From: Nicoletta Spedalieri < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:07 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

From: Sam Jones < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:51 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: NO TO TOWER PROJECT ON ARENA GREEN

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Sam Jones

From: sundaze44@aol.com < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:49 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arena Green Parkland

Dear City Council,
After reading the message sent to me by the Sierra Club, I too am opposed to taking the Arena Green Parkland and giving it over to the San Jose Light Tower Corporation. Green space and green corridors for wildlife are so little appreciated but necessary for a balanced and harmonious life. Art Icon costing multiple hundreds or thousands of dollars will not have the same impact in our citizens daily lives.
So much of our beautiful valley has been covered with concrete, asphalt or buildings. Can't we preserve a little of what is left of nature for a better quality if life?
Sharon Ammirati
Los Gatos, CA

From: Laura e Paul < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:35 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council March 12, 2019 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Paul F Caruso
San Jose, CA

From: Peter Costa < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 8:46 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Peter Costa
Subject: OPen Space

“Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. San Jose is Way overbuilt already, San Jose today and all of the surrounding cites have lost much of the charm and beauty we once had, not every inch of the city needs to be paved over or built on, please conserve the open spaces we have left, I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully, Peter J Costa

From: Diana Hall < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 8:41 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,
I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.
Respectfully,

Diana Hall
Mountain View

From: Janice Carr < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 8:20 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arena Green

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.
Respectfully,
Janice Carr
Los Altos

From: margaret spak < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:48 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

"Dear Mayor and City Council,
I As a member of the Sierra Club I recently became aware of the San Jose Light Tower Project. It is baffling to me why the San Jose City Council would want to put this project on Arena Green park land that is an environmentally sensitive area. Also it appears that the City of San Jose has not asked for community input regarding the desirability of this project.
As an environmentalist who supports public park land, especially in urban settings where it is critical for habitat, I am urging you to OPPOSE this project. Please consider using the the *more than one hundred million dollars* that SJLTC advocates expect this project to cost to purchase additional park lands that can be enjoyed by all citizens of Santa Clara County and San Jose.
Thank you for considering this request.
Respectfully,
Margaret Spak

From: Berget Jelane < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:41 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arena Green

Dear Mayor and City Council,
I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.
Respectfully,
Berget Jelane

From: Steve Hindman < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:32 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,
As a frequent visitor to San Jose, especially the downtown area near the SAP Arena, I was disappointed to hear from the Sierra Club that the city is considering using the Arena Green's environmentally sensitive park land for the San Jose Light Tower project.
I oppose the use of the Arena Green for this project and suggest that the money could be used to benefit the residents of the city more through the purchase of new land for parks. .

Respectfully,
Steve Hindman
Los Altos, CA

From: david < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:03 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb. 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

“Dear Mayor and City Council,
I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club. Our rivers are compromised enough already. I also think you should allow more citizen input before committing hundreds of millions of dollars for a highly visible project meant to represent the city.

Respectfully,
Dedra Hauser
resident of Palo Alto

From: Deborah Kennedy < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:54 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arena Green

“Dear Mayor and City Council,
I oppose taking Arena Green's parkland in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.
If you are listening to the environmental news, you will be aware we are in an increasingly dire situation. Using more energy for a vanity project seems completely out of step with the demands of a world threatened by climate change. The fires, droughts and floods we are experiencing are going to continue to become worse.
We must start acting to preserve a functioning ecosystem for our children.
Respectfully,

--
Deborah Kennedy
Eco artist, educator, lecturer

From: Rudy Stefenel < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: San Jose Light Tower project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose the San Jose Light Tower project.

The money could be put to much better uses like cleaning up parks, helping homeless people and education.

I live in Milpitas, not a San Jose resident, but I care.

Sincerely,

Rudy Stefenel

From: Linda Nauman < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:13 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: dave.poeschel@gmail.com
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,
I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club. While the light tower was an important historical part of San Jose, it needs to remain that, historical. Please do not infringe on environmentally sensitive areas of downtown San Jose, leave it for our grandchildren and future children of San Jose and Santa Clara County.
Respectfully,
Linda S. Nauman, Los Gatos, CA

From: Charlene Canger < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:39 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: March 12, 2019 City Council meeting re: SJLTP

Dear Mayor Liccardo & City Council Members,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Char Canger, San Jose

From: Noah Armstrong <
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:25 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Noah Armstrong

From: Elaine Yastishock < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:25 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: San Jose Light Tower project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. The environmental impact of that project in a sensitive habitat already beaten up by urban forces makes it a foolish choice. There are other wiser and more appropriate locations.

I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Elaine Yastishock
San Jose (95125), California

From: Nabeel Al-Shamma < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:21 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Nabeel Al-Shamma
Mountain View

From: Frank Jbn < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:19 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,
Please keep Arena Green's park land as is. There are many downtown developments in the works. I know its not easy to balance all the inputs and demands you receive. For all residents in SJ now and the many to come. Please preserve this small and simple bit of open space and precious habitat. Do not develop all open land. If you need it near SAP then buy somebodys land. Do not take advantage of the citizens public space ....
History will judge you. Your grandchildren will judge you.
What is your favorite city other than San Jose? Why? They preserve some pretty green space. Destination cities have preserved simple open green spaces and this one comes with running water. Leave it alone.
I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.
Respectfully,
Francis Beahan

From: David Peterson < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:07 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arena Green

“Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

David A Peterson

From: Audrey Chun < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 5:05 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arena Green - San Jose, CA

Dear Mayor and City Council,
I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.
Respectfully,
Audrey Chun, Daly City

From: Laneya Davenport < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:57 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Laneya Davenport
San Jose

From: Suzanne Jacobs < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:49 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Having received a Sierra Club update, I urge you to reconsider this project. Let's leave a sensitive area alone. Surely the money can be better spent elsewhere, in these days of tight budgets.

Suzanne Jacobs
Palo Alto

From: Carole Gonsalves < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:39 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council March 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,
Carole Gonsalves, San Jose 95120

From: Deborah Wine < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:31 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Reject San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I live here in San Jose and consider myself a constituent of all of you.

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

In such an urban area, it is critical that wildlife have some space for their habitats. In the long run, room for wildlife and their habitats will far more benefit the humans all around them than some opulent self-serving building. Here in San Jose, CA we have room for all living beings, humans and animals.

Respectfully,
Deborah Wine

From: Anita Moreci < >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project.

"Dear Mayor and City Council, Please VOTE NO!!

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project.

What is the tower project that will cost $100MM??? Totally crazy!!!

The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks, and keeping them up.

How about the homeless projects? Tiny homes?

I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Anita Moreci
Sunnyvale, CA

From: Virginie Mitchem < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:48 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Not only is Arena Green an environmentally sensitive area. It is also a popular and well-used venue for important public events such as NAMIWalks Silicon Valley, the Out of the Darkness Walk, and others. While I am concerned about the amount of money the City would need to spend on Light Tower, I am strongly opposed to it's location on public city land as sensitive and as accessible to local residents and organizations as Arena Green. How about asking Google or one of the other owners of newly acquired city land to donate a piece to the city and advertise their presence on the Light Tower to an even larger degree?

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Virginie Mitchem

San Jose

Save the Date for NAMIWalk 2019 Saturday, September 21st, Arena Green in San Jose. Thank You All!

From: Art Rice < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:25 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council March 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,
I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. My daughter, her husband, and their 3 1/2 year old daughter live in San Jose. They greatly appreciate seeing wildlife within the city. I heard about this issue from the Sierra Club.
Respectfully,

Arthur Rice
Morgan Hill, CA

From: Jim Liskovec < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:17 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Light Tower

“Dear Mayor and City Council,

I strongly oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Jim Liskovec
Cupertino

From: Marcus Smith < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:35 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council March meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

If the project is really going to cost millions of $s from donations, let's put the result in a more prominent place (eg airport) and leave this area less impacted.

Respectfully, Marcus Smith
Almaden Valley

From: Kathryn Zeidenstein < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:49:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Foley, Pam
Subject: Council March 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Zeidenstein
Sam Jose, district 9

From: Gayle Spencer < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 2:41 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Scott Spencer
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

"Dear Mayor and City Council,

Although I currently reside in San Mateo County, I still have property in Santa Clara County. My husband and I still shop in, attend the Opera, and care about Santa Clara County and it's wonderful parks.

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing more land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,

Gayle M. Spencer

From: Lalida < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 2:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Feb 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

Respectfully,
Lalida Maokhamphiou of San Jose

From: Susan Trivisonno < >
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:40 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Mar 12 meeting, San Jose Light Tower Project

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I oppose taking Arena Green's park land in an environmentally sensitive area for the San Jose Light Tower project. The money would benefit the city more by purchasing land for parks. I heard about this from the Sierra Club.

At the February 21st meeting, the San Jose Light Tower Corporation's own environmental consultant said that Arena Green is the most environmentally sensitive area of all that they considered.

The SJLTC's leaders expect the project to cost more than one hundred million dollars. If they truly want to create a landmark that will endure and benefit the City, then they should spend that money to create desperately needed park land, in Coyote Valley to help protect our water supply, instead of taking park land from the citizens.

Respectfully,

Susan Trivisonno

San Jose, CA 95135

From: Franich Mark < >
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 3:33 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Subject: Landmark Project

Dear Folks. I support the Arena Green as the location of the SJLT project. I believe they will greatly enhance the park and thet this will be great for the City. Thanks. Mark Franich

From: David Cohen < >
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 4:11 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: District 10; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; Jon Ball; Liccardo, Sam; Steve Borkenhagen
Subject: Icon for our city

I support **approval** of the Arena Green site, so the Ideas Competition can move forward. I have spoken to the leaders of the Iconic Structure team (SJLTC), and I know their intentions, integrity, and drive will help bring a much-needed Landmark project to our City. I also know the public will be kept informed along the way. They have my support in locale choice and my support financially.

As a longtime resident of San Jose and a person involved in San Jose's civic affairs for my entire working life, I firmly believe an iconic structure giving San Jose a greater identity is a very important aspect of the city's growth. It has failed in this respect on a national scale unlike any other city of such stature and size. Let's not make yet another mistake in keeping San Jose from reaching its potential. Remember not allowing Macy's to come downtown, not allowing BART in its beginning to connect to San Jose, and almost not allowing the arena to come downtown. Let's shed the small town mentality and grasp the ring. Don't be a naysayer! Vote to approve!

Sincerely,

David E. Cohen
Retired Publisher/owner
Silicon Valley Community Newspapers
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/
David Cohen

"There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle: you can live as if everything is a miracle."
-Albert Einstein

"Leave the gun, take the cannoli."
-Peter Clemenza, The Godfather

"In Sicily, the women are more dangerous than shotguns."
-Carlo, The Godfather

From: Bill Baron < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 8:39 AM
To: City Clerk; Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Cc: Bill Baron; steve.borkenhagen
Subject: March 12 Agenda Item 5.2--SUPPORT ARENA GREEN LOCATION FOR LIGHT TOWER

Dear Honorable Mayor & City Council Members:

I ask and encourage your **support of the Arena Green** as the location for the exciting San Jose Light Tower, an iconic and landmark project intended to celebrate San Jose's marvelous history well into the future for generations to come. There is such public good that can come from this privately-funded effort. Together, indeed all together as a community, let's make it happen.

Thank you,
Bill Baron

William B. Baron
PARTNER
Brandenburg Properties

From: Christine Davis < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 8:34 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; Jon Ball (); Steve Borkenhagen ()
Subject: I support Iconic Landmark at Arena Green

Dear City Council members,

I wholeheartedly support **APPROVAL** of the Arena Green site as the location for the Iconic Landmark that will be gifted to the city of San Jose. As you know I have been following and supporting this project with San Jose Light Tower Corporation for a couple of years, and I am now very proud to be on the board of directors with Jon Ball and Steve Bokenhagen. As a long time citizen of San Jose, and a 35 year resident of downtown, my husband and I have patiently waited for real change and growth in downtown. Waiting to see family housing to develop and spur businesses of all types. Since we live on the Coyote Creek, we too are always looking for ways to clean up our natural surroundings, protect our wildlife and better the environment we ALL live in. The addition of this iconic landmark project located on Arena Green is a game-changer for all of us and the city of San Jose!!

As we went through the process of a site selection, I was open to discussion on all options, but once the report came out with Arena Green being identified as #1 — **I truly understood why.** I saw the potential of Arena Green and how it coincides with the other wonderful things in the pipeline for improving downtown. It was then, that I honestly fell in love with the foresight of our Iconic Landmark to be on Arena Green. It's existing condition is flat deplorable, and has been for many years. The core of our city should be the pride of our city. It has so much potential to bring our community together and show each citizen, and the world as a matter of fact, that we are better than this. We can make a difference. The seemingly large challenges with the terrain and the confluence of the rivers will force the professional process to do its very best job in selecting a design that is in the true spirit of innovation —that's what San Jose and Silicon Valley is world-renowned for. I understand the public process of inclusion will continue as we move forward with the next stage of a design and Ideas Competition. We already have enthusiasm globally and contagious ideas forming. We can transform the Arena Green park in harmony with its natural features along with world-class innovative art and technology, and truly create something significant that no one else in the world has done. That's progress! We'll bring the world to see that park, it's time we put San Jose on the global map as a destination.

I personally know how the San Jose Light Tower Corporation is run, the integrity, the mission, the relationships, the PASSION. Our team have all been long time residents, entrepreneurs, and much more importantly we are have a history as loyal trustworthy philanthropist to this great city.

Thank you for your hard work in the positive growth currently coming out of the ground in San Jose, **I ask for your vote of approval to support Arena Green as the site to proceed with this project.**

Sincerely –
Christine Davis

Have a nice day and thank God for it!

Christine Davis

Christine Davis
TMFC, Inc.

From: Chris Gomo < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:55 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Subject: Guadalupe River Park at Arena Green

Dear City Clerk of San Jose,

I support **approval** of the Arena Green site, so the Ideas Competition can move forward. I have spoken to the leaders of the Iconic Structure team (SJLTC), and I know their intentions, integrity, and drive will help bring a much-needed Landmark project to our City. I also know the public will be kept informed along the way. They have my support.

Regards,
Chris and Steve Gomo

From: Marty Cull < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:10 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Subject: San Jose Light Tower

Hello All,

We support **approval** of the Arena Green site as the location of the Landmark project, which will be the largest and greatest gift provided to our City in its history. The SJLT is early in the process, and I am confident they, along with City staff, will be sure all setbacks and environmental considerations will be followed.

Marty Cull
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Air Systems, Inc.

From: karyn sinunu < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:41 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Subject: Arena Green

San Jose is growing up and deserves a landmark in the center of Silicon Valley, near the City transportation hub and premier entertainment center. City Council has an opportunity to approve the Arena Green as a location for this marker. I support approval of the Arena Green site as the location of the long-overdue Landmark project.

Thank you for all you do to make this City vibrant.

Karyn Sinunu-Towery

From: Jack Frazer < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:14 AM
To: City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Jones, Chappie
Cc: Jimenez, Sergio; Peralez, Raul; Diep, Lan; Carrasco, Magdalena; Davis, Dev; Esparza, Maya; Arenas, Sylvia; Foley, Pam; Khamis, Johnny; Steve Borkenhagen; Jon Ball; Christine Davis
Subject: Icon for San Jose / SJLTC

I support **approval** of the Arena Green site, so the Ideas Competition can move forward. I have spoken to the leaders of the Iconic Structure team (SJLTC), and I know their intentions, integrity, and drive will help bring a much-needed Landmark project to our City. I also know the public will be kept informed along the way. They have my support in locale choice and my support financially.

My wife and I strongly feel that San Jose needs an iconic identity unlike those of other cities, that will exemplify the strength and ingenuity of our nearly I million citizens. I know that Jon Ball, Steve Borkenhagen and Christine Davis will tirelessly steer the project in a direction that will make us all proud. **Please vote in favor of the Arena Green site**.

Jack Frazer
Board Member, History San Jose

Sandra Frazer
Board Member, Cancer CARE Point

From: Vicki Alexander < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 9:09 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: San Jose Light Tower Project (Feb.12 Council Meeting)

Dear Mayor and City Council,
Arena Green's park land is in an environmentally sensitive area, and, because of this, I ask that you not select it for the San Jose Light Tower project. Perhaps there are better areas by the airport or near the new BART hub for such a project? I would like to see more public input for a decision about the project location and also for the project design.
Best regards,

Vicki Alexander

From: Adamson MD, David < >
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:45 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Subject: San Jose Light Tower letter to SJ City Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I support approval of the Arena Green site as the location for the Iconic Structure being gifted to our city. I know the public process of inclusion will continue through the upcoming Ideas Competition. The existing condition of this park is terrible for both people and wildlife. I know this organization (SJLTC) will make it better through their good work.

I have followed the philanthropic work of some of the members who are personal acquaintances. Their intentions, integrity, and drive will help bring a much-needed Landmark project to our City. I know the project will be done with quality and in accordance with all setbacks and environmental best practices also know the public will be kept informed along the way.

I think this project is very important so that San Jose can take its place as one of the major cities in our country. For too long the city has not been recognized nationally for its importance and standing. This will be the largest and greatest gift provided to our City in its history. I am sure the SJLT will follow all the necessary requirements for setbacks, environmental considerations and other regulatory issues.

Please support this project. I am doing so personally also. Thank you.

Sincerely, David Adamson

G. David Adamson, MD, FRCSC, FACOG, FACS

Dave Poeschel < >

Yesterday, 5:03 PM

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

Most of us would love to see an iconic feature at the Mineta San Jose International Airport or at the future transit center that will be the largest rail hub outside of New York City with High Speed Rail, BART, and Caltrain at the Diridon Train Station or elsewhere. Perhaps you have some good ideas.

But the ranking performed by SJLTC was flawed since its environmental review considered the benefit of the environment to their project rather than scoring sites based on their project's affect on the environment. Arena Green should have been eliminated because it is an extremely sensitive site.

The Arena Green is a confined narrow park strip that strides the confluence of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek. Even while impacted by downtown urbanization, the streams still provide habitat and critical riparian corridors for endangered steelhead anadromous fish, migratory birds, and other wildlife negotiating through an urban center on their way to larger and healthier habitats.

Public art is often fraught with controversy. After the City's experience with the Quetzalcoatl Park God, which some see as an important religious and cultural symbol and others see as a pile of dog doo -- that some feel was a deliberate poke in the eye of San Jose leaders by a frustrated artist (spell Park God backwards), I would expect that you would demand a transparent process with a great deal of citizen involvement and oversight. But this has not been the case so far.

SJLTC did present to the City's Art Commission, Parks Commission, and City Council. But their presentations were just that -- presentations. It has not sought direction nor incorporated public input.

The motives behind SJLTC are noble but the process has fallen short of the respect residents deserve especially with a structure to "build civic pride" with a landmark that represents us to the world.

And rather than SJLTC choosing the panel of judges, I suggest the Mayor and Council Members each choose judges in addition to a few technical experts. Perhaps local artists can contribute to the winning design.

The wildlife in our streams should be left in the dark -- not the public.

Thanks for your consideration of this item,

David W. Poeschel

San Jose, 95120

From: jonwball777
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 9:19 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; Steve Borkenhagen (
Subject: I support the Iconic Landmark at Arena Green

I support **Approval** of the Arena Green Site.

The San Jose Light Tower Corporation is run with integrity, and PASSION. Our team have all been long time residents, entrepreneurs, and we all have a history as loyal trustworthy philanthropist to this great city.

Thank you for your hard work in the positive growth currently coming out of the ground in San Jose.

I ask for your vote of approval to support Arena Green as the site to proceed with this project.

Jon Ball

From: Peggy White < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 9:54 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; City Clerk
Subject: Arena Green Park

Hello

I'd like to express my concern at the ham-fisted approach to creating a 'San Jose Icon' at Arena Green Park.

First, there has been no public input into the proposed location, and the location you've selected is inappropriate. Please respect the environmental sensitivity of that location – don't give it away to a developer!

Second, you are not allowing for any public input on the design. Why? Are you dense? Don't you realize that the citizens (voters) want to participate in the decisions which affect our city?

Third - maintenance? You don't know what is going to be built, but somehow we are supposed to pay for the on-going maintenance? How irresponsible can you be?

This proposed boondoggle would be laughable if it weren't so sad. Wake up!!

Thanks for your attention.

Peggy White

From: Carl Salas < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:20 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Marianne Salas; Carl Salas
Subject: I support Icon for our City

Marianne and I support approval of the Arena Green site, so the Ideas Competition can move forward .

As chairperson of a Rotary Club subcommittee I have been in charge of a twice-a-year river clean-up, in exactly the area of the proposed ICON for almost 20 years. That river is, at once:

- an huge potential asset to the City population… with incredible, natural beauty; and
- a fetid cesspool and garbage dump. At best it's an embarrassing waste of a beautiful natural resource in "the heart of Silicon Valley"; at worst it's a toxic liability.

I can state the above because, unlike the opposition, I literally have pulled out thousands of pounds of refuse, feces, etc. over almost 20 years. And I can also affirm that it has gone from bad to worse over the last two decades. In fact, a few years ago, I pulled out a dead body (and I wish that was the worst thing I had ever pulled out).

The council must not only support the arena green site, but should take this as an opportunity to bridge the gap, and enlist the support of the well intentioned opposition. The council must recognize, and champion the fact, that the team putting this icon project HAS the ability to come up with a project that will respect and restore the river. I say this and remind the council that Jon Ball put together both Terminal B at SJC, and the Rotary Playgarden. Those two projects are, arguably, among the most iconic or attractive "icons" currently operational. His team is putting this together at no cost to the City.

If you continue to postpone approval, thereby supporting the opposition, I can almost guarantee that 5 years from now, and 10 years from now, you will **not** be looking at a restored river and an iconic part of San Jose, but rather you will be looking at an even more feted and embarrassing waste of a great resource.

Sincerely,

Carl Salas, P.E.
Founding Principal
SALAS O'BRIEN | expect a difference |

From: Norma Alegria < >
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Liccardo, Sam; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10
Subject: March 12th City Council Agenda Item 5.2

Good morning,

I support the approval of the Arena Green site, so the Ideas competition can move forward on March the 12. The team that has been assembled are leaders of our community and their intentions, integrity will help bring a much needed land mark to our community.

The site encompasses many aspects for our city…. Diridon transportation hub, Google's future development, not to mention the it will be a destination point for SJ . I will continue to support this project for the location and my financial support.
I have lived I San Jose for over 45 years and grew my company Air Systems Inc. in San Jose. The development of downtown San Jose, at best has not followed the other cities in Silicon Valley. We struggled and almost missed out on the Sharks Arena (SAP Center) and the same naysayers that are not supporting this project said "the arena is an eye sore" and will NEVER be a success. I beg to differ with them. These as the same folks that are winging about the selection process….remember these are the same folks that approved of "King Kong's" droppings in our downtown park (Caesar Chavez Park)…. that anybody visiting our city wants to know "what is that brown pile of??" It's time that the council "let the light shine" on this project and give it the approval needed for the good of the city.

Thank you,

John Davis

> From: Carolyn Straub []
> Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 10:35 AM
> To: Parks and Recreation Commission 1 >; Parks and > Recreation Commission 2 <>; Parks and Recreation > Commission 3 Parks and Recreation Commission 4 >; Parks and Recreation Commission 5 >; Parks and Recreation Commission 6 Parks and Recreation Commission 7 >; Parks and Recreation Commission 8 >; Parks and Recreation Commission 9 >; Parks and Recreation Commission 10 ; The Office of Mayor > Sam Liccardo < >; District1 >; District2 < >;> District3 < >; District4 >; District5 < >; > District 6 < >; District7 > < District8 <>;> District9 < >; District 10 > Cc: Meyer-Calvert, Teresa < >; > Burnham, Nicolle < >; City Clerk
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> Sincerely,

> Carloyn Straub
> Steve McHenry
> San Jose
> District 7
> SCVAS members

From: Mary Buxton []
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission 1 <>; Parks and Recreation Commission 2 <>; Parks and Recreation Commission 3 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 4 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 5 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 6 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 7 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 8 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 9 < >; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo < >; District1 < >; District2 < >; District3 < >; District4 < >; District5 < District 6 < >; District7 < >; District8 >; District9 < >; District 10 < >
Subject: Light Tower Site Selection and process

Dear Chair Flores and Commissioners, Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Councilmembers:

I am a member of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Executive Committee and a climate activist with 350 Silicon Valley. I worked in downtown San Jose for 20 years and have been a resident of Silicon Valley for 40+ years. Because I care about the City of San Jose and its parks, fish, birds and wildlife, I have recently attended a meeting on the Diridon plan. Now I'm writing to you to ask for a change in the planning process for the Light Tower project.

Please recommend to the city council:
1. This development should be considered elsewhere, further from any waterways.
2. The City should develop and require wildlife-friendly design criteria for the Light Tower Corporation project.
3. The City should engage the Greenprint Steering Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission in the evaluation of design criteria and project submissions.

It will be a better result if this is done now.

Thanks so much for listening!

Sincerely,

Mary Buxton

Loma Prieta Chapter, Executive Committee

350 Silicon Valley

Concerned Silicon Valley Resident

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Mary Buxton

From: shani kleinhaus []
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2018 11:15 AM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission 1 <>; Parks and Recreation Commission 2 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 3 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 4 < Parks and Recreation Commission 5 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 6 <>; Parks and Recreation Commission 7 < Parks and Recreation Commission 8 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 9 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 10 < >
Cc: Meyer-Calvert, Teresa < >; Burnham, Nicolle < City Clerk < >; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo < Katja Irvin < >; Mike Ferreira < >; James Eggers < >; Kelly Alfrey < >; Dashiell Leeds < >
Subject: Item D. on tonight's agenda: San Jose Light Tower Site Selection and Next Steps

Dear Chair Flores and commissioners,

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapters are non-profit organizations that promote the protection and enjoyment of birds and wildlife and the stewardship of the natural habitats and biodiversity that thrives in our region. We are concerned with item D. on tonight's agenda: San Jose Light Tower Site Selection and Next Steps.

The San Jose Light Tower Corporation seeks to embark on an international competition to create an iconic structure in Arena Green, a San Jose City Park. We ask you to 1) recommend a site that is not adjacent to a major river or creek and 2) require clear and effective design guidelines for the design competition. If Arena Green is indeed selected, then adherence to the San Jose Riparian Corridor policy. is essential, and additional design criteria should be imposed.

Artificial light and light pollution are now recognized for its myriad negative effects on ALL living things: plants, animals, and humans - our daily and seasonal clocks respond to artificial light. The brighter the light - the greater the disruption. A September 2018 NEY York Times story - The Deadly Lure of Light - describes the tragic consequences of the Tribute In Light 9/11memorial: for one night every September, it attracts birds from their migratory path to peril. The harmful effects of this artificial light expression are mitigated by Audubon volunteers who stay up all night and turn off the light beams when harmful effects become evident. Volunteers can handle such task once a year, but not every day of the year!

A Science Advance article from 2016- The new world atlas of artificial night sky brightness - shows that Night skies across nearly half the United States are polluted by light. Many of America's metropolises lie along rivers, coastlines and ridges that concentrate large numbers of migratory birds. San Jose is not different - Coyote Creek, Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River flow through the city. Arena Green especially is situated at the confluence of two waterways: Los gatos and the Guadalupe. One should be very cautious of increasing the amount of artificial light in this location.

The San Jose Light Tower Corporation seeks to embark on an international competition to create an iconic structure in Arena Green, a San Jose City Park. The report claims – in error - that Arena Green has no significant Environmental impact and that it suffices shielding light from aquatic habitats. Please do not accept the report. Instead, please do your civil duty as Parks and Recreation Commissioners and consider the following recommendations to the Parks and Recreation department and City Council:

1. Reconsider site recommendations and select a site that is not adjacent to a major river or creek

2. Require that the City develop wildlife-friendly design criteria for the project

3. Engage the Greenprint Steering Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission in the evaluation of design criteria and project submissions

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment to your consideration, For additional reference regarding light pollution and best practices, please consider: https://www.lightingdesignlab.com/sites/default/files/pdf/Campus-Illumination-Roadmap-final.pdf.

Respectfully,

Shani Kleinhaus, Ph.D.

Environmental Advocate

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Katja Irvin

Conservation Committee Co-Chair

Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

From: kelly alfrey]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 3:46 PM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission 1 >; Parks and Recreation Commission 2 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 3 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 4 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 5 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 6 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 7 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 8 < >; Parks and Recreation Commission 9 <>; Parks and Recreation Commission 10 <; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo < >; District1 < >; District2 < >; District3 < >; District4 < >; District5 < >; District 6 < >; District7 < >; District8 < >; District9 <>; District 10 < >**Cc:** Meyer-Calvert, Teresa < >; Burnham, Nicolle < >; City Clerk < >
Subject: Light Tower Site Selection and Process

Dear Chair Flores and Commissioners, Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Councilmembers,

My name is Kelly Alfrey and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to you today about the Light Tower Corporation project because I am concerned about its potential impact on local wildlife.

When I first moved to the Bay Area from Nevada, I expected to find myself lost in a busy city that valued keeping up with the high-tech world over everything else. I was happily surprised to instead find an environmentally-minded community that understood the importance of making progress towards a more sustainable future. The people of San Jose have shown time and time again that they prioritize preserving open space and protecting local wildlife, and I am proud to be a part of this community. I understand the San Jose Light Tower Corporation's desire to create a structure that will "recognize the region's history while inspiring future generations with a new design that encompass the themes of innovation, collaboration, and international relations." However, I believe a brightly-lit electronic tower in the midst of important wildlife habitat is not the legacy we want San Jose to leave for its future generations. This would not be a symbol of "innovation," but two steps back with regard to conserving nature and protecting wildlife. If the Greenprint Steering Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission continue to be left out of the project evaluation process, the tower will not be a symbol of "collaboration" either.

At a time when our environment is under unprecedented stress, we cannot afford to make hasty decisions about new development and human impact. Please consider a different location for this structure - one that is further away from any waterways and will not impact crucial wildlife habitat; and please engage the Greenprint Steering Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission in the evaluation of design criteria and project submissions so that a wildlife-friendly design is eventually picked for this project. If we work together, I believe we can create a truly inspiring structure that recognizes San Jose's rich history and eco-conscious present, so that we can inspire future generations to live in harmony with nature and create a more sustainable future.

Thank you,

Kelly Alfrey

Resident of San José

From: Kristin Dessau []
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 10:20 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo < >; District1 < >; District2 < >; District3 <district3>; District4 < >; District5 < >; District 6 <district6>; District7 <District7>; District8 < >; District9 <district9>; District 10 <District10>; Burnham, Nicolle < >; City Clerk < >
Subject: Light Tower Site Selection and process.

Dear Chair Flores and Commissioners, Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Council members,

My name is Kristin Dessau and I am a fourth generation resident of San Jose. The environment and recognition of the needs of wildlife, particularly in our remaining riparian corridors and intersections with open space are of great concern for me as a citizen and a grandmother. San Jose cannot refer to itself as "green" and sustainable without inclusion of ecological ramifications for its projects. We are a microcosm of a planet in crisis and we can get it right or continue a long pattern of ignoring and abusing nature.

This development should be considered elsewhere, further from any waterways
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Sincerely,
Kristin Dessau
460 South 15th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

In support of the Sierra Club and its
Loma Prieta Chapter, Conservation Committee, Wildlife Sub-committee

From: Martin Gothberg []
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 7:54 AM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission 1 <PRC1>; Parks and Recreation Commission 2 <PRC2>; Parks and Recreation Commission 3 <PRC3>; Parks and Recreation Commission 4 <PRC4>; Parks and Recreation Commission 5 <PRC5>; Parks and Recreation Commission 6 <PRC6>; Parks and Recreation Commission 7 <PRC7>; Parks and Recreation Commission 8 <PRC8>; Parks and Recreation Commission 9 <PRC9>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo>; District1 <district1>; District2 <District2>; District3 <district3>; District4 <District4>; District5 <District5>; District 6 <district6>; District7 <District7>; District8 <district8>; District9 <district9>; District 10 <District10>
Cc: Meyer-Calvert, Teresa <>; Burnham, Nicolle <>; City Clerk <>
Subject: Light Tower Site Selection and process

Dear Chair Flores and Commissioners, Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Councilmembers,

As a past Board Member of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, I was concerned to hear through the local Sierra Club chapter of the apparent restrictions on the selection process for the proposed Light Tower. While the thought of a beautiful light tower structure may please visionaries, please consider the impact to all living things and the fact that all biological phenomena respond to light. Our biological clocks and our health have evolved to use light cues. Light impacts growth and seasonality in trees, it affects fish migration and spawning, migratory birds are attracted to light, and all animal reproduction is triggered by light. It is important to keep unnatural light pollution in check, especially near sensitive habitats. Please note:

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Martin Gothberg

Board Member (2000-2005), GRP&G

Santa Clara, CA

From: Pamela []
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 5:21 PM
To: Parks and Recreation Commission 1 <PRC1>; Parks and Recreation Commission 2 <PRC2>; Parks and Recreation Commission 3 <PRC3>; Parks and Recreation Commission 4 <PRC4>; Parks and Recreation Commission 5 <PRC5>; Parks and Recreation Commission 6 <PRC6>; Parks and Recreation Commission 7 <PRC7>; Parks and Recreation Commission 8 <PRC8>; Parks and Recreation Commission 9 <PRC9>; Parks and Recreation Commission 10 <PRC10>; PRCCITIWIDE; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo>; District1 <district1>; District2 <District2>; District3 <district3>; District4 <District4>; District5 <District5>; District 6 <district6>; District7 <District7>; District8 <district8>; District9 <district9>; District 10 <District10>
Cc: Meyer-Calvert, Teresa <teresa.meyer-calvert>; Burnham, Nicolle <nicolle.burnham>; City Clerk <city.clerk>
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Dear Chair Flores and Commissioners, Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Councilmembers,
I'm a long-time resident and homeowner in the city of San Jose. My family regularly uses our parks and greatly values the local birds and wildlife of our area. In fact, a big part of our outings are specifically to enjoy these natural aspects of our area. As an example, our recent kayak outings in Calero Reservoir led to the discovery of Western and Clark's grebes actually nesting in the Reservoir area and I was the first to document this for the local Audubon Society. What a wonderful experience for all of us to enjoy, along with the many Bald Eagles, Osprey and many other wildlife there and in many other locations we are fortunate to have around our city.

I'm writing today to ask the Commission to recommend to the City Council:

- This Light Tower development be considered elsewhere, further from any of our waterways than is currently planned now
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Very respectfully and happy holidays,

Pamela Warren

Cesar Galindo

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