February 27, 2019



Mayor and Councilmembers San Jose City Hall 200 E. Santa Clara Street San José, CA 95113 Re: Support for Age and Family Friendly City Initiative

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong support of the February 27, 2019, memorandum from Councilmember Sylvia Arenas to the San José City Council Rules and Open Government Committee that would unify existing and new efforts into an "Age and Family Friendly Initiative" and seek to address the crisis that San Jose families of all ages face.

As President of the Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association, our mission is to activate residents and empower them to create a safe, strong, and thriving neighborhood that everyone can benefit from. Being a community expert in serving families and our community of all ages, I know the challenges faced by our San José families all too well.

In addition, I am also in strong support of Councilmember Arenas'Council Policy Priority Setting proposal for a city-wide and cross-department response to the San José families in crisis to be heard on March 5, 2019 during the 2019 City Council Priority Setting Session.

I thank Councilmember Arenas for her memorandum on an Age and Family Friendly Initiative and Council Policy Priority Setting proposal. I also thank the Mayor and City Councilmembers for your attention and leadership on this issue.

Thank you,

Laura Arechiga, TOCKNA President