



# Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
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## ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

### Letters from the Public

1. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated January 19, 2018, regarding the Independent Police Auditor.
2. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated January 23, 2018, entitled "Speech to city council. Item 2.14."
3. Letter from the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority regarding the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy for the Santa Clara County Region.

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City Clerk

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**From:** bob tom

**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 4:05 PM

**Subject:** a letter from Blair Beekman-1a. Friday January 19, 2018. \_\_\_\_\_ About the IPA study session. 1-16-18.

Dear city government of San Jose,

To fix a typo. I hope you are not offended, in what I feel should be honest dialogue.

Pro active ideas and approaches in policing, that I feel, will simply need more time, as a community, to think about. As there is often, a serious lack of care, in conservative ideas, and that are usually only meant, for short term solutions. And as a deeper questions have started, around the issues, of what can be, good, human and civil rights, and the ideas of peace and good reasoning, for a local community, and its policing.

**From:** bob tom

**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 3:53 PM

**Subject:** a letter from Blair Beekman. Friday January 19, 2018. \_\_\_\_\_ About the IPA study session. 1-16-18.

Dear city government of San Jose,

What we are putting up with, in the current ICE raid situation, in the Bay Area neighborhoods, and subsequent detention process, has been abhorrent, and that simply must begin safer practices.

Chief Garcia, and the city of San Jose, needs to seriously address, to this conservative philosophy, of badly reasoned, badly communicated, overly militarized approach in ICE raids, and its following detention practices, in local Bay Area neighborhoods, the past year.

And how this will relate, to the chiefs, conservative, pro-active police ideas, in local neighborhoods, of S.J.

Pro active ideas and approaches in policing, that I feel, will simply need more time, as a community, to think about. As there is often a serious lack of care, ideas meant for the short term. And as a deep questions have started, around the issues, of what can be good, human and civil rights. and the ideas of peace and good reasoning, for a local community and its policing.

In the first few minutes, of Chief Garcia's speech, at the Jan. 16, 2018, IPA study session, he seemed to offer, some very nice apologies, for not offering better communication with the

community. Others of the city council, seemed to offer this apology, as well, during the study session.

The chief talked about a wide range of ideas, feelings, and subjects. I feel it was his brave intention, that he wants everyone, to fully understand his position

And so from this, I hope we can debate and nicely discuss, his many thoughts, and ideas, and concepts, throughout his speech.

We should spend this thinking time, in how to apologize to each other, within the community, and continue to learn how to practice, better communication, at this time.

To begin to learn, better skills in openness, good communication, and transparency, with technology, is a good place to start, towards the ideas, of a more peaceful, well reasoned, local democratic process, that should be important goal, at this time, and in a time, of being able to more fully leave, the era of 9/11/01.

2018, can be a time, in San Jose, to look at, how low-tech ways, can open up, very good, effective ideas, in policing.

And a time, to begin to trust, the ideas and leadership abilities, of the new IPA Aaron Zisser.

From this, good, trusting space, in the next six months, to a year, it can then be a time, as a more whole community, to begin more honest talk, about Chief's Garcia's ideas, of pro-active policing.

I feel in the next six months to a year, with simple dialogue and communication, we will be starting to clean up, the awkward beginnings of a new, 'innovative', technology future, of the past few years. And to help begin, deeper conversations, in the community, about peace and good democracy, instead of competition, isolation, and war,

Overall, I think it should be a time, to better understand, the intentions and motives, of the current Trump administration, and what has been difficult for both the city government, and the community to understand, and work on, together, in the name of peaceful, more open, and accountable, local democracy, in the last few years.

To work on some healing issues, in 2018, I think the comunidad of San Jose, can then be, more holistically and peacefully prepared, to ask what is innovative and sustainable, into long term ideas and goals, of our collective human future.

Sincerely,  
Blair Beekman

**From:** bob tom

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 4:10 PM

**Subject:** a letter from Blair Beekman. Tuesday January 23, 2018. \_\_\_\_\_ Speech to city council. Item 2.14.

Dear city government of San Jose,

Since the IPA study session of last week, the city government, and the everyday people of San Jose, may be questioning ideas, of how to work toward, better accountability and communication.

We are at a time, of a return, to more friendly, legal precedents. And a return, to better reasoned, government studies and models.

And, ideas of peace, good reasoning, and good organizational structures, in how a city government, and its community, can work better together, towards openness, trust, and healing.

I hope in 2018, we can add the term, healing - along with accountability, public guidelines, civil rights, civil protections, social justice and responsibility,

in what can be, more, holistic, sustainable, well rounded ideas, of what technological innovation, can be about.

For San Jose. And, eventually for the country.

And, possibly, eventually, for this earth.

Sincerely,  
Blair Beekman

January 19, 2018

San Jose City Council  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113



**RE: Regional Conservation Investment Strategy for the Santa Clara County Region**

Dear Councilmembers,

This letter is to inform you that a draft Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) has been developed for Santa Clara County and the Upper Pajaro River Watershed within San Benito County and will be available on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website for a 60-day public review and comment period beginning January 22, 2018 and ending at 5:00 PM on March 22, 2018.

The RCIS has been developed as part of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Regional Conservation Investment Strategies (RCIS) Program, which was established by AB 2087 and signed into law in September 2016 by Governor Brown. AB 2087 establishes the RCIS Program to create a new, voluntary conservation planning tool to promote the conservation of species, habitats, and other natural resources and enable advance mitigation for public infrastructure projects. An RCIS provides a non-regulatory assessment and analysis of conservation needs in a region, including habitat connectivity and climate resilience. It is intended to provide scientific information for the consideration of public agencies. An RCIS is voluntary and does not create, modify, or impose regulatory requirements or standards; regulate the use of land; establish land-use designations; or affect the land-use authority of or exercise of discretion by any public agency. Entities can use an RCIS approved by CDFW to guide voluntary investment in conservation actions, including habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement, and to develop Mitigation Credit Agreements (MCAs) to enable advance mitigation to offset impacts to species and habitats from development and public infrastructure projects.

**Santa Clara County RCIS: A Pilot Project**

The Santa Clara County RCIS is a pilot initiated in 2016 to apply the new legislation. The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) agreed to sponsor the RCIS, which has been developed with guidance from a steering committee that also includes the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency (VHA), Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC). The region was chosen for a pilot program, in part, because in 2016, the VTA's Measure B presented a unique opportunity to examine how an RCIS could streamline transportation project delivery and increase the effectiveness of mitigation measures to conserve the region's habitats and species.

**Consistency with the Valley Habitat Plan**

The Santa Clara County RCIS area includes the permit area of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan (Habitat Plan), implemented by the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency (VHA), a joint exercise of powers entity (JPA) created by the County of Santa Clara and the cities of San Jose, Morgan Hill, and Gilroy, under Government Code Section 6500 et seq. The Habitat Plan is a 50-year regional plan to protect endangered species and natural resources while allowing for future development in Santa Clara County. The RCIS was developed in coordination

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with the VHA to ensure that it complements and is consistent with the Habitat Plan's conservation strategy both within and beyond the Habitat Plan's permit area. The RCIS builds on the Habitat Plan's conservation goals, objectives, and reserve design to "fill in the gaps" that are not addressed by the Habitat Plan, both in geography and in resources. On December 13, 2017, the VHA submitted a letter to CDFW determining that the RCIS is consistent and complements the Habitat Plan.

#### **RCIS Status and Next Steps**

The RCIS has been developed with input from conservation and transportation agencies and organizations, as well as the broader public. Once approved, the RCIS can be used to inform voluntary conservation and enhancement actions for focal species, sensitive habitats, other conservation elements, including habitat connectivity and working landscapes. If implemented as part of a MCA approved by CDFW, these actions may be used as advance mitigation for transportation projects, as envisioned through the Regional Advance Mitigation Planning process being developed for the Bay Area by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, TNC, and SCC as part of Plan Bay Area 2040.

As the implementation sponsor, the OSA will track work to conduct conservation actions identified in the RCIS including development of any MCAs for priority conservation actions. The OSA will work with other conservation agencies on RCIS updates which are required every 10 years under AB2087.

#### **Submittal of Public Comments**

Public comments on the draft Santa Clara County RCIS should be submitted by email to both CDFW and the OSA, or by hard copy provided only to CDFW to minimize postage costs and effort.

Public comments should be submitted in one of the following three ways (email, mail, or dropped off), to the following addresses:

EMAIL (comments should be emailed to both CDFW and to the OSA):

CDFW: [rcis@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:rcis@wildlife.ca.gov)

OSA: [RCIS@openspaceauthority.org](mailto:RCIS@openspaceauthority.org)

MAILED COPY (comments may be mailed to CDFW alone):

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Habitat Conservation Planning Branch

P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

ATTENTION: Santa Clara County RCIS Comments

DROPPED-OFF COPY (comments may be dropped off to CDFW alone):

California Department of Fish and

Wildlife

Habitat Conservation Planning Branch

1416 9th Street, 12th Floor, Room 1266 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Additional Information**

Additional information about the RCIS program is available at the CDFW website:

- <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/planning/regional-conservation>

If you have any questions about the RCIS public review process, please call Joelle Garretson at (408) 224-7476.

Sincerely,



Andrea Mackenzie  
General Manager