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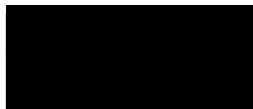
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Dear Mayor and Council:

We write to address the myth-laden press release issued by Councilmember Khamis with regard to Community Workforce Agreements. While we understand that he may have a need for political grandstanding, we are troubled by his effort to enflame the public. As such, we would like to provide you with some facts.

Councilmember Khamis erroneously states that Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) increase labor costs. This is untrue. The wages and benefits required under a PLA are the State prevailing wage standards – **exactly the same standards** that are required on all public works projects, with or without a PLA.

What PLAs do is provide stronger enforcement tools for the existing labor standards, to ensure that all workers are getting paid a fair wage and have access to benefits. A City PLA would ensure that when tax payer funds are invested, they invest in the training and skills needed for the future workforce, and ensures that all contractors have a level playing field. We are unsure why Councilmember Khamis opposes having a well-trained workforce and supports discriminating against companies who invest in its employees.

Councilmember Khamis' claims rest on the assumption that on current public, taxpayer-funded projects, some employers are cutting costs by cheating – stealing wages and benefits from their workers, refusing to invest in the State-required apprenticeship training, and undercutting honest contractors by illegally cutting corners. Councilmember Khamis wants to encourage more of this behavior with our tax dollars? It's the definition of irresponsible investment.

Rather than resorting to tired, recycled rhetoric, we urge you to look to a real analysis of PLAs. The most comprehensive study to date of the impact of PLAs on cost and bidding competitiveness was released by UC Berkeley in January 2017 & can be found at <http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/project-labor-agreements-and-bidding-outcomes/>. Researchers analyzed 263 projects built by California community colleges between 2007 and 2016, including 88 performed under a PLA and 175 with no PLA. Controlling for project timing, size and location, they found that PLAs had **no effect** on either the number of bidders, or on project cost (PLA projects actually had slightly more bidders, but the difference was not statistically significant.).

Putting aside Councilmember Khamis' press release, we urge you to focus on the policy outcomes you can achieve with a CWA/PLA. You can ensure that all city projects that qualify are built with a skilled workforce. You can ensure that every qualified firm, that is committed to complying with State and local law, that values its employees, has a fair opportunity to earn the City's business. You also can help ensure that the local workers who build those projects on our residents' behalf, earn a fair wage and have quality benefits so they can help support their families.

Living in San Jose is unsustainable for too many families. How you invest their tax dollars is not only a reflection of our community's values but sends a message that local workers are valued. Perhaps Mr. Khamis should avoid governing by press release, avoid political hysteria and make good public policy decisions based on facts.

Sincerely,



Steve Flores, UA Local 393 Business Manager

cc: Dan Rodriguez, IBEW Local 332 Business Manager
Rick Werner, SMART Local 104 Business Manager
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Re: Item 3.3 – Addendum to PLA/CWA Task Force Recommendation

Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Council:

On behalf of The Silicon Valley Organization (The SVO), we are writing in support of Mayor Liccardo’s memo under item 3.3 on the October 24, 2017 San Jose City Council agenda, CWA/PLA Task Force Committee Recommendations. We are also adding an addendum to our original letter to support item 2 under a memorandum put forward by Councilmember Khamis, which would require necessary base-level data to be implemented alongside any action that imposes a CWA/PLA requirement.

We recognize the memo put forward by Mayor Liccardo as a best faith-effort to minimize the negative effects of mandated project labor agreements and the increased costs on San Jose’s businesses and taxpayers. We support the Mayor’s efforts to maintain a \$10 million threshold on PLA requirements for CIP projects in San Jose. Over the past five years, only 2% of CIP’s have been north of that threshold, and as such, this memo limits the City’s exposure to the increased financial and regulatory burdens of PLA’s. The Mayor’s memo can be further augmented by including the data requirement provisions of Councilmember Khamis’ memo.

We agree with the findings in both city staff and the Mayor’s memo, which shows the potential for increased costs as high as 15% when project labor agreements are required. As such, we view these increased costs as an extremely poor use of critical taxpayer dollars that could be better spent on providing vital public safety and infrastructure needs. Additionally, we support the small business protections contained in the Mayor’s memorandum, and also the best efforts at draft PLA language that will further insulate the City and its taxpayers from these proposed burdens.

The SVO remains a tireless advocate against the mandating of PLA’s for public and private projects in San Jose. However, under the circumstances, we are willing to accept a best effort at avoiding the most burdensome portions of such a mandate, and as such, would respectfully ask for your vote in favor of Mayor Liccardo’s memorandum, with a friendly amendment to incorporate item 2 of Councilmember Khamis’ memorandum.

Sincerely,



Matthew R. Mahood
President & CEO

From: Jerry Mungai]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 10:13 PM

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

Subject: City Council meeting agenda, Oct. 24, 2017

I wish to comment on two items on the subject agenda:

Item 3.3: CWA/PLA Task Force Committee Recommendations

There are ample examples where these policies increase costs to taxpayers and benefit union coffers. San Jose has been experiencing high labor costs already thanks to increasing construction demand related to a booming economy. The demand for qualified construction related workers will only increase due to the economic losses associated with the Northern California fires.

San Jose taxpayers were promised extensive road repair with the passage of a quarter-cent tax increase last June AND with the County and state infrastructure repair tax increases approved by voters last November. Even with all these new monies, the current deferred road maintenance backlog will increase from the current \$500M to over \$1.5B by 2017.

These agreements will only increase the deferred maintenance backlog. And, of course, we will get less affordable housing than promised.

I urge the Council to reject this proposal.

Item 4.4: Extension of the Interim Apartment Rent Ordinance.

The City's proposal to decree inclusionary housing policies to fewer than 20 housing units will only make housing even more expensive than what is already is.

I urge the Council to reject this proposal.

Jerry Mungai
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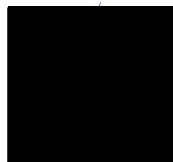
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A CWA policy on public works projects is crucial to keeping the skilled construction workers that our apprenticeship programs produce local. It will allow our region’s middle-class to grow and will provide a stable career pathway to the youth, veterans, and disadvantaged workers who live in San Jose. Strong apprenticeship programs, paired with a CWA policy have proven time and again to be an economic success, and Councilmember Peralez’s memo provides the appropriate direction to staff on this important component.

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Thank you for your attention to this vitally important matter.

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