and homelessness, criminal justice

reform, urban planning, and intermediary organizations, and others. Over 125 organizations have participated in the REAL coalition.

Signed by:

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AACI

Lavere Foster
African American Community Service Agency

Steve Eckert
Alum Rock Counseling Center

Jeremy Barousse
Amigos de Guadalupe

Richard Konda
Asian Law Alliance

Josh Selo
Bill Wilson Center

Jahmal Williams
Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet

Carlos Rosario
Bay Area Community Health

Greg Kepferle
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Frederick Ferrer
Child Advocates of Silicon Valley

Erin O'Brien
Community Solutions

Jennifer Loving
Destination: Home

Pete Settelmayer
Downtown College Prep

Shawn Gerth
Educare California at Silicon Valley

Beth Leary
Family Supportive Housing

Reymundo C. Espinoza
Gardner Health Services

Veronica Goei
Grail Family Services

Bob Nuñez
La Raza Roundtable

Darcie Green
Latinas Contra Cancer

Gabriel Manrique
Latinos United for a New America (LUNA)

Alison Brunner
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

Dr. Angelica Cortez
LEAD Filipino

Gisela Bushey
Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen

Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez
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Héctor Sanchez-Flores
National Compadres Network

Colsaria Henderson
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

Rhonda Berry
Our City Forest

Pamela Campos
Parent Voices Santa Clara County

Heather Cleary
Peninsula Family Service

Sharon Winston
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Project MORE

Dontae Lartigue
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Poncho Guevara
Sacred Heart Community Service

Wisa Uemura
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RE: Final Public Hearing: 2023-24 Proposed Capital/Operating Budgets and 2023-24

Carman Gaines <[REDACTED]>

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Cc:Erin Salazar <[REDACTED]>

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Carman Gaines, and I am an Arts Advocate through my personal practice and as the Associate Director of Local Color. 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.

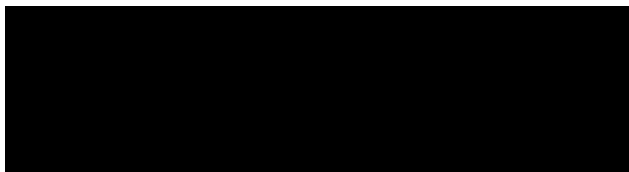
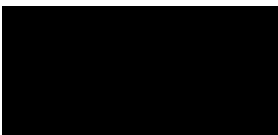
With that in mind, I stand with San José Arts Advocates in calling on the City Council to:

1. Direct the Administration to pursue a percentage 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 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,
Carman Gaines

A San José Native, D3 Resident & Worker



AS A RESIDENT, I AM ASKING ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VOTE WITH MAYOR MATT MAHAN ON MOVING MONIES TO HOMELESS THINGS

Kevin Larsen

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June 12, 2023

To: City Council Members and Mayor Matt Mahan

I am in support of the direction Mayor Mahan is taking. I ask all city council members to assist the mayor in his vision (which is a good vision) to spend the monies on extra homeless things

SUPPORT OUR **M A Y O R**

I have taken time to attend public meetings where the mayor has presented his vision. I ask all of you city council people who are suppose to honor the will of the people to honor the Mayor's Vision and stop causing

trouble with your myopic (my opinion) views.

I support Mayor's Vision to move monies to assisting homeless needs.

KEVIN LARSEN THE WRITER

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Mayor budget

Surjit Bains <[REDACTED]>

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I support the Mayor balance budget since he is prioritizing the critical need at this time.

Surjit S Bains

Resident D 8

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Comments for Agenda Items 3.4 and 3.5 for 6/13/23

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Good evening Councilmembers, I submit this comment for budget agenda items 3.4 and 3.5. I am a member of our Housing and Community Development Commission, but speak only for myself in these comments.

The narratives surrounding this budget process have been confusing. The framing of this debate has appeared to take the perspective that our city's current approach is to prioritize only the construction of affordable housing when that is not true. On a broader scale, our housing strategy has allowed San Jose to blow past all of its market rate housing goals but only meet a small fraction of its goals for ELI, VLI, and LI housing development. Specific to Measure E, our city has taken an "all-of-the-above" approach that dispersed those funds towards a variety of housing solutions, including interim housing and permanent supportive housing.

Measure E only passed in 2020. Three years is not a long time when we look at development and budget cycles. In taking on a strategy that partners with the County to connect with the unhoused at multiple points and creates opportunities for interim housing and permanent housing along with services, the City is actually *already* showing results with our current unhoused population dropping nearly 5% from last year.

Mayor Mahan sought to credit this decrease to the availability of interim housing by highlighting Rue Ferrari. Certainly Rue Ferrari is an example of how interim housing is a crucial element of a holistic approach to addressing affordable housing and homelessness. That said, there is nothing to support the assertion that the decrease is due solely to interim housing - Rue Ferrari has been open since 2020, the same year Measure E was adopted.

The arguments that have been presented to support the supposed "one-time allocation" have all co-opted the arguments that have long been asserted to support the development of affordable housing. We heard that it is compassionate to put people in housing immediately, but this is not what happens with a budget reallocation because it still takes time to put out bids, secure permits, and do the actual construction. It is also unrealistic to lead our communities to believe that a temporary solution can actually address a long-term problem. At best, this temporarily sweeps the problem under the rug for political points.

We heard that the solution to homelessness is getting people into homes, but that is precisely what our current strategy seeks to do. By having multiple points of contacts paired with county services, we can get folks who need permanent housing the most while having interim options available as well.

I am happy to know that the Mayor has backed off of his reckless proposal to zero out Measure E funds for affordable housing projects. However, a proposal that reduces the disruption it causes to the affordable housing pipeline does not zero out that disruption. Why would we risk the strategy that is actually working right now? Why risk losing projects that have proven fruitful?

The Davis/Ortiz/Torres memo preserves our current winning strategy and still allocates money towards the interim housing the Mayor seeks. If this is truly a one-time allocation, then this should address it. If this idea is as popular as folks

want to make it seem, then finding private partnerships to supplement the one-time allocation should not be a problem at all.

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Thank you,

Huy Tran



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Supporting the Davis, Ortiz, Torres Memorandum

Wendy Greenfield [REDACTED]

Mon 6/12/2023 11:14 PM

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Hello, my name is Wendy Greenfield and I've lived in San Jose District 9 for almost 30 years. I'm here to support the memorandum by Council members Davis, Ortiz, and Torres to provide both temporary, interim housing as well as long term affordable housing. This is the only rational solution to this terrible humanitarian crisis in our midst. People cannot be housed in the short term, only to be thrown out into the streets. This solves nothing for them or for the larger community. They need to be housed temporarily and provided with wrap-around services so that they can obtain the employment and stability they need to enter long term housing that they can afford. Council members, you have the awesome opportunity and responsibility to vote for a plan that truly serves the residents of this city. You have no responsibility greater than to vote to support this memorandum.

I've been waiting on zoom with the "hand raised" icon up, but no one has called on me, so I'm emailing you all my comments in the hope that you may see it during the meeting.

Thank you!

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

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/13/2023 7:36 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Duyen Bui <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:27 PM

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

Cc: 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>

Subject: Re: Fiscal 2023– 2024 Animal Care & Services ("Animal Services") Budget

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Dear City Clerk:

My mother is a San Jose resident and am writing on her behalf to state her strong support for the increases for Animal Services in the Mayor and City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. My mother had a feral cat give birth to kittens in her yard. Without the support of kind trappers and the Shelter, she would have had a colony of cats in her yard!

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Sincerely,

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From: Amanda Jo Fisk [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:37 PM

To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Amanda Jo Fisk

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FW: I Support Keeping the Current Measure E allocation

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Tue 6/13/2023 7:38 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Eulalio Mendez Garibay [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:53 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info [REDACTED]
Subject: I Support Keeping the Current Measure E allocation

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Hello,

I'm writing in strong support to maintain permanent funding for affordable housing. Measure E has been critical in building much needed permanent housing options and taking it away would only be a step backwards. Keep permanent Measure E funding as recommended by Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres.

Thank you. Sincerely --

-Eulalio Mendez
Resident from District 3.

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Olivia Gonzales <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:59 PM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
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FW: Measure E affordable housing issue

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Mary Idso [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:31 PM

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

Subject: Measure E affordable housing issue

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Please support the Ortiz, Torres, Davis version of how to allocate Measure E funds. This amendment to the budget addresses both interim and longterm affordable housing. Long term housing takes a long time to build for many reasons and we can't afford to delay starting projects. Interim housing is not a long term solution - we need both.

Mary Idso
District 3.

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Ching Lewis [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:48 PM

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

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Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 6:51 PM

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Sarah Vaccaro [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:00 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; info [REDACTED]

Subject: I Support Keeping the Current Measure E allocation

[External Email]

Dear Council Members,

I don't want to reduce city funding for loans to build affordable housing so I'm urging you to maintain the City Council's 2022 allocation of Measure E funding as recommended by Councilmembers David, Ortiz, and Torres.

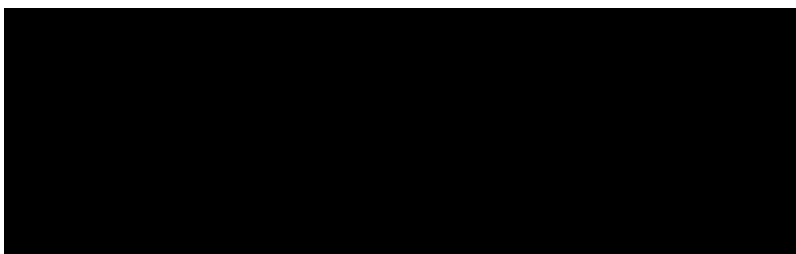
Permanent housing is the solution to homelessness. Measure E is our tool to increase the availability of permanent housing solutions for those who need them most.

This is a moment to call for a comprehensive approach and a home for everyone. We are looking to leadership within City Council to step up and recommit to real affordable housing and be proactive in finding funds for interim housing that do not upend the intent of Measure E.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Vaccaro



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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:07 PM

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

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From: Tina Jones [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:27 PM

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

Cc: 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>

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Rosanne Wirth [REDACTED]

Mon 6/12/2023 7:39 PM

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FW: I Support Keeping the Current Measure E allocation

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Tue 6/13/2023 7:42 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Pamela Campos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:44 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: I Support Keeping the Current Measure E allocation

[External Email]

I don't want to reduce city funding for loans to build affordable housing so I'm urging you to maintain the City Council's 2022 allocation of Measure E funding as recommended by Councilmembers David, Ortiz, and Torres.

Thank you Sincerely, Pamela

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Pamela Campos (She/Ella)

SJ4ALL Advisory Member | MTC Policy Advisory Council, Vice Chair

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From: Marcella Antone [REDACTED]
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From: pegelwel [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 7:56 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Measure E

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Peggy Elwell
District 4 homeowner

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I urge you to approve the proposed increases for Animal Services.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

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FW: Budget Addendum Pertaining to Animal Services in San Jose

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/13/2023 7:43 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Lucas S Stamos [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 9:30 PM

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

Subject: Budget Addendum Pertaining to Animal Services in San Jose

[External Email]

I urge you to address the overwhelming surge in feral cats on the streets of San Jose. We desperately need an active TNR program to reduce the suffering and to stop the reproductive cycle and ever-increasing population. The volunteers are overwhelmed and have been carrying the full load far too long. The City Of San Jose needs to do their part by providing the neuter services through hiring veterinarians - how about contract vets? - spay and neuter vans, and vouchers. Please do your part to end the suffering and provide the animal services care you are responsible for.

Sincerely,

Anne Stamos

Sent from my iPad

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FW: Support the Davis/Ortiz/Torres Memo (Item 3.1)

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/13/2023 7:43 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karandeep Takhtani [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 9:40 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support the Davis/Ortiz/Torres Memo (Item 3.1)

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Karan Takhtani and I live in District 3 in San Jose. I am writing to ask that you support the [Davis/Ortiz/Torres memo](#) **o that we can pre erve the Mea ure E allocation for permanent affordable hou ing a well a fund new emergency interim housing.** All people deserve to live in dignity and security, but that is incredibly difficult when struggling to simply have a roof over one's head. Far too many in our city are put into this position by the lack of affordable housing available and unsustainable rent costs. It is imperative that more resources are allocated towards this end, so that one day we may end homelessness in San Jose and no person will have to worry about how they or their families will manage to live in dignity and security.

Thank you for your time,

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Karandeep Takhtani
District 3
San Jose, CA 95116

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

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Liz Holtz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 10:15 PM

To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

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

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

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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

I am a San Jose resident and volunteer TNR (Trap-Neuter/Spay-Return) trapper in the Evergreen and East Foothills area of San Jose and feral kitten foster for local cat rescues.

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.

I would **STRONGLY encourage you to also fund the City Manager's Budget Addendum #46** to expand the TNR program and provide spay/neuter/vaccination services to low income households and our homeless population to **STOP THE BREEDING!!**

The TNR program limitations in place for at least the LAST 5 YEARS has led to an "out of control" breeding situation with free roaming cats - despite the best efforts of the TNR trappers and rescues in San Jose.

My calculations using a spreadsheet created by a vet school and loading it with data from a nationally recognized study that was conducted in Santa Clara County estimates that at least **220,000 kittens will be born and survive in 2023 and result in a BREEDING POPULATION of 3,275,000 CATS by the end of the year - AND THIS ASSUMES 2019 AS YEAR ZERO!!!**

While the proposed budget for Animal Services represents substantial progress, I am fully in agreement with the additional issues that **MUST** be addressed that have been raised by my cohorts in the Companion & Community Animal Project (CCAP).

I also **STRONGLY URGE YOU** to have the City's Auditor review the data produced and used by the shelter to direct its operations, measure its performance and predict future community needs. The data is inaccurate due to a lack of training and data input restrictions and periodic review to insure accuracy.

Additionally, there is absolutely **NO TRACKING** of the animals being refused by the shelter due to its current status of being at 300% of capacity AND there is **NO TRACKING** of the animals that residents are asked to 'temporarily' house for "72 hours" due to the shelter being unable to accept healthy stray friendly animals - despite senior management telling the NSE Committee and Angel Rios' Animal Services Stakeholder's group that "it was being recorded on a yellow legal pad" since December 2022.

At the recent SJ City Council Budget Study Session (or other meeting that I attended) - SJACS management admitted to Councilmembers that they were STILL working on how to track the data - even though I personally suggested an excel spreadsheet at the FIRST Stakeholder Meeting months ago.

WE UNDERSTAND that the challenges facing the shelter will not be resolved overnight. The proposed budget increases represent positive forward movement, but so much more needs to be done.


Animal Services requires oversight and they need to be held accountable at the City Council level. The individual and **DIRECT** commitment by the Mayor's Office and **ALL** of the members of the City Council's participation in making certain that Animal Services meets the current and future needs of the community is vital.

I urge you to approve the proposed increases for Animal Services and to do **EVERYTHING POSSIBLE** to serve **ALL** of the animals in our communities... including Free-roaming "community" cats, stray animals of ALL types, animals belonging to low-income families, families having to surrender the pets that they love, and animals at the homeless encampments.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to these dire matters.

Best regards,

Liz Holtz



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

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Tue 6/13/2023 7:44 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: tweety2055 [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 10:35 PM

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

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

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

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Sincerely,

Nancy Landeros



I'd like to tell you how this personally affected me I never had a cat before and when I moved into this mobile home park with so many trees I found it a cat starving so I took her home and after a visit to the vet I kept her. I found out I had many feral cats on the property and neighbors wanted them because they had mice. Their dogs don't do the job. My feral cats started disappearing and I found traps everywhere. When the park manager came to talk to me he said, I'm from Kansas and we just take them out to the woods and leave them. He was leaving them at Coyote Creek here. They never came back. He had lied to me when he said he was taking the rest to animal shelter but when I checked with the shelter they had none registered to my address. After they are fixed they are brought back to the same place. No more kittens & eventually the population would die out. I reported him to the shelter for investigation and he doesn't talk to me anymore but I'm hoping that he's not trapping anymore to kill.

Please consider making the shelter more modern, much bigger and w/more staff.

I know there are many priorities in San Jose with the homeless but I have lived here my whole life and I can't see destroying so many innocents. I have given so many kittens away to neighbors and Friends. Doing my part! I have worked for so many charities in my life helping people and kids at Christmas time. I am now retired and unable to work for Second Harvest Food Bank or Toys for Tots. Hopefully I can help here. I voted for you!

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FW: Todays vote.

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Tue 6/13/2023 7:44 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: rsbradshaw [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:46 AM

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

Subject: Todays vote.

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Please do not change the Will of the People on homeless support.

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Tue 6/13/2023 7:45 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----

From: Tammie Diaz [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 6:26 AM

To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

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

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

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Sincerely,

Tammie Diaz



San Jose, CA 95148

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FW: Fiscal 2023%2024 Animal Care & Services (%20Animal Services%20) Budget

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Tue 6/13/2023 8:05 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Shim JD [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 8:02 AM

To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

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

Subject: Re: Fiscal 2023%2024 Animal Care & Services (%20Animal Services%20) Budget

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Kyung Rex

[REDACTED]

FW: Support the Davis/Ortiz/Torres memo

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/13/2023 9:00 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: stacy muccino [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 8:48 AM

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

Subject: Support the Davis/Ortiz/Torres memo

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I support Davis/Ortiz/Torres!

Best Regards,

Stacy Muccino

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Re: Opposition to Mayor's proposal on how the city spends funds raised from Measure E.

Tito A Cortez <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/13/2023 9:43 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>;The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>;District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>;district2@sanjoseca.gov <district2@sanjoseca.gov>;District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>;District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>;District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>;District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>;District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>;District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>;District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>;District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc:District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>

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FYI

On Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 3:11 PM Tito A Cortez <[REDACTED]> wrote:

On December 6, 2019, I was one of the co-signers in favor of passing Measure E during the March 3, 2020 Primary Municipal Election for the City of San Jose. Fortunately, it passed. See attached.

At that time, we were concerned about housing homeless people as well as providing affordable homes to our citizens who keep our city safe including our firefighters, police officers, nurses and the middle class workers who try to keep San Jose running. These are our teachers, mechanics, bus drivers, including our hospitality workers.

Most of us can't afford to live in San Jose and if we try to live here, we are living in overcrowded conditions because this is all we could afford. Overcrowded conditions that are not too healthy for raising our families.

The Real Property Transfer Tax Revenue, Measure E, is supposed to be used in addressing the housing problems faced by what was already mentioned. I don't believe that it was meant to cover only temporary homeless housing as the Mayor is proposing.

As one of the signers, I believe that the Real Property Tax Revenue was explicitly designed to provide more affordable housing options, NOT just one. Thus, I am not in favor of using Measure E funds to be completely spent towards temporary homeless shelters.

With honors in serving our country--

Tito A. Cortez, MSW
[REDACTED]

Support Measure E

Andrea Perry <[REDACTED]>

Tue 6/13/2023 10:07 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>;The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>;Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>;District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>;Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>;District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>;Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>;District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>;Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>;District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>;Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>;District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>;Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>;District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>;Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>;District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>;Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>;District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>;Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>;District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc:Andrea Perry [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

Since 1990, I have been an active community volunteer and homeowner in both Willow Glen and downtown San Jose. As a mother, grandmother and longtime child and family advocate, I want all children and families in our community to have a healthy, secure and safe life and thrive!

As you well know, San Jose (and SF) have the highest rents and housing costs in the country and many of our families are impoverished and suffering! 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!

I believe this is a misguided short-term gain that will have a devastating long-term impact on our housing affordability. Our working-class families can't afford to lose this critical resource.

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.

Andrea M Perry MSW
[REDACTED]

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FW: Re Item 3.4, 3.5 & 3.6: Labor and Community FY23-24 Budget Recommendations

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 6/13/2023 11:20 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jeffrey Buchanan [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 10:52 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>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Maria Fernandez [REDACTED]; david [REDACTED]; jean [REDACTED]

Subject: Re Item 3.4, 3.5 & 3.6: Labor and Community FY23-24 Budget Recommendations

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Greetings Mayor and Council:

On behalf of the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, the Santa Clara and San Benito County Building Trades Council and Working Partnerships USA, I would like to share the below recommendations on the Mayor's June Message, the Measure E Allocation, and the FY23-24 Operating Budget. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Jeffrey

Jeffrey Buchanan
Director of Public Policy
Working Partnerships USA
[REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

Thank you all for the incredible amount of work and thoughtfulness that each of you have put into the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget process and for your willingness to engage the community and working families on these important questions. As representatives of over 100,000 workers and their families across Santa Clara County we know the enormous needs facing San Jose and believe we need a budget that takes a comprehensive approach to solving our biggest problems: housing, homelessness and public safety.

After reviewing the memos submitted by Councilmembers we would encourage the Council to pass a June Budget Message and FY23-24 Operating Budget which:

- Adopts the 6/8 memo by Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres to keep the current allocation of Measure E dollars, which already balances funding interim shelter spending and permanent housing, and using additional funds from the General Fund Excess Fund Balance to support the funds needed for construction and operations of all of the City's FY23-24's planned interim shelter sites.

- Directs staff to find additional resources to fund the additional staffing and/or interim shelter needs identified in Councilmembers Cohen and Jimenez's 6/9 memo.

- Adopts the 6/9 memo from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz, Torres, Batra and Doan to not accept the reduction in Med 30 recommended by staff, and to fund portion of MBA #21 identified in their memo through a reduction in the future deficit reserve.

Additionally, we encourage the City Council to vote no on the 6/9 memo from Mayor Matt Mahan to break with the City's promise to voters who passed Measure E in 2020, and to a broad coalition of labor, faith, community and developers who came together working with Mayor Liccardo and City Council to reach a difficult agreement to require any changes to the spending allocation of those funds to require super majority support by future Councils. We believe unraveling this requirement would be a major blow to our community's faith in this Council and future ballot measures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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