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**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

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

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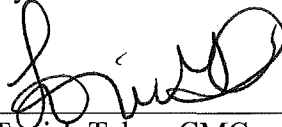
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## ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

### Letters from the Public

1. Letters from Blair Beekman, dated March 23, 2018 through March 28, 2018, regarding various projects in Downtown San Jose and the County of Santa Clara.

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Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

Re: a letter from Blair Beekman. Friday March 23, 2018.

bob tom [REDACTED]

Fri 3/23/2018 5:29 PM

2018 Emails

Sorry for the hour. My letter was strangely rejected, in its first attempts, at 3:30 pm today

Sloppiness, is usually considered, an unpatriotic, terrorist threat, in email letter sending.

But my previous letter and sending, was not sloppy. -blair.

Dear San Jose Downtown Assoc., VTA, city govt of San Jose, county govt. of Santa Clara County, and others,

Another Friday letter, to help with some good thoughts, for over the weekend.

I have learned, to keep this sort of letter, shorter.

What may be, some helpful reference points, to look into.

- The Santa Clara County Surveillance and Technology Ordinance, and Supv. Joe Simitian,
- my 2nd letter, of last Friday, March 16, 2018,
- Your own years, of ideas, beliefs, and good work, in what is local democracy, sustainability, civil rights, civil protections, openness and accountability.
- Studies, reports, and legal precedents, from the U.N. the state of California, the ACLU, and the dept. of the navy.
- The work of the city of Oakland, Oakland Privacy Advisory Commission, OPAC.

Among these ideas, along with good legal precedents, created by the state of California, the past few years,

I feel it is a time, civil rights, civil protections, and social responsibility, can be a more open, helpful, and shared part, in the ideas of technological inventiveness, and its business practices.

And can happily begin, to work more as equals, and as a third leg in a stool, called technological innovation.

And with this, to create, more full, holistic definitions, in the ideas of sustainability, responsibility, democracy, community, and peace.

Organizational examples, and legal precedents, described above, have made it easier, to work toward these good concepts.

And, to finally begin work, to leave the last fifteen years of war.

It is simply, an important, needed depth, to the term, ' We are San Jose, and the south bay ! '.

Imagine taking deep dives, in the future of deciding, new technology programs, for a community,  
with good ideas, in peace, social responsibility, civil rights, and civil protections, by your side.

Sincerely,  
Blair Beekman

a letter from Blair Beekman. Tuesday March 27, 2018. \_\_\_\_\_ the Big Belly - Smart Trash Can Project, of Downtown San Jose. \_\_\_\_ To ask this project be short term, or an experiment.

bob tom [REDACTED]

Tue 3/27/2018 4:26 PM

Dear VTA, city of San Jose, county of Santa Clara, sj. downtown assoc. and others,

It is my guess, we can treat the Big Belly smart trash can project, as an experiment in stages.

As this program began in mid February 2018, we can allow it, a 60-90 day trial period. Until around mid-May 2018, at the latest.

Within this time, you should already be preparing, with downtown advocacy, and with everyday people themselves,

the simple ideas in homeless counseling, drug counseling, and health programs, within downtown, and the St. James Park area.

This open, caring philosophy, is a 40 year tradition of downtown, that can more easily address, and better prepare for, the current future of downtown.

And work to treat, the random scattering of people, this smart trash can technology, has originally offered.

I feel, by the end of April, to mid May, you would have collected, over 90 days of all sorts of statistical data, from the surveillance technology, of the smart trash cans.

And have a few simple understandings, and parameters of how this technology can work.

This should be enough, to remove the smart trash can project, until a more complete public process, can start to be understood.

And to be able to study, analytical, statistical data, of many issues. From Broadband Emission, health and safety, to future downtown Bart questions, from law enforcement patterns, to personal habit patterns, of the area.

And, to put in the place of, this smart trash can project, the ideas of advocacy, open communication, counseling and health programs.

To make clear, your current quick fix, of scattering a few, of the local population, within a few weeks -

does not answer, the long term questions, of the health issues and civil rights, of this trash can smart tech.

To also make clear, I feel there is already good programs in place, and there is simply, not that much violent crime or gunfire, downtown,

Asking, exactly why do you need, all this surveillance tech, downtown, in the first place.

And asking, if honest questions, about the ideas of limiting gun use, and gun control, by local south bay govts., has grown out of hand, and out of control.

Overall, I hope this project can be labeled, an experiment. But please remember, this is an experiment, on innocent people.

People may become tired, lethargic, or somehow unhealthy, by its RF Broadband Emissions.

People may be apprehended, and their lives changed forever, because of its surveillance and law enforcement capabilities.

To pardon the expression, this project should be a watershed moment, in your lives as politicians, in the south bay.

And, to more fully understand, the health effects of broadband emissions, on a population.

Not to mention, very good ideas that are developing, in the future of peace, civil rights civil protections, sustainability and accountability, for a community .

Again, with all of this, I hope you can be open, to the concept of this project, being temporary, or short term.

In the spirit of, friendly words, and good thinking.

I hope we can all have an open mind, at this time. And you can somehow be open, to treat the Big Belly, as a short term project, and have it removed, in reasonable, short amount of time.

There are long term health effects, developing civil rights questions, and already well established, law enforcement and health programs, downtown.

These are well established concepts, in the life of downtown. And a part of the simple reasoning, why there is minimal violent crime, and minimal gunfire issues, downtown.

But please understand the urgency, in how I need to work, and try to continually ask, how you remove this project, as soon as possible.

We are playing, some guessing games, with ideas of RF radiation, its serious health issues, civil rights and civil protection questions, and the non-public, not fully thought out reasoning, of this current project.

This asks for your decency, to end this program, on a moments notice, if needed. I feel, you must be prepared, to think of this project, as harmful, short term, or experimental, if needed .

sincerely,  
blair beekman

from blair beekman. \_\_\_\_ S.J. City Council speech, March 27, 2018,  
consent calendar items, 2.17, & 2.18.

bob tom [REDACTED]

Tue 3/27/2018 5:50 PM

Dear city council,

To speak to the 2 mental health items, on your Consent Calendar this week. Items 2.17 & 2.18.

There seems to be a lot of mental health issues going through the state capital these days, and in day to day community, work as well.

What must maintain, a good tradition of thought, in a new transitional period, we are entering in now to talk about, mental health issues.

It is a simple respect for the person.

It is not to create cookie cutter, one size fits all ways, possibly based. in how to make law enforcement, can be more efficient, in how to work with day to day, mental health issues.

New ideas in the conservatorship process, is an example, that I feel, that has clearly gone the wrong way. I hope its original intentions, are currently being modified, and that might appear, in some way, in the state bills, you are endorsing today.

Simply put, mental health, needs to be thought of, as in the good ideas in civil rights, and civil protections. Please look for the good signs, in state mental health issues, at this time.

Please be aware, of what can be warning signs.

Please use, future grant money wisely. And work to what you already know, can be good standards, and what is already established, as the better parts of your thinking.

In this new era, we are all entering, again please be aware, of the warning signs, that you will hear and feel, in the coming months and years, in the issues of mental health.

sincerely,  
blair beekman

Re: a letter from Blair Beekman-2. Wednesday March 28, 2018. \_\_\_\_\_  
the Big Belly - Smart Trash Can Project, of Downtown San Jose. \_\_\_\_ To  
ask this project be considered, short term, or an experiment.

bob tom [REDACTED]

Wed 3/28/2018 11:50 AM

Dear VTA, city of San Jose, county of Santa Clara, the S.J. Downtown Assoc. and others,

By the end of April - to mid May, you will have collected, over 90 days, of all sorts of statistical data, from the surveillance technology, of the smart trash cans.

And with a few simple understandings, and parameters, in the ideas and needs of smart trash can technology, this program can be phased out,

A simple, 90 day time period, for this project, and should make for a good amount of statistical data, to study and learn from.

From Broadband Emission, health and safety, to future downtown Bart questions, from law enforcement patterns, to personal habit patterns, of the area

By mid-May, this smart trash can project, can be phased out, as you should be currently planning ideas, of advocacy, open communication, counseling, and health programs,

and that should be thought of, to supplement the purposes, of the smart trash cans, in the first place.

To make clear, your current quick fix, of scattering a few, of the local population, within the first weeks, of the smart trash can project, does not answer, long term questions, of health issues and civil rights.

To also make clear, I feel there is already, good law enforcement programs in place, and because of this, there is simply, not that much, violent crime or gunfire, downtown,

To note, one, recent, out of the ordinary, instance of gunfire, at a downtown Walgreens, exactly why do you need, all this surveillance tech, downtown, in the first place ?

To also ask, if the sincere, honest intentions, by local south bay govts., about creating good gun control measures, and limiting gun use, in the south bay,

has grown, out of hand, out of control, persecutorial, paranoid, and thinly reasoned.

Why are local govts., being allowed to re-name, and to perhaps, simply expand ideas, of surveillance, local law enforcement, and the concepts, of the school to prison pipeline system. ?

And then be allowed, to have an almost war-time secrecy, to not have to talk about these programs, more openly, with the everyday community.

We are simply at a time, to begin to focus, on federal govt., white collar concepts, of the mass production, and movement of guns, across state and intl. borders.

We are also, at a time, it is more possible, to develop ideas of peace, openness, and accountability, for local democracy, in this country.

Overall, I feel you must be prepared, to think of this project, as possibly harmful, short term, experimental, and even unconstitutional.

This is thinking, that should be a part of, a respected, collective thought and reasoning, in this country. In this decency, of community, democracy, & its local government, you should be prepared, to end this program, on a moments notice, if needed.

The dangers of this project, make it clear, of good protocols and procedures, you may have not followed, in how to talk about this project.

And that we should talk about, this Big Belly smart trash can project, in terms of a short term experiment, that is possibly very harmful, and that should not be considered, a permanent edition to downtown, at this time.

sincerely  
blair beekman



Re: a letter from Blair Beekman-3. Wednesday March 28, 2018.

bob tom [REDACTED]

Wed 3/28/2018 1:31 PM

Better version, of letter just sent.

Dear city government, of San Jose,

To happily note, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, have decided to end the sponsorship, of the Urban Shield program, by around 2020.

Santa Clara County, left the Yellow Command, of Urban Shield, a few years ago.

We are at an idea, of leaving the time of 9/11/01. I wish the city of San Jose, could be more enthusiastic, about this concept.

And, want to talk about technology, and new ideas, of pro-active law enforcement,

in terms of, what can be, minimal, limited use, and the concepts of peace.

sincerely,  
blair beekman