

From: Nicolette Lee < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:04 PM

To: City Clerk; Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; [REDACTED]

Subject: Public Comment on on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7 (Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments) on February 5, 2019

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From: Sophie Rubin < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 3:47 PM

To: City Clerk; Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; [REDACTED]

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- Sophie Rubin, citizen and advocate

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Sincerely,
Susan Ellis
San Jose
San Jose City Council District (if living in San Jose)

From: Robert Stromberg < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 3:45 PM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; [REDACTED]

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Robert Stromberg
Santa Clara County Resident
Destination: Home
Housing Ready Communities Action Network

From: Emanuel Jacobo < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:06 PM

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Sincerely,

Your Name

Your City Name

San Jose City Council District (if living in San Jose)

Affiliation of Your Choice

From: Mary Blakeslee < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:17 PM

To: City Clerk

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Mary Blakeslee
San Jose, California
San Jose City Council District 2

From: Lawrence Cargnoni < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:21 PM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; [REDACTED]; Lawrence Cargnoni

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Sincerely,
Lawrence J Cargnoni

San Jose City Council District 8

From: Mathew Reed < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 4:19 PM

To: Jimenez, Sergio; Peralez, Raul; Diep, Lan; Carrasco, Magdalena; Davis, Dev; Arenas, Sylvia; Khamis, Johnny; Foley, Pam; Esparza, Maya; Liccardo, Sam

Cc: Hughes, Scott; Ramos, Christina M; District4; Herbert, Frances; Groen, Mary Anne; McGarrity, Patrick; Connolly, Shane Patrick; Quintero, Andres; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; City Clerk; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky; Kazantzis, Kyra; Leslye Corsiglia

Subject: Re: Support for items 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 Actions Related to the Loan Commitment for the Balbach Street, Page Street, and Roosevelt Park Sites

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Carrasco, Esparza, Foley, Khamis, and Peralez.

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for items 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7, Actions Related to the Loan Commitment for the Balbach Street, Page Street, and Roosevelt Park Sites, on your agenda for tomorrow's council meeting.

Thank you for time and attention.

Mathew Reed
Policy Manager
SV@Home

From: Brenna Savage < >

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:23 AM

To: City Clerk; Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; action@housingready.org

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Sincerely,

Brenna Savage RN
Resident of San Jose
San Jose City Council District 3 Resident

From: Mary Dowd < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:00 PM

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From: Marilyn Langley (marlangl) < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 9:33 PM

To: City Clerk; Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; action@housingready.org

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Marilyn Langley
San Jose
San Jose City Council District 8

From: David Krenek < >

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To: City Clerk; Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; action@housingready.org

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David A Krenek
San Jose City Council District 10
Santa Teresa Catholic Church

From: Colleen Murphy < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:44 PM

To: City Clerk;

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I am a housing case manager at The Health Trust. I am in support for the loan to finance affordable and supportive housing development. This will allow housing for 27 people formerly experiencing homelessness and 170 homes affordable for individuals and families with extremely and very low income.

Colleen Murphy

Housing Case Management Specialist

Sobrato Center for Nonprofits – San Jose

Because everyone's health matters.

From: Angela Cocroft (acocroft) < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:21 PM

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From: Karen Schlessner < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:15 PM

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As is also the case with supportive housing, ELI and VLI housing have not been produced at levels needed in our community. New housing for these lowest income brackets are precisely the kind of housing we need to prevent additional people from losing their homes. The new housing in these three developments is key to collective county-wide work to both end and prevent homelessness.

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I urge you to approve City loans for these three developments without delay. I also look

forward to continuing to work with you and the City of San Jose, the County, the Housing Authority, affordable housing developers, nearby cities and my neighbors to get many more supportive housing developments approved and built. Thank you for your work and support!

Sincerely,
Karen Schlessner
Sunnyvale (work in San Jose)

From: Jody Kruger < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:07 PM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; action@housingready.org

Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7: Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Khamis and Peralez:

As a Santa Clara County resident and member of the Housing Ready Communities Action Network, I write to support your immediate approval of the proposed City loan financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park affordable housing developments.

Thanks to the collaboration of the City of San Jose, the County of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara County Housing Authority, Charities Housing, First Community Housing and Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, these three new housing developments will bring 24/7 much-needed affordable homes to San Jose.

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Sincerely,
Jody Kruger

San Jose resident, San Jose District 2

From: George Szymkiewicz < >

Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:03 PM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Housing - CSJ; District 6;

Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7: Approval of City Loan Financing Low Income Housing

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo
and Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Subject: Vote Yes on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7 (Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments on February 5, 2019)

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Khamis and Perez:

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I am thankful for your anticipated commitment to this important work.

I urge you to approve City loans for these three developments without delay. I also look forward to more supportive housing developments getting approved and built. Thank you for your work and support!

Sincerely,

George V Szymkiewicz
San Jose resident in District 6

From: Kris Campos-Flores < >

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:52 AM

To: City Clerk; Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;

Subject: Public Comment on on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7 (Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments) on February 5, 2019

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Sincerely,

Your Name

Your City Name

San Jose City Council District (if living in San Jose)

Affiliation of Your Choice

From: Carole Stuart < >
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 1:59 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda Item 4.5-4.7

Agenda Items 4.5-4.7: Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments.

This must be approved! Affordable housing is a necessity for so many people who are homeless on our San Jose streets.

Carole Stuart
District 2 Resident
Sent from my iPhone

From: L.P. <>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:08 PM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;

Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7: Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments

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Sincerely,

Peter P. Kar
San Jose
San Jose City Council District 7

From: Dana Bainbridge <danabainbridge@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:40 AM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;

Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7: Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments

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and Members of the San Jose City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Subject: Vote Yes on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7 (Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments on February 5, 2019)

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Diep, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Khamis and Peralez:

As a Pastor, downtown resident, homeless and recovery service provider, and member of the Housing Ready Communities Action Network, I write to support your immediate approval of the proposed City loan financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park affordable housing developments.

Every day I encounter the faces of suffering of those who live without any housing or live with the anxiety of housing instability. I urge you to continue efforts to build affordable housing, especially ELI housing, with urgency and care.

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Sincerely,
Rev. Dana Bainbridge
San Jose City Council District #3
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Dana Bainbridge
Co-Founder, Recovery Cafe SJ
Minister, Urban Sanctuary

From: Sue Serrone < >

Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:23 PM

To: City Clerk; Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;

Subject: Public Comment on on Agenda Items 4.5-4.7 (Approval of City Loan Financing for Balbach Street, Page Street and Roosevelt Park Housing Developments) on February 5, 2019

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Sue Serrone
Sunnyvale

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