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**Dear Council Members & Mayor,**

**Reference: Agenda August 10, 2018**

**Item 3.1 & 3.1**

**Subject: Objection To Bond Issuance**

**We object to the proposed bond measures. You should be looking first at cutting your operating and pension costs before levying new costs on the taxpayers. Your pension system and benefits are unsustainable and far in excess of private industry and should be greatly reduced.**

**Item 3.1 Infrastructure**

**The bonds for infrastructure should be limited to:**

- Repair deficient & deteriorating bridges vulnerable to earthquakes.**
- Repave streets and potholes in deficient streets.**
- Prevent flooding and water supply contamination.**

**Fire and 911 facilities should be funded through the general fund**

**Item 3.2 Affordable Housing**

**Voters are already paying for a \$950 million County Housing bond (2016's Measure A) and the State has a \$4 billion housing bond on the November ballot. When added to the City Housing Impact fees; a tax on buyers and renters of new market-rate apartments, the Bond would be yet another tax burden on tax payers.**

**Government doesn't seem to think there is a limit on taxation but there is a limit. Consider all of the taxes and additional regulations that government has placed on business and individuals in the recent years. This does not even consider the increase in building costs today, costs are now out of control!! Don't add more costs!!**

- a. LEED requirements, adds 15 to 25% to cost.**
- b. Increased affordable housing fees.**
- c. AB 32 requiring first 30% and now 50% renewal electrical sourcing by utilities thereby increasing electrical rates by double to triple the previous costs in just the last several years. Look at your own utility billing you can verify those increasing rates.**

- d. Buyers of conventional autos pay a hidden tax in the form of EV credits the government forces manufacturers to buy for gasoline powered vehicles which are rebated back to Tesla and other EV manufactures. In effect the less well off individuals are being forced to subsidize the more affluent driving \$70,000 Teslas. The less well off also subsidize home solar installations with tax credits for the affluent individuals that can afford solar.**
- e. Californians pay the highest property tax, the highest income tax, the highest sales tax, the highest utility costs, the highest gasoline tax. It is time to start reducing not increasing costs and taxation.**
- f. Government is flat out of control.**

**You have offered no efforts to look at cost cutting in lieu of raising taxes.**

**We'll appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the facts.**

**Thank you,**

**Myron Crawford**

**From:** Bobbi Yodz

**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 4:53 PM

**To:** District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;  
The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk

**Subject:** Special Council Meeting for Friday, 8/10

Dear Mr. Mayor, City Council Members and City Clerk,

We are following the conversation about the proposed bond(s) very intently, and feel sure many in San Jose are doing the same. The impression from Tuesday's meeting is that there are many unanswered questions, including exact amounts for which projects.

We want you to know that we feel as though we are being taxed right out of San Jose. We have yet to see an accounting of funds spent from previous bonds. It seems illogical to ask for additional money for housing when the previously allotted funds have not been exhausted. Please concentrate on the basic infrastructure issues needing attention which will improve the quality of life for all of your residents. Spend money from previous bonds wisely before asking for more.

Many discussions have been held among our neighbors and we have not spoken to one person who will vote Yes on any potential bonds you may bring forward to the November ballot. This city can no longer pay for any more bonds with their payments lasting for decades. We, the middle class, are broke. We are living among trash and vagrants. We cannot get a police officer when we need one. Our homes and cars are being broken into on a daily basis. We don't appreciate the fact that we are now the forgotten ones. We are frankly sick and tired. IF you had opened the South San Jose Police Substation years ago, we might be interested in your plea now. You haven't heard our pleas so we won't hear yours.

We say NO to any proposals you have at this time. You play too many word games and cannot even explain coherently what you are asking for. Until you show the citizens that San Jose is going to start cleaning up this mess with the funds you currently have, and show respect and consideration to ALL of your residents, we will not vote yes to go into further debt.

Thank you.

Bobbi and Stan Yodz

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