

Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
May 25 – May 31, 2018

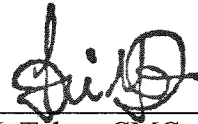
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ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Letters from the Public

1. Letters from Blair Beekman, dated May 25, 2018 – May 31, 2018, regarding the Big Belly trash cans.
2. Letter from President of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association Richard Zappelli, dated May 16, 2018, entitled "Position Paper."
3. Letter from Joyce Meurer, dated May 30, 2018, entitled "Concerned Citizen."

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Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

From: bob tom

Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 1:30 PM

Subject: a letter from Blair Beekman. Friday May 25, 2018. _____ The end of the week. What to expect next week, in how to talk about the VTA Big Belly project.

Dear VTA, city of San Jose, govt. agencies, and others,

I have spent the last week, trying to make clear, how I want to talk about and work, on what can be, accountability issues, of the VTA Big Belly project.

I am sure this has been a lot, for you to take in.

We are all in a time, of adjustments, and in how better trust.

And possibly, to learn to talk, in more, simple, honest, and accountable terms.

Again, it is not my intention, at this time, to ask what is the exact technology, there may be, for each VTA Big Belly, throughout the south bay.

But to begin to learn, how to talk about, what sort of accountability processes, do you have in place,

for the tech., that may possibly be within, each, of at least 18 VTA Big Belly's, across the south bay.

The VTA, CCTV guidelines, approved April 2016, by the VTA board, is a good example, of accountability, and the organized, public process.

However, this sort of guideline process, can take, some time and work.

But I am fairly happy, with beginning examples, I have offered the past few weeks, of better public accountability, based on a simple honesty, and good reasoning.

This past week, to bring into focus, how I feel we should proceed together,

I have written of, the internal memo process, local cities may share with the VTA.

And, that has probably tried to describe, in at least rough sketches, what can be accountability & civil protections, for the tech., within a Big Belly.

Perhaps even, a chain of command, for the VTA Big Belly project.

I am asking yourselves to trust, this more internal memo process, in how you may be currently working, at this time.

I feel, it will have some good examples, of accountability, and good, democratic law.

At this time, I am asking, if nothing else, to simply talk to each other. And, learn to be clear with each other.

And from this, learn to politely talk to myself, of these discussions.

I feel I have offered, some good beginning structures, and a mostly safe, formal process, how to think of, and how to talk about, accountability issues,

for tech., surveillance, or data collection tech., that may possibly be used, with the VTA Big Belly program.

I have tried to be, somewhat balanced, to all sides. To respect three years, of working with San Jose, on tech. and accountability issues -

With the VTA, being a state entity, maybe the city of San Jose, wants to talk about, the accountability issues, of the downtown and Tasman, Big Belly,

in terms of how a city, like Baltimore Maryland, or Washington D.C., would handle openness & accountability, with tech. and its data collection issues.

As, there are many, local, state, and federal agencies, involved in the tech., surveillance, & data collection process, within these cities.

With my recent writing, this week, and in the past few weeks, with many new introductions, thoughts, and adjustments,

something should be starting, to be more clear, how we can work together. And easier to talk about, in formal, polite terms.

I feel it is time, and it is reasonable to ask, I can start to expect, a more honest dialogue, to begin for ourselves, by next week.

As I always try to say, converse with yourselves first. Learn to be clear with each other, in your conversations, about accountability issues, for the Big Belly.

And then, learn to talk to myself, with what you have talked about.

Please don't be afraid, to talk about these things, with myself.

Please don't be afraid, to learn important, new, ACLU, state of California, u.n., ideas and concepts, about peace, democracy, and a sustainable community future.

sincerely,
blair beekman

this is now, bcc'd addresses, refer to May 22, 2018, for cc'd. addresses.

From: bob tom

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 2:40 PM

Cc:

Subject: a letter from Blair Beekman. Monday May 28, 2018. _____ What to expect, this week.

Dear VTA, city of San Jose, county of Santa Clara, SJDA, and others,

I hope you have had, a good Memorial Day weekend.

Even as the VTA, may be in charge of, the Big Belly project. And, questions of openness and accountability, ultimately may have to be answered, by state agencies and law,

I hope my writing, the past few months, can keep something, simple, friendly, and easy to understand, in how we can talk and work together, here at the local level, at this time .

Again, I hope you are having, honest, open, good levels of conversation, between yourselves, at this time,

This will help considerably, in learning to talk about, how the Big Belly, can be a legal, and responsible project, for the public, and the south bay community .

I would like to learn, to better understand, who is responsible, for what, at this time.

I hope this is being cleared up, amongst yourselves, at this time, as well.

There are currently, 18 Big Belly's, at 5 VTA Transit Centers, in 4 south bay cities.

After this past week, of writing specifically and politely, how I would like, to better talk about this project.

After a month, of myself asking in nice guy terms, to be sure you are communicating well, amongst yourselves, at this time,

And, for over three months, in trying to remind you, there are more healthy options, in counseling, health programs, and advocacy, to completely end the Big Belly project, in downtown San Jose -

We are at a time to realize, that my letter writing, however inexperienced, has probably made some things, fairly clear to yourselves, by now.

My letter writing has probably reminded yourselves, what you are doing well - what you can improve upon,

And, in what is starting to shape, as the future, of new ideas and efforts, towards peace and sustainability, democracy and community.

And, in how to better work with, technology, the process of govt. accountability, everyday people, and their community.

I hope you can understand, an interesting direction, that is possible, at this time.

You should begin to trust, the depth of this good reasoning, and start to talk to myself, a little more honestly when asked.

I am understanding, how a good, democratic community process, can be an awkward topic, of actual conversation.

I hope we can make a few necessary changes, in how we can talk about this subject, and work well together, this week. And at this time.

To remind again, be sure you have clear channels, with yourselves, at this time .

And, then learn how to describe, parts of what you are talking about, with myself.

sincerely,
blair beekman

I have cc'd, about 100 people, of govt. agencies. and two ACLU reps., at the end.

I will bcc, following letters. refer to this letter, for any needed addresses.

From: bob tom

Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 10:05 AM

Subject: a letter from Blair Beekman. Thursday, May 31, 2018. _____ The Haywired Program, and IoT.

Dear MTC staff, commissioners, BAUASI staff, and others,

It is my hope, a new, MTC, earthquake preparedness program, called Haywired, will work in honest and decent terms.

In an argument, that has just recently ended, with the state of California OES, over the past few years,

The federal agency, BAUASI, is learning to leave, its major effort and preparations, toward central California cities, in the event of a major earthquake.

And to instead, return to a focus, toward S.F. Bay Area, earthquake/emergency preparedness efforts.

In the past several years, concurrently to Central California, earthquake preparedness plans, there has also been taking place, a national security, realignment and build up, in this region, as well.

And so, while there has been a pretense, since at least 2014, we are trying to more fully leave, the era of 9/11/01, and a time of war,

It was possible, that in the name of earthquake preparedness - the ideas of obfuscation and secrecy, were still being considered important,

in creating, long term, national security plans and goals, for communities and everyday people, of Central California.

Again, this tries to describe, only a possible scenario, of the past several years, in Central California.

However, as the Haywired Project, is now starting, described above, would be a way to continue, this possible, Central California practice, in the S.F. Bay Area.

To bring the above conversation, back into, day to day, practical terms, for the Bay Area, at this time,

There may be planned, very important, IoT questions, applications, and uses, for the Haywired project.

I hope we are beginning a time, that the purpose and questions, of each app, within an IoT project,

can be judged, on a case by case basis, for a neighborhood /community, IoT project .

Each app., or technology, that wants to be a part of, a neighborhood IoT process, should go through, an important set of checks, and screening,

As law enforcement/national security, may want to work with yourselves, with their own tech. & surveillance apps, in upcoming, earthquake preparedness studies,

Within a whole, IoT project, each piece of tech. or each data collection app., should have an individual, rigorous set of questions, asked of it.

And, based on good civil rights, civil protections, and an organized process of accountability,

My thinking may be off, with what may have taken place, the past several years, in Central California, under the ideas, of earthquake preparedness.

But overall, I hope this letter can begin to prepare you, for what can be, a better set of choices developing, in your work with the Haywire project.

The state of California, the ACLU, and the u.n., among others, has created, some very good working examples, models, and legal precedents.

To make for, a more, open, organized process, in how tech. and its apps, can be more accountable, to not only the public, but to those of government as well.

And, in what needs to be thought of, for a sustainable, good democracy, in the future of a local community, and this country.

Although I may be inexperienced, there is very good reasoning starting, to further leave, the past fifteen years of war,

With organized examples, and legal precedents, it can be a time, to settle down and concentrate, in how to more fully develop, a new era of peace and good democratic practices.

I hope this can be the beginning, of a healthy and open relationship between us.

As I have respected, some of your work, as a govt. transit agency, for years, now.

sincerely,
blair beekman



**POSITION PAPER
WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018**

WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTS A "NO ON B" POSITION:

REF. SAN JOSE BALLOT MEASURE B, A.K.A. EVERGREEN SENIOR HOMES.

AGING-IN-PLACE — Ballot Measure B would exempt the 910 Evergreen Senior units from the current 500-unit residential capacity limit in the Evergreen-East Hills Development Policy, and from paying currently required traffic impact fees. Measure B depicts the location of the affordable units outside the gated Evergreen Senior Development.

REF. CEQA — Measure B has not been evaluated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it is not required for voter-sponsored initiatives. For the first 10 years following its adoption, Measure B can only be amended or repealed by the voters.

THE ENVIRONMENT — Measure B would facilitate sprawl, which makes air quality worse and contributes to climate change. It threatens the "open space", fields, and the farmland of Coyote Valley by placing a senior housing overlay over underutilized employment lands in San Jose. It would eradicate any possibility of preserving the valley wildlife, flood control, and agriculture.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING — Measure B weakens San Jose's existing affordable housing requirements. Senior housing projects built under this initiative would only be required to provide 6% of their units for families earning less than \$100,000 per year, rather than 20% as currently required. In addition, this initiative exempts senior housing projects from all requirements as to the timing of construction. This project is a proposed gated community, with overwhelmingly million-dollar homes.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION — Measure B explicitly describes this development as seeking buyers/renters age 55 and over, but most San Jose residents between 55 and 65 are working and have families. If approved, this project can create significant new traffic and other types of impacts. In this plan, impacts will not be mitigated by the developer, because this developer has exempted themselves from paying the fees that normally do so.



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TAX BURDEN — Measure B initiative will cost taxpayers money. In this plan/initiative, the developers avoid paying the traffic impact fees that any other developer must usually pay, and it also exempts the project developers from any Traffic Mitigation Improvement or traffic impact fees.

STRAIN ON EMERGENCY SERVICES — Moreover, Measure B does not take in consideration the additional cost overruns of other city services, including our Police Department (currently understaffed due to budget shortfall) and the need for additional Fire Department, fire suppression, or emergency medical services.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT & BOUNDARIES — In effect, Measure B casts aside the City of San José's 2040 General Plan, and it accelerates housing development outside the *established residential growth areas* (approved by the voters in numerous task force meetings) where there is little existing infrastructure to support traffic, as well as other burdens created by new development.

DETRIMENT TO SENIORS & VETERANS — Developers claim to help veterans with Measure B. Yet, the actual language of the initiative does not make any requirements or commitments for housing veterans.

URBAN SPRAWL — Measure B encourages residential growth on the outskirts of the city, resulting in sprawl development.

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AT APRIL 12, 2018, WGNA BOARD MEETING — During the presentation, the representative of Evergreen Senior Homes neglected to present complete information to the members of the WGNA Board, and the Willow Glen residents in attendance. For example, what was not provided "Yes on B" is the 367-page document that is referenced as part of Evergreen Senior Homes plan; although, "No on B" presented it for discussion, which is a document that would become binding if Measure B is approved.

Richard Zappelli
President of the Board
Willow Glen Neighborhood Association (San Jose, CA)

From: District2
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 1:57 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Concerned Citizen

Forwarding on behalf of citizen request to have item heard before Council.

From: Murillo, Sandra
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 1:21:25 PM
To: Joyce Meurer
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: RE: Concerned Citizen

Hello Joyce,

Thank you for sharing your views with us. I've forwarded your email to my colleague who handles this issue for the Mayor. Let me know how else I can help.

Best,

-Sandra

From: Joyce Meurer
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:12 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Concerned Citizen

Very concerned about the San Jose Holiday Parade

See attache

May 30, 2018

Mayor Sam Liccardo
And all member of San Jose City Council
200 E Santa Clara St.
San Jose, Ca 95113

Re: San Jose Holiday Parade

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I have just recently reviewed the recording of the 25th Holiday Parade from 2006 and am appalled that as the 10th largest city in the United States that we have not reinstituted this parade. I understand that in 2008 we went through a drastic recession. However, 10 years later we are not in a recession. Our property values have exploded and businesses are booming.

It is time we bring back this parade which is an incredible opportunity for our young people to show case their talents in a very positive environment. The number of parade participants which include middle schools, high schools, colleges, dance schools, youth groups, community service organizations, businesses, military, fire, police, politicians, and others is paramount. Nowhere in our city is this opportunity available in such a visual prominence.

With all the negativity that is abounding in our country, it is all the more important to highlight the positive side of our communities. There really is more good than bad, but we cost cut the good and focus on the bad too often. It's high time we put our money on the good!

I give thanks to my departed husband for recording this incredible event that I may enjoy 12 years later and hopefully make a difference for generations to come. I am ready and available to participate in making this happen.

I request that this community request be placed on the Council agenda at your earliest convenience and that I am notified the date of this being placed on the agenda. We have a significant number of interested persons who will attend that meeting and be available.

I am your concerned citizen of San Jose and voter since 1960, President of Kiwanis Club of San Jose, Treasurer of West Valley Federated Women's Club and former member of San Jose Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely

Joyce Meurer

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San Jose, Ca 95124

Cc: Charles Jones, District 1
Lan Diep , Districct 4
Tam Nguyen, District 7
Johnny Khamis, District 10
Les Yeffa, Kiwanis SJ

Sergio Jimenez, District 2
Magdalena Carrasco District 5
Sylvia Arenes, District 8
Dan Connolly, Kiwanis SJ
Tino DeLeon, Kiwanis Pueblo

Raul Peralez, District 3
Devora "Dev" Davis, District 6
Donald Rocha , District 9
Michael Rubino, Kiwanis Willow Glen
Rex Upp, LTG Kiwanis Division 12