

TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

April 4, 2019

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and Members of the City Council
 City of San Jose
 200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
 San Jose, CA 95113

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

Re: Item 4.3-- Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update

We write today on behalf of our members to provide comments on the City's Affordable Housing Investment Plan progress. First, we want to acknowledge the important work staff has done over the past year to implement the many actions included in the Investment Plan and the Housing Crisis Workplan. Importantly, the Housing Department's recent \$100 million NOFA resulted in selected of 11 developments, totaling 1,144 new affordable homes and leveraging another \$500 million in funding from other public and private sources. The City now has 2,000 affordable units in some stage of the development process- 20% of the way toward the City's 10,000 unit goal.

Following are specific comments on the report before you:

Acquisition/Rehabilitation of Existing Apartments

We are in support of staff's request to set aside funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing apartments. Preservation of affordable housing is one of the three Ps—production, preservation, and protection-- all three of which are key to responding to our affordable housing crisis. By acquiring and rehabilitating outdated market-rate developments and enforcing permanent deed-restrictions for lower-income households or by preserving existing affordable homes that are at risk of loss, the city can ensure that it doesn't lose ground on meeting its goals even as it approves the construction of new affordable homes.

Moderate Income "Missing Middle" Housing

We are strongly supportive of the proposal to dedicate \$10 million to leverage additional state funding to build housing for households with incomes between 61% and 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). We also support broader efforts to reach missing-middle households with incomes between 80% and 100% of AMI. However, while we strongly support efforts that respond to the challenges of missing middle housing, **we do not believe this should come at the expense of funding or programs that serve low- and very-low income households.**

ELI Housing Setaside

We concur with the staff recommendation that 30% of all housing funds be

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set aside for families and individuals making Extremely Low Incomes (ELI). This enables the city to serve ELI households, while also providing access to safe, stable, and affordable homes for lower-income families and those who don't qualify for affordable housing but can't afford to live here—the missing middle—enabling them to remain in the community.

Need for More Funding

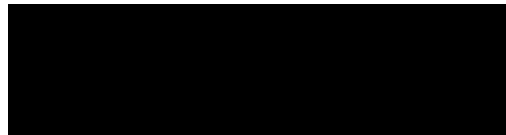
What the Affordable Housing Investment Plan shows most clearly is that San Jose needs to identify significant new funding sources for affordable housing and that, without these additional funds, it will be impossible to meet the goals of the Housing Investment Plan. Although not included in the staff's list of potential future resources, we know that a robust Commercial Linkage Fee is a critical source of local funding for affordable housing. We are pleased that the City has moved forward with its Nexus and Feasibility studies. **We also urge the Council to give serious consideration to another affordable housing ballot measure.** Measure V came heartbreakingly close to passage during an off-year election and affordable housing deserves another chance.

As the City considers additional measures to encourage new housing development, it is important to ensure that homes are planned for all income groups, not just those with the highest incomes. In the *Affordable Housing Impact Fee and Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Exempted Project Report* published late last month, staff reported that, through the combination of Affordable Housing Impact Fee (AHIF) pipeline exemptions, AHIF Downtown High-rise exemptions, and the grace period for the enforcement of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, over 8,100 planned market rate homes will be built without paying affordable housing fees or building inclusionary units. The total subsidy, or loss of affordable housing resources could be as high as \$138,180,950, which could have subsidized more than 1,100 new affordable homes. This needs to be considered as conversations about extension of fee exemptions for downtown high rises and other proposals to amend the city's inclusionary program are considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Leslye Corsiglia
Executive Director





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Gordon N. Chan Community Services Center
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San Jose, CA 95128

April 8, 2019

Mayor Liccardo and the San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
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Re: Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update [Item 4.3 on the April 9 meeting agenda]

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Let's ensure that San Jose remains a community that's affordable for people of all means. Please vote in favor of the proposal from Councilmembers Davis and Esparza.

Sincerely,

Sarita Kohli
President & CEO

From: beth leary < >

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2019 9:03:29 AM

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

Cc: City Clerk

Subject: Affordable Housing Investment Plan

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Beth Leary

Executive Director

Family Supportive Housing, Inc.

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Sincerely,

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Erin O'Brien, President and CEO
Community Solutions



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Sincerely,



Michele Lew
Chief Executive Officer
The Health Trust



From: Bruce Ives < >

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 4:32 PM

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Sincerely,

Bruce Ives

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Chief Executive Officer

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[REDACTED] Menlo Park, CA 94025

From: Bronwyn Hogan <>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 2:35 PM

To: Bronwyn Hogan

Subject: On behalf of Abode Services - Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update

April 5, 2019

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Sincerely,

Louis Chicoine
Abode Services



April 8, 2019

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San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update [Item 4.3 on the April 9 meeting agenda]

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

SOMOS Mayfair is a deeply rooted community-based organization working with residents to address chronic crises in Mayfair, a working-poor, immigrant neighborhood in east San Jose, entirely comprised within the 95116 zip code. Historical boundaries of the Mayfair neighborhood include Highway 101, Highway 680, and Alum Rock Avenue. Based on the 2010 Census, 80% of residents are first and second-generation Mexican- origin families, and increasingly home to immigrants from the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, and India. Most residents work in low-wage sectors of the economy, and often must work multiple jobs to survive thus, I write in support of the memorandum authored by Councilmembers Davis and Esparza recommending that 45% of our affordable housing funds be allocated towards extremely low-income (ELI) housing.

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At SOMOS Mayfair we believe that everyone has the right to dignified housing and a thriving living environment regardless of income. Let's ensure that San Jose remains a community that's affordable for people of all means. Please vote in favor of the proposal from Councilmembers Davis and Esparza.

Sincerely,

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Camille Llanes-Fontanilla
Executive Director, SOMOS Mayfair

April 8th, 2019

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I write in support of the memorandum authored by Councilmembers Davis and Esparza recommending that 45% of our affordable housing funds be allocated towards extremely low-income (ELI) housing and I applaud our city leaders for taking bold steps to ensuring that everyone in our great city has a place to call home.

Economic growth in the Silicon Valley has driven a growing gap between housing costs and income for so many of our residents and neighbors. The valley's wealth and technology stands in contrast to one of the largest unsheltered populations of any metropolitan city in the country. As a community, we recognize the need to address our regional housing crisis with regional solutions.

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PATH envisions a world where everyone has a home. Please help us ensure that San José remains a community that's affordable for people of all income levels. Please vote in favor of the proposal from Councilmembers Davis and Esparza.

Sincerely,

Megan Colvard

Megan Colvard
Regional Director- PATH

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Re: Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update (Item 4.3)

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Destination: Home, I'd like to thank Councilmembers Davis, Esparza, Jimenez and Arenas for their memos recommending that 45% of new affordable housing funding be allocated towards extremely low income (ELI) housing.

Building more housing that's affordable to ELI households is critical to our fight to end homelessness in Santa Clara County. These are the same families and individuals who are most severely rent-burdened and at greatest risk of slipping into homelessness. They are also the segment of our community facing the largest gap of available and affordable housing units.

That's why we must make a strong commitment to building more ELI housing (I have attached a copy of our recent OpEd which details why setting aside money for ELI housing is so crucial to our community).

Unfortunately, this action alone won't be enough to meet the enormous housing need for ELI households, let alone families and individuals at other income levels. So, it is imperative that we continue exploring opportunities to generate more funding for affordable housing.

Nonetheless, we can take an important first step today towards creating more housing that is affordable for our most vulnerable residents. Please vote in favor of allocating 45% of funding in the Affordable Housing Investment Plan towards housing for ELI households.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Loving
CEO

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SAN JOSE

How the city can manage impacts of homelessness

By Jennifer Loving

Communities everywhere consume a lot of energy debating how to best manage the impacts of homelessness, but in San Jose we can take a big step toward actually ending it by better prioritizing how we spend our limited affordable housing dollars. On Tuesday the San Jose City Council will consider taking the bold step to dedicate close to half of the city's affordable housing funds for our lowest-income households.

Too many of our big tent conversations about affordable housing end up leaving the most vulnerable families behind. In fact, the need for affordable housing is far greater and the stakes are much higher among "extremely low income," or ELI, households earning less than 30 percent of the area's median income (under \$40,000 for a family of four).

According to a new report by the National Low Income

Housing Coalition, the San Jose metro area has a 38,689 deficit of housing units that are affordable and available for ELI households. This translates to only 30 rental units for every 100 ELI households.

With so few affordable housing options available to them, a frightening 73 percent of ELI households spend more than half of their income on rent and utilities — far more than the 41 percent of very low-income households, 11 percent of low-income households and 1 percent of middle-income households who are also classified as severely rent-burdened. ELI renters are not only living on the slimmest of margins, they typically have little to no accrued savings. This means one emergency or unexpected event is often enough to push them out of their homes and onto our streets.

That's why we must dedicate funding to build more affordable housing specifically targeted for ELI households. Increasing the supply of housing



RAY CHAVEZ,
BAY AREA NEWS GROUP FILE PHOTO

The San Jose City Council has the opportunity Tuesday to take a step forward in the fight to reduce homelessness in the city.

at this income level will help fill the largest gap in our housing inventory and can prevent the greatest number of households from slipping into homelessness.

To be sure, our housing crisis extends to households at other income levels, and a sound affordable housing investment strategy must include projects serving other low- and moderate-income households. Nor should we ignore strategies that prevent displacement and make housing more affordable

for all residents. However, when it comes to the limited dollars available to construct more deed-restricted affordable housing, we must have the collective will to prioritize ELI households.

These are the very same families all too often ignored by our political system: disabled residents, adult caregivers, single moms, rent-burdened seniors and a disproportionate number of families of color. Unlike tech workers who have powerful organizations advocating on their behalf, the poorest and most vulnerable of our families are too often left to fend for themselves.

We are starting to make progress. Santa Clara County's 2016 Measure A housing bond allocated \$700 million of the total \$950 million for ELI units, which is already being leveraged by critical Housing Authority vouchers and flexible private capital. In San Jose, the Housing Department has recommended setting aside 30 percent of the city's affordable hous-

ing funding specifically for ELI units, and Councilwomen Dev Davis and Maya Esparza have recommended increasing that allocation to 45 percent.

This is the leadership we desperately need. But even with this new dedicated funding, we will need additional strategies to meet our ELI housing needs. Other Bay Area counties and cities should join Santa Clara County and San Jose in prioritizing extremely low income housing. In addition, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature should explore how they can similarly prioritize ELI households in the state's affordable housing programs.

We can stop accommodating our growing inequity and instead adopt policies that will ensure our community can work together toward becoming inclusive for people of all incomes.

Jennifer Loving is the CEO of Destination: Home, a public-private partnership dedicated to ending homelessness in Santa Clara County.



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April 8, 2019

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RE: Item 4.3 – Approve Memorandum by Councilmembers Davis & Esparza that 45% of Affordable Housing Funds be Allocated to Extremely Low-Income (ELI) Housing Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers:

I write in support of the Memorandum authored by Councilmembers Dev Davis and Maya Esparza recommending that 45% of our affordable housing funds be allocated towards extremely low-income (ELI) housing.

The Law Foundation advances the rights of underrepresented individuals and families throughout Silicon Valley through legal services, strategic advocacy, and educational outreach. The Law Foundation represents low-income individuals in a variety of housing-related issues and we see first-hand how exploding housing costs, lack of affordable housing supply, and high eviction rates result in displacement, unstable shelter, and homelessness.

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Let's ensure that San José remains a community that's affordable for people of all means. Let's be a community that advances strategies that halt the forces that are pushing out marginalized communities, such as seniors, low-income residents, people of color, and people with disabilities. Please vote in favor of the proposal from Councilmembers Davis and Esparza.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Brunner".

Alison Brunner, Esq.
CEO

HousingForAll Alliance
San Jose, CA 95112

April 9, 2019

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Re: Item 4.3-- Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update

We are writing to you on behalf of our members to provide comments on the City's Affordable Housing Investment Plan progress.

As the Housing Department addresses the Affordable Housing Investment Plan, we want to highlight the massive housing gap that persists for our lowest-income earners, those earning at the level of 30% of AMI. Our neighbors in the Extremely Low Income (ELI) category are largely made up of individuals and families who are currently unhoused, the majority of them living on the streets, parks and creeks of San Jose. At last month's Council meeting, the Housing Element Progress Report indicated that the City met 94% of its annualized goal for new market-rate units, 61 % of its annualized goal for affordable units. Of these, the City only met 12% of its goal for new ELI units. This is unacceptable, resulting in putting increasingly more SJ residents on the streets, negatively impacting the quality of life for all of us.

The Housing Department recommends investing 30% of our affordable housing funds in ELI housing, the bare minimum required by law. This is a misguided approach on many levels. First, according to The GAP, a study done on the shortage of affordable homes by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, 22% of ELI renters are disabled, 26% are seniors, and a majority is made up of people of color. Because there are 1000s of ELI earners who live on the streets of San Jose but for the lack of truly affordable units, the cost for medical and mental health services; court, police, fire and emergency response staff, encampment abatements, security and sanitation costs are astronomical. The most prudent, cost effective approach would be to dedicate 100% of affordable housing investment funds to ELI housing. We also want to point out the humanitarian imperative, that as a society we are bound to protect the health and safety of all residents, especially those most vulnerable and truly providing Housing For All.

Life expectancy of the chronically unhoused is 54 years, 26 years shorter than the life expectancy of the housed population, making this decision one of life and death. Because of this, for the past 5 years we have advocated for increasing investment in ELI housing and do so again today. Because, housing affordability is a crisis for low, moderate earners and the extremely low – we endorse the memo from Councilmembers Davis and Esparza, as well as that from Councilmembers Arenas and Jimenez. They boldly set the minimum investment at 45% instead of at 30%, as required by law. They feel that we can do better and we agree. Please support this move and make a strong commitment for ELI housing.

Respectfully,

Jolene Jones, Executive Director and Co-Founder
Phil Mastrocola, Co-Founder

From: Murillo, Sandra

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:41 AM

To: Kazantzis, Kyra

Cc: City Clerk

Subject: FW: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4.3: Allocate at least 45 percent of affordable housing funds to extremely low income housing

FYI

From: Claire Collins [

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 9:05 AM

To: Webmaster Manager >; Housing - CSJ <>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo < District1 <>; District2 <>; District3 <>; District4 <>; District5 <>; District 6 <>; District7 <>; District8 < District9 <>; District 10 <>;

Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4.3: Allocate at least 45 percent of affordable housing funds to extremely low income housing

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San Jose, CA 95113

Subject: Allocate at least 45 percent of affordable housing funds to extremely low income housing (Agenda Item 4.3 on April 9, 2019)

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

As a Santa Clara County resident and member of the Housing Ready Communities Action Network, I write in support of memoranda (authored by Councilmembers Davis and Esparza, and by Arenas and Jimenez) recommending that 45% of our affordable housing funds be allocated specifically for extremely low-income (ELI) housing.

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Sincerely,

From: Chelsea Byom < >

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:28 AM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;

Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 4.3: Allocate at least 45 percent of affordable housing funds to extremely 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: Allocate at least 45 percent of affordable housing funds to extremely low income housing
(Agenda Item 4.3 on April 9, 2019)

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

As a Willow Glen resident and member of the Housing Ready Communities Action Network, I write in support of memoranda (authored by Councilmembers Davis and Esparza, and by Arenas and Jimenez) recommending that 45% of our affordable housing funds be allocated specifically for extremely low-income (ELI) housing.

Making this strong commitment to ELI housing not only benefits the most vulnerable residents in our community (who are far too often left behind), it also helps address the largest gap in our housing inventory. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the San Jose metro area has a deficit of 38,689 units that are available and affordable for ELI households. As a result, we only have about 30 affordable and available units for every 100 ELI households.

This huge gap is a key reason why 73% of ELI renters are severely cost-burdened and spend more than half of their income on rent. In contrast, only 41% of very low-income households and 11% of low-income households are severely cost-burdened. Clearly, the need for more affordable housing is greatest among our lowest-income households, and that's where we should prioritize our limited affordable housing dollars.

Let's ensure that San Jose remains a community that's affordable for people of all means. Please vote in favor of memoranda allocating at least 45% of affordable housing funds for ELI housing.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Byom

San Jose, CA

Resident, District 6

Employee, District 2

From: Jessica Ousley <

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 7:38 AM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;

Subject: Agenda Item 4.3: Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update

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Jessica Ousley

From: s remien < >

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 6:27 AM

To: City Clerk

Subject: Agenda Item 4.3: Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update

Dear San Jose City Council:

Please invest to providing housing for the very low income residents of San Jose. Our creeks, rivers, public walkways and highway corridors are being filled with tents and trash. The cost of housing in the San Jose area is ridiculously high and a person would be lucky to find a studio for less than \$1,500 a month. Very Low Income people cannot afford this.

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Please help the San Jose community provide homes for ALL our residents. Vote in favor of proposals from Councilmembers Arenas, Davis, Esparza and Jimenez.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Remien

San Jose, CA 95120

From: Francesca Paist <

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2019 11:27 PM

To: City Clerk

Cc: Webmaster Manager; Housing - CSJ; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10;

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Francesca Paist

San Jose, District 1

Operations Manager at Gilroy Compassion Center

Hope Village Advocate

From: Dontae Lartigue < >

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2019 9:00 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Cc: City Clerk

Subject: Affordable Housing Investment Plan

04/08/2019

Mayor Liccardo and the San Jose City Council
[200 E. Santa Clara Street](#), 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Affordable Housing Investment Plan Update [Item 4.3 on the April 9 meeting agenda]

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Sincerely,

Dontae Lartigue
CEO

San Jose, CA 95112