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FW: No ICE on city property, item 3.7

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Date Sun 1/11/2026 11:32 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Angela Schertle [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2026 7:50 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Hello,

I am a resident of district 3 in San Jose and member of SURJ Santa Clara County. I urge the City of San Jose to pass a strong policy that excludes federal immigration enforcement from using our city's property to execute their harmful family separation agenda. Our City must not let malicious federal agents use local government property to violate the constitutional rights and safety of our people. In this crisis, we are only strong when we are united, and we, and our Bay Area neighbors, must use every tool to proclaim: this is our place, and city assets must not be weaponized against the communities they are sworn to serve.

I urge the City Council to pass Item 3.7 and prohibit the use of any city land to facilitate immigration staging, surveillance, arrests, detentions, or deportations.

Angie Schertle
District 3
SURJ, Santa Clara county

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From: Andrea McPherson [redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 10:42 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; =?utf-8?B?4oCL4oCLRGlzdHJpY3Qz?=@sanjoseca.gov; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; =?utf-8?B?4oCL4oCLRGlzdHJpY3Q1?=@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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Dear Mayor and San Jose City Council Me

I am writing to urge your strong support for the "ICE-free zones" policy on the January 13th City Council agenda:

Item 3.7 - Prohibiting the Use of City Parking Lots, Vacant Lots, and Garages for Civil Immigration Enforcement Staging Areas, Processing Locations, or Operation Bases

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This policy is important to me, because I don’t want my community harmed by ICE actions. **We cannot give ICE a free pass into our city when they are discharging weapons in**

populated areas with no regard for human life.

Our community needs the City Council to provide strong leadership to support the most vulnerable people, not only in words but also in policy and action.

The ICE shootings in Minneapolis and Portland make the urgency of this issue even more clear. This is not just about other cities and regions - see the Jan 8th SCC RRN press conference highlighting local experiences. Plus the City needs to be prepared given the threats surrounding the Super Bowl in addition to DHS involvement for security for the various big games and related events in the region and our City this year.

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Andrea McPherson
San Jose Resident

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From: Joy Murrieta [redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 1:00 PM
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Cc: Akemi Flynn [redacted]
Subject: Support for "ICE-Free Zones" Policy

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Dear Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Kids in Common, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for the wellbeing of all youth in Santa Clara County, to urge your strong support for the "ICE-free zones" policy on the January 13th City Council agenda:

Item 3.7 - Prohibiting the Use of City Parking Lots, Vacant Lots, and Garages for Civil Immigration Enforcement Staging Areas, Processing Locations, or Operation Bases

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This policy is critical for the youth and families of Santa Clara County, where **over 60% of students belong to immigrant families.** These families face systemic barriers to **basic needs, health care, and education,**

challenges that have intensified due to increased federal immigration enforcement and recent cuts to programs like Medi-Cal and CalFresh. Aggressive enforcement tactics have led to heightened fear, trauma, family separation, and even mistaken detentions of U.S. citizens, creating instability that undermines the well-being of immigrant youth across the state of California and the nation. Immigrant families are vital to our community and economy, contributing to technology, education, and other sectors while enriching our region with diverse cultures and languages; protecting immigrant youth is essential to ensuring they can thrive.

The ICE shootings in Minneapolis and Portland make the urgency of this issue even more clear. This is not just about other cities and regions - see the Jan 8th SCC RRN press conference highlighting local experiences. Additionally, the city needs to be prepared given the threats surrounding the Super Bowl in addition to DHS involvement for security for the various big games and related events in the region and our City this year.

This policy will also strengthen community trust in local government at a time when many youth and families are experiencing heightened threats and fear, so it is especially critical that they know they can trust and utilize City services. By adopting this policy, the City Council can help ensure safety, stability, and opportunity for immigrant youth—strengthening both their future and the social fabric of Santa Clara County.

We applaud the coordination between the City and County to preserve City and County property for City, County and local community purposes and to restrict use by federal immigration enforcement. We urge other jurisdictions in our county and region to follow this leadership to protect our community across the Bay Area.

We hope we can count on your support and strong leadership to protect the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community so that San Jose is truly a welcoming city.

Sincerely,

Joy Kids in Common Putting Children First!

Joy Murrieta | Executive Director | she/they/ella
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Joy Murrieta <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 5:51 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for Item 3.7 for Meeting on 1/13/26

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Hello,

I would like to submit written Public Comment before the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, for Item 3.7. Please seem my comment below:

My name is Joy Murrieta and I am a resident of San Jose and the Executive Director of Kids in Common, a nonprofit with 30 years of commitment to advocating for youth in Santa Clara County. I urge your strong support for Item 3.7 – the "ICE-free zones" policy, which prohibits ICE from using City parking lots, vacant lots, and garages for civil immigration enforcement staging, processing, or operations.

This policy is vital for our youth and families—over 60% of students in Santa Clara County belong to immigrant families. These families already face systemic barriers to health care, education, and basic needs, challenges worsened by increased immigration enforcement and cuts to programs like Medi-Cal and CalFresh. Aggressive tactics have led to fear, trauma, family separation, and even unlawful detentions of U.S. citizens, destabilizing communities and harming children.

Immigrant families are essential to our economy and culture, contributing to technology, education, and enriching our region with diversity. Protecting immigrant youth ensures they can thrive, strengthening both their future and our community. The urgency is clear—recent ICE shootings in Minneapolis and heightened security concerns around the Super Bowl and major events in our area demand proactive measures. By adopting this policy, the City Council can help ensure safety, stability, and opportunity for the large population of immigrant youth in our city. Thank you for your time and continued support of our city and community.

Joy Kids in Common
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From: Emily Hendon [redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 6:42 PM
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Dear Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing to urge your strong support for the "ICE-free zones" policy on the January 13th City Council agenda:

Item 3.7 - Prohibiting the Use of City for Immigration Enforcement Staging etc.

This policy is important to me, my organization, and my community because ICE does not belong in our city, or in any city. These lawless officers bring fear and violence to our communities, and especially to our immigrant neighbors. Their raids result in family separations and those being detained are subject to inhumane treatment.

Our community needs the City Council to provide strong leadership to support the most vulnerable people, not only in words but also in policy and action.

The ICE shootings in Minneapolis and Portland make the urgency of this issue even more clear. This is not just about other cities and regions - see the Jan 8th SCC RRN press conference highlighting local experiences. Plus the City needs to be prepared given the threats surrounding the Super Bowl in addition to DHS involvement for security for the various big games and related events in the region and our City this year.

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Emily Hendon
SURJ Santa Clara County

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From: Celine Janelle <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:11 PM
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Dear Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing to urge your strong support for the "ICE-free zones" policy on the January 13th City Council agenda item 3.7.

This policy is important to me because I am a rapid responder, former immigrant rights' attorney, and community member against ICE terrorizing our neighborhoods and loved ones. The city has no business facilitating ICE's unjust agenda, and as a sanctuary city, should non-cooperate with their terror.

Our community needs the City Council to provide strong leadership to support the most vulnerable people, not only in words but also in policy and action.

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Sincerely,
Celine DinhJanelle
SJ District 3 resident

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Deborah St. Julien [redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:43 PM
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Dear Council Member Campos, Mayor Mahan and San Jose City Council Member(s),

My name is Deborah St. Julien. I am a D2 resident (40 years), member of Showing Up for Racial Justice and the Urban Sanctuary faith community.

I am writing to urge your strong support for the "ICE-free zones" policy on the January 13th City Council agenda:

Item 3.7 - Prohibiting the Use of City for Immigration Enforcement Staging etc.

As a trained Rapid Responder, I have witnessed ICE & DHS agents transfer shackled and handcuffed people, who showed up for their routine check-in appointments with ICE authorities, into vans to be taken to detention centers. This occurs without warning. We know things will get worse if the DHS decides to introduce the Customs & Border Patrol, or introduces sweeps like those in Portland, Los Angeles, Chicago and Minneapolis.

ICE makes our communities less safe, not more. We must do everything we can to block this unaccountable, unconstitutional, out of control, lawless (murdering citizens, brutalizing racially profiled targets) force.

Thank you for putting forward the ordinance requiring visible identification and that agents must be unmasked.

Now we need to take the next step. Our community needs the City Council to provide strong leadership to support the most vulnerable people, not only in words but also in policy and action.

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I am counting on your solidarity with our neighbors and your courageous, constitutional, sensible resistance to the federal government's cruel, undemocratic actions and overreach.

Deborah St. Julien
SURJ Santa Clara County - volunteer
D2 resident
Urban Sanctuary San Jose, President, BOD

Here is the link to the entire RRN press conference on 1/8/2026. It was like good church.

Rapid Response Network in Santa Clara County Condemns ICE Violence - YouTube

Rapid Response Network in Santa Clara C...

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Emma Hartung [redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 10:13 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@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>
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Dear Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

I'm writing to urge your strong support for the "ICE-free zones" policy on the January 13th City Council agenda: Item 3.7 - Adoption of City Council Policy 7-15, Prohibiting the Use of City Parking Lots, Vacant Lots, and Garages for Civil Immigration Enforcement Staging Areas, Processing Locations, or Operation Bases.

As a San Jose resident, a trained Rapid Responder, and a community member and organizer within immigrant communities, I know how crucial it is for all of our San Jose residents to be able to safely access City services as well as move freely throughout San Jose to work, worship, go to school and raise families--without needing to fear being violently abducted or even shot by ICE.

As ICE shootings and other forms of violent harassment continue to escalate across the state and country, now is the time for City Council to provide strong leadership and concrete action. We hope we can count on you to protect our safety and wellbeing, and to stand up for San Jose.

Solidarity,
Emma Hartung
San Jose, CA 95128
SURJ Santa Clara County

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Date Tue 1/13/2026 8:02 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Sarah Hollingsworth [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 12:31 AM
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Cc: aflynn [redacted]
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Jan 13, 2026 - Support for ICE Free Zones

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Sarah, and I am an active voter in Santa Clara County. I am also a member of SURJ Santa Clara County. As a teacher and concerned citizen, I would like to reiterate our community's desire to continue to keep Santa Clara County a sanctuary space for all. I urge the City Council to pass Item 3.7 and prohibit the use of any city land to facilitate immigration staging, surveillance, arrests, detentions, or deportations.

Federal enforcement and ICE agents have been kidnapping our neighbors, separating children from their parents, and abusing our residents. In October, the president threatened to enforce a mass federal immigration operation in San Francisco, bringing this harm closer to our home. National news has covered the horrific acts of ICE agents who recently murdered a Minneapolis legal observer who was documenting the agents' injustices against their immigrant neighbor. Renee Good is just one of over thirty people killed by ICE in 2025. At the end of December, an off duty ICE agent shot and killed Keith Porter in Los Angeles. This is unacceptable, and we cannot be complicit in the nightmare that ICE agents are creating.

We must not permit this gross abuse of power and destructive kidnappings on our City property. Now, the federal administration will have $170 billion to fuel their deportation machine, rip apart more families, and debilitate more communities. Our government must urgently employ all possible protections to safeguard the safety and well-being of everyone in San Jose.

Thank you,
Sarah Hollingsworth
she/her

Member of SURJ Santa Clara County

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From: Kayla Cuvelier [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 7:46 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear Mayor and San Jose City Council Member Tordillos,

I am writing to urge your strong support for the "ICE-free zones" policy on the January 13th City Council agenda:

Item 3.7 - Prohibiting the Use of City for Immigration Enforcement Staging etc.

This policy is important to me, my organization, and my community because…XYZ

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Kayla Cuvelier

D3 Resident
SURJ Santa Clara County

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This policy is important to me, my organization, and my community because the economy and culture of San Jose and its greater suburban area fundamentally depend on the contributions and hard work of our immigrant neighbors. The brutality of ICE operations across the country, particularly during the second Trump administration, must not go unchecked, nor can the mayor and City Council of one of the most vibrant and important cities in the nation's largest state stay silent on this issue.

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Chris Dunlap, Mountain View, CA
SURJ Santa Clara County & Immigration Issue Group Member

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