

Re: Public Hearings for San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards

Jean-Marie White <[REDACTED]>

Wed 4/3/2019 7:27 AM

To: Hakimizadeh, Leila <Leila.Hakimizadeh@sanjoseca.gov>;

Cc: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>;

Great.

In section 4.2.2, I was curious why this section:

- c. **Rear Transition (see Illustration c):** If a new building 100 feet tall or more is across a parcel line interior to a block from either:
1. A historic building 45 feet tall or less
 2. A site for residential use that is limited to a building 45 feet tall or less

The rear portion of new building must maintain a transitional height of 70 feet or less within the first 20 feet from the property line.

doesn't specify a setback like in section (a). It seems like someone could create a 1' setback and be fine (or maybe that's the intent?).

In section 4.4.10, you read:

A sign at *Skyline Level* is not useful as direction to an individual business as much as it is a form of general advertising like a billboard. Such advertising does not further the identity of Downtown but can diminish it by allowing the creation of multiple competing messages and visual discord.

I for one relish the sight of KQED at the top of the 50 W San Fernando building. You see it from the freeway and it gives people a sense of what people care about in this region. I'd err on the side of restraint when it comes to guidelines around signage and give more discretion to the city for the purpose of experimenting.

Thanks for taking my comments into consideration.

On Tue, Apr 2, 2019 at 4:58 PM Hakimizadeh, Leila <Leila.Hakimizadeh@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hello Jean-Marie,

Please provide your comments to me. You can also copy City council staff on District 3 and 6.

Leila Hakimizadeh, AICP, LEED AP ND
Planner IV - Supervising Urban Designer/Planner
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City of San Jose, 200 E Santa Clara Street, Tower, 3rd Floor
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From: Jean-Marie White <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 12:32:05 PM
To: Hakimizadeh, Leila
Subject: Re: Public Hearings for San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards

Thanks!

I had a few questions and some feedback about the doc. What's the best way to share those ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2019, at 12:06, Hakimizadeh, Leila <Leila.Hakimizadeh@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Yes, actually. It will be available after the city council approval.

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From: Jean-Marie White <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 11:15:18 AM
To: Hakimizadeh, Leila
Subject: Re: Public Hearings for San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards

Thanks for the email update. Is there a way to hyperlink the index table of the PDF document so we can jump to the sections quickly?

On Tue, Mar 19, 2019 at 10:52 AM Hakimizadeh, Leila <Leila.Hakimizadeh@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder,

Public Hearings on proposed "San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards" and city-initiated General Plan text amendment to modify "Chapter 3. Final Plan Design Guidelines" of the Diridon Station Area Plan are as follows:

Planning Commission: March 27, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

San José City Hall, Council Chambers

Agendas are posted a week prior at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=1764>

City Council: April 23, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

San José City Hall, Council Chambers

Agendas are posted 10 days prior at: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=5897>

Links to Draft Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards:

For Web View:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/83337>

For Print:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/83336>

Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards web page with background information:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=6226>

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Leila Hakimizadeh, Project Manager

Leila Hakimizadeh, AICP, LEED AP ND
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Downtown Design Guidelines

Andrew Tubbs <[REDACTED]>

Wed 4/10/2019 10:30 AM

To: Hakimizadeh, Leila <Leila.Hakimizadeh@sanjoseca.gov>;

Cc: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Sarah Springer <[REDACTED]>;

Leila,

Thank you so much for coming to our neighborhood's special meeting last night and presenting information about the Design Guidelines.

As the draft has been submitted to the clerk to go before the Council on April 23, I would like to submit my comments for the record, starting below:

Ms. Leila Hakimizadeh,

I appreciate the gravity of what the Downtown Design Guidelines are attempting to accomplish and support the generally thoughtful way it is doing so, even in spite of time constraints to put this document together.

Where I do have concern is how the documents treats the area west of CA87. In the 20th century, this area was generally treated poorly by the city, as secondary to surrounding neighborhoods, with industrial and commercial zoning overlays and major infrastructure projects--I-280, CA 87, the Bird Avenue expressway plans, and others--fragmenting and rolling over the neighborhood. That's the historical context, and this document continues to--intentionally or not--treat the neighborhood as different or lesser.

First, there are two broad street classifications that determine street frontage requirements, *Primary* and *Secondary Addressing Streets*. While a *secondary* street is not treated as worth less, and while this document does not impact land use, there is no clear justification given as to why W. San Carlos Street and the Bird Avenue/Montgomery Street/Autumn Street corridor are classified as *Secondary Addressing Streets*. Both are large, high-volume streets whose Diridon Station Area Plan land uses plan for high-density residential and office, respectively. These are and will continue to be important corridors for the neighborhood and downtown and should be treated equal to other corridors in the Design Guidelines.

Therefore, please classify W. San Carlos Street and the Bird Avenue/Montgomery Street/Autumn Street corridor as *Primary Addressing Streets* and avoid setting a bad precedent.

Second, the *Pedestrian and Bike Gateways* on San Fernando Street and Park Avenue and both set to the west of CA 87. I understand this choice given the built conditions of the areas to the west and east of 87, but I believe this continues a harmful history. Given the land use designations for the future of the area between the Caltrain corridor and CA 87, this area will be as much downtown as is the area west of CA 87. Any *gateway* should be past the primary barrier to downtown, and that is the Caltrain corridor.

Therefore, please move the *Pedestrian and Bike Gateways* to San Fernando Street and Park Avenue as they align with Autumn and Montgomery Streets, respectively.

Thank you very much for your scarce time and your consideration.

Andrew Tubbs
Resident of Delmas Park
1st Past President, Delmas Park Neighborhood Association

Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo, and Members of the Council, City of San José
200 E. Santa Clara St., San José, CA 95113
via email, sent April 22, 2019

re: Agenda item 10.2, "General Plan Text Amendment and San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards."

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my personal support of Councilmember Peralez's memo to add improved bird-safe design language to the Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards.

I have seen first-hand the results of poor bird-safe designs, and while you can't say that "the results aren't pretty", it is sobering to realize that the bird's beautiful imprint was the result of its fatal impact on the window. I took this photo some years ago near the Fairmont Hotel, and hopefully they've taken measures by now to mitigate the risk, but the point is that poorly designed windows and building facades can be hazardous to birds. As many birds, including migratory birds, tend to fly by following rivers, it is especially important to design carefully near these riparian corridors. With Downtown San Jose growing taller with new buildings along the Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River, the risk to migratory birds is increasing.



The Guidelines and Standards in the Staff recommendations are insufficient. Councilmember Peralez's memo seeks to apply the Planning recommendation elements to *all* Riparian Projects, thereby expanding the protected zone out to 300 ft, and to make the Downtown Design Guidelines related to bird safety be mandatory standards for riparian projects. This would be a great step forward in protecting the birds along the Guadalupe River watershed.

Please vote in support of Councilmember Peralez's memo to protect the birds along the riparian corridors of downtown San Jose.

Thank you,

~Larry Ames

cc: Shani Kleinhaus, Audubon Society
Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates



April 22, 2019

Re: Item 10.2 – Environmental Groups Support for Councilmember Perez Memo

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Council Members,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, the Committee for Green Foothills, the South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition, Greenbelt Alliance, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful and Mothers Out Front South Bay are non-profit organizations with thousands of members and supporters in San Jose. Our organizations care deeply about creek corridors and their ecosystems, and we engage in conservation, education and restoration activities that bring people to learn, clean, and enjoy the watersheds of San Jose.

We have reviewed the proposed San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards and the GPT19-001 & PP19-018 - City-initiated General Plan Text Amendment, as well as the Staff Memo and Supplemental Memo for Item 10.2 on the April 23 Agenda. As Downtown San Jose grows and promotes well-lit glass buildings and towers along Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe River, the risk to birds is increasing. It is our conviction that as proposed, the Guidelines and Standards and additional Staff recommendations are insufficient to protect migratory and resident birds in San Jose watersheds from colliding with glass facades.

The Planning commission unanimously recommended mandating additional bird-safety elements that are currently voluntary in the Downtown planning area. Staff recommends applying these elements only within 100-ft of the creeks. This means that buildings at the edge of the 100-ft riparian setback will have meager protections, if any. The combination of glass and lighting closer than 300-ft from the waterways is likely to attract birds to hazardous building elements, resulting in bird strikes, injury and death.

Council Member Perez issued a memo asking council to apply the Downtown Design Guidelines related to bird safety mandatory as standards for riparian projects, and to apply the voluntary bird-safe design guidelines as mandatory for riparian projects, as defined in the City of San Jose (2016) Council Policy 6-34: Riparian Corridor Protection and Bird-Safe Design (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/60393>).

We thank Council Member Perez for his effort, and ask you to vote in support of his memo. This should be a step forward in protecting the birds along San Jose's watersheds and allowing them to persist in the riparian corridors of the City, for the benefit of all residents.

Sincerely,

Katja Irvin,
Co-Chair, Conservation Committee
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Shani Kleinhaus
Environmental Advocate
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Steve Holmes
Executive Director
South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition

Alice Kaufman
Legislative Advocacy Director,
Committee for Green Foothills

Brian Schmidt
Program Director
Greenbelt Alliance

Deb Kramer
Executive Director
Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Linda Hutchins-Knowles
California Senior Organizer
Mothers Out Front

Kirsten Heaton
Team coordinator
Mothers Out Front South Bay

Item 10.2 - Downtown Design Guidelines & Standards

Eileen McLaughlin < >

Mon 4/22/2019 1:59 PM

To:

City Clerk;

Agendadesk;

The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Cc:

District1;District2;District3;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;District 10

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones and Members of City Council:

Just in the last week, a SPUR project has put in the spotlight, a vision to update the Guadalupe River Park to make it a truly grand centerpiece for downtown San Jose. It is timely then to keep eyes on that vision by insuring that the Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards do not obstruct of that possibility but rather provide a pathway to it.

Councilmember Peralez's memorandum is consistent with the Guadalupe River Park vision, applying the City's own bird-safe design guidelines.

Please support his memorandum. Throughout the globe, the great city parks are local bird-watching destinations while providing the daily opportunity for in-nature, relaxing, nearby escapes to unnumbered residents and local employees.

For that very same rationale, it is important too to expand the Riparian setback to 300', conveying protection and habitat for wildlife on the ground, in the air and in the river, all the while working to provide rare and lush open space serving the anticipated, intense density of jobs and residential growth along the River and its downtown tributaries like Los Gatos Creek.

As a long time City resident, I look forward to your support for these wildlife and Park-friendly Design improvements, I look forward to finally being able to encourage my visitors to take the long trek downtown from the periphery of District 1 to enjoy a robust and naturally beautiful downtown. I will take my binoculars when I go with them.

Eileen McLaughlin

tem 10.2- Support for CM Peralez Memo

[Carolyn Straub](#) < >

Mon 4/22/2019 4:16 PM

To:

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Cc:

District1;District2;Distric3@sanjoseca.gov;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;City Clerk;Agendadesk;

Shani Kleinhaus < >

Mayor and City Officials:

We cannot understand why the City of San Jose cannot protect its birds along the Guadalupe River. Nor that building and tech industry far surpass the natural amenities in importance.

Therefore we thank Council Member Peralez for asking the Council to apply the Planning recommendation elements to all Riparian Projects (thereby expanding the protected zone from 100 to 300 feet) and to make the Downtown Design Guidelines related to bird safety mandatory standards for riparian projects.

These should not remain voluntary because it is a loophole to develop.

We hope Council Member Peralez is approved, as it would be a great step forward in protecting the birds along the Guadalupe River watershed.

Thank you for your interest.

Carolyn Straub
Steve McHenry
San Jose District 7

4/23 Item 10.2: Please Support Councilmember Peralez' Recommendation for Downtown Bird Safe Design Standards

Dave Poeschel < >

Mon 4/22/2019 4:51 PM

To:

Mayormail@sanjoseca.gov;District1;District2;Raul Peralez <Distric3@sanjoseca.gov>;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;Johnny Khamis <Disrtict10@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc:City Clerk;Agendadesk

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

Please support Councilmember Peralez' and the Planning Commission's recommended setbacks for downtown building standards for bird safe design near streams. These narrow riparian corridors are particularly sensitive because they serve as both habitat and migration corridors for many bird species.

They also serve human beings and studies have been documenting their value to us. The National Institute of Health, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5744722/> states, "This literature reveals an extraordinarily broad range of benefits [of access to nature], albeit with varying levels of evidentiary support (Table 1).", <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5744722/table/t1/>.

And Happy Earth Day and Happy Birthday, Councilmember Raul Peralez!

Thank you for leadership in protecting our avian friends who we share our planet with,

Dave Poeschel

April 22, 2019
Submitted electronically

Hon. Mayor Liccardo and City Council
San Jose City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: GPT 19-001 & PP19-018 – City-initiated General Plan Test Amendment and San Jose
Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards

Dear Hon. Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council,

With the significant increase in interest in downtown development, now is the time to adopt and implement rigorous design guidelines and standards to ensure that our city presents a world-class façade in a way that is authentic to San Jose, promotes a vibrant streetscape and achieves our climate goals.

We are thrilled to see these new set of guidelines emerge and believe that they will help guide and shape the future of our downtown. **SPUR firmly supports the updated design guidelines and urges Council to adopt these guidelines as the leading document to support future planning in downtown and the Diridon Station Area.**

SPUR has been actively involved in the ideation and creation of these guidelines. We strongly urged the Council to move forward with updating the urban design guidelines and hiring a chief urban designer as part of our 2014 report Getting to Great Places and the council's 2017 priority setting. In addition, we have always advocated for these guidelines to be codified, rather than merely a set of optional recommendations. The transformation envisioned in the General Plan will not occur without codifying the city's ground rules for good urban design. **With that said, we appreciate that this new document includes both guidelines and required standards which will allow the city to achieve its design goals.** We further recommend that the planning staff be empowered to hold future development to these standards and that proper staff be allocated to allow for such oversight.

These guidelines and standards have been thoughtfully crafted in partnership with key stakeholders, community members and design experts. SPUR's Urban Catalyst Team was invited to participate in a focus group to help provide feedback and additional ideas for this document.

While we fully support this document, we propose the following recommendations for consideration:

4.2.3: Civic Icon Adjacency – Currently this item does not include a set of standards. We suggest moving item A. under guidelines *“Use a streetscape and landscape design that helps to unify the new and existing structure”* to be a required Standard. Additionally, the definition of civic icon should include parks, paseos, and trails as many of our civic icons, such as the Guadalupe River, should be integrated with any physical infrastructure built.

4.4.7b: Green Roofs and Decks (Building Open Space) – Through Climate SmartSJ, the City has done an excellent job setting forward goals and policies to reduce the city’s ecological footprint. One way to do so is encouraging green infrastructure within new development. We agree with the set of guidelines to encourage developers to build green roofs to capture storm water runoff and save energy. Building ecologically resilient structures is imperative. We encourage city staff to explore other design elements that enhance a buildings resiliency.

4.4.8 Pedestrian Bridges – The public realm largely depends on ground floor pedestrian activity. While there is some merit regarding the functionality of pedestrian bridges, especially for commercial and office campuses, they dissuade people from engaging on the street level. Local businesses in the downtown have suffered for decades from a lack of foot traffic. Any and all new growth should add vibrancy to the streetscape. We strongly encourage staff to provide prospective developers alternative design solutions so that buildings do not use pedestrian bridges in their plans.

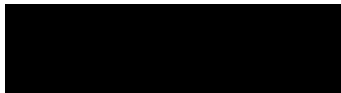
5.3.1a Ground Floor Treatments and Uses, Active Frontages. – Our downtown is lucky to be home to many independent and family owned restaurants and businesses. However, many of their storefronts are not designed in an inviting or welcoming manner. It is critical that ground floor storefront windows be transparent and clear to the pedestrian. This not only enhances the vibrancy of the street but also connects individuals with establishments that they might perceive as closed or out of business. We recommend that non-residential buildings use transparent materials for their windows and do not allow opaque and translucent windows along the ground floor.

5.4 Surface Parking Lots – We do not encourage the construction of any new surface parking lots within the downtown. This is not the highest and best use of downtown property nor supports the goals the city has put forth to encourage the use of public and multi-modal transit options. We recommend that the guidelines include a provision that new parking structures be designed for maximum flexibility and future conversion.

Additionally, the Downtown Design Guidelines should be the guiding document for any future design plan within the district. As an example, strategy five within the downtown retail strategy recommended that staff prepare a downtown developer's manual which would look at the buildout and design of ground floor use. Should staff move forward with creating this manual it should fall in compliance with the design guidelines to ensure uniformity.

We want to thank City Staff, especially Tim Rood, Rosalynn Hughey and Leila Hakimizadeh for their effort in producing these guidelines. When put into action they will have a significant impact on the overall vibrancy within downtown.

Sincerely,



Michelle Huttenhoff
San Jose Policy Director

[Ann Cardwell < >](#)

Mon 4/22/2019 5:03 PM

To:

Mayormail@sanjoseca.gov;District1;District2;District3;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;
District 10

Cc:

City Clerk;Agendadesk

Good afternoon all,

I am a resident of San Jose and live and work close to the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek. It is a joy to see different bird species occupying and migrating along this riparian corridor. As a bird enthusiast and animal lover it is disturbing to find so many birds perishing as a result of encroaching urban development. To prevent further deaths and injuries to so many birds, I ask that you vote to support Council Member Peralez' memo and recommendations for protecting birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose.

Birds are critical to the environment, eating bad insects and pollenating flowers. They are at the top of the food chain and are an indicator of things affecting the environment. If we don't take action early to protect the birds, they will not be here in the future when we need them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Cardwell

Namics Technologies, Inc.

Item 10.2 - Support for CM Peralez memo

[Kristine Karnos](#) < >

Mon 4/22/2019 8:19 PM

To:

The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo;

District9;District1;District2;District3;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District 10

Cc:

City Clerk;Agendadesk;

Hello,

I'm a San Jose resident (Doerr Park, district 9) and I care about the health of our creeks and other waterways and the life that depends on it, including its bird life. It is important to me that my city makes choices that give bird life a chance. That means a lot of things - restricting the use of anticoagulant rodenticides that kill owls and other creatures up the food chain, preventing new construction in areas that provide critical habitat to local and migratory birds... and it also means protecting birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose from collision with buildings.

The city can take a mindful approach to new construction, considering the design of glass windows as well as the lighting that can redirect night flying life into deadly collisions. As downtown San Jose grows and promotes tall, well-lit glass buildings along Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River, the risk to migratory birds is increasing. We should do better.

Thank you for your consideration

Kris Karnos

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P.S. and THANK YOU, Council Member Peralez, for your effort and leadership on this issue.

Please SUPPORT CM Peralez memo to make San Jose creek corridors safer for birds

Heather Engle < >

Mon 4/22/2019 7:42 PM

To:

District 10;District1;District2;District3;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;

The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Cc:Agendadesk;City Clerk

Dear representatives,

Please make San Jose creek corridors safer for birds. I'm in willow glen and you care about birds, parks and nature the city. it is important to develop a bird-friendly city! thank you Council Member Peralez for your effort, and I ask council members to vote in support of his memo to protect the birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose.

Sincerely

Heather engle

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Chappie Jones <District1@sanjoseca.gov> ,

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advocate@scvas.org

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Take care-

Heather

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Maureen Roddy < >

Mon 4/22/2019 7:21 PM

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City Clerk;Agendadesk

Dear Representatives,

I care very much about our natural environment and especially about the preservaton of birds, parks, and nature in the city. We must do better in our protection of birds and other wildlife. For example, we have lost almost all of our wonderful burrowing owls. Please help us develop a bird-friendly city! Please support Council Member Peralez's memo to protect the birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose.

Best regards,
Maureen Roddy

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[Eve Meier >](#)

Mon 4/22/2019 7:12 PM

To:

The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo;mayormail@sanjoseca.gov;District1;District2;District3;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;District 10

Cc:

City Clerk;Agendadesk;

Mayor and Council Members,

It is ver important to me to develop a bird-friendly city! I thank Council Member Peralez for his efforts, and ask the other council members to vote in support of his memo to protect the birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose.

Eve Meier

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[Lawrence DeSantis](#) < >

Mon 4/22/2019 6:46 PM

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The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo;

mayormail@sanjoseca.gov;District1;District2;District3;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;District 10

Cc:

City Clerk;Agendadesk;

Mayor and Council members,

I am a resident of San Jose (Vendome Neighborhood, District 3) I care about birds, parks and nature in the city. It is important to develop a bird-friendly city!

Thanks to Council Member Peralez for his effort, and I ask the other council members to vote in support of his memo to protect the birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose.

Respect,

Lawrence DeSantis Jr.

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[Sabryna Studzinski](#) < >

Mon 4/22/2019 6:19 PM

To:

The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo;mayormail@sanjoseca.gov;District1;District2;District3;District4;District5;District 6; District7;District8;District9;District 10

Cc:City Clerk;Agendadesk

Hello all,

I support regulations regarding glass buildings in the downtown area with regards to safety and consideration being given in to local wildlife/birds. I am a registered voter in Santa Clara County.

I will give my contact information with the caveat it not be used to contact me for any other purpose than to ask about this particular Item 10.2.

Thank you,

Sabryna Studzinski

Item 10.2- Support for CM Peralez Memo

[Caroline Calderon](#) < >

Mon 4/22/2019 6:11 PM

To:

Mayormail@sanjoseca.gov;District1;District2;Distric3@sanjoseca.gov;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;District 10

Cc:

City Clerk;Agendadesk;

Please tell the Mayor and Council Members that you are a resident of San Jose (mention your neighborhood or District if you can) and that you care about birds, parks, and nature in the city. Say that it is important to develop a bird-friendly city! Please thank Council Member Peralez for his effort, and ask the other Council Members to vote in support of his memo to protect the birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose.

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Best,
Caroline Calderon

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Sally Teeple < >

Mon 4/22/2019 4:34 PM

To:

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Cc:

City Clerk;Agendadesk;

Hello Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council,

I am a resident of Willow Glen, and I want to voice my support for Council Member Peralez's memo to protect birds along San Jose's riparian corridors. I am a birder, and am so proud that I live in a city that has so many trees and birds.

But I'm concerned about the numbers of migratory birds that are killed in window strikes, especially with tall, well-lit buildings like we have downtown. Please support the memo and help protect birds near the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek.

Thank you for your attention.

-Sally Teeple

Bird safety elements along riparian corridors

Chris MacIntosh < >

Tue 4/23/2019 10:09 AM

To:

Mayormail@sanjoseca.gov;District1;District2;District4;District5;District 6;District7;District8;District9;
Agendadesk;District3;District 10

Cc:

City Clerk

Dear San Jose council members,

Not being a resident of San Jose, my email doesn't count much. But I urge you to support council member Peralez's memo to protect the birds along the riparian corridors of San Jose that will be discussed today. I visit San Jose, and enjoying places like walks along the Guadalupe River are part of what I enjoy about the city.

Increasingly we are learning that sharing our planet with other species isn't simply a "nice to have" but supports our human-centric life in many ways.

While San Jose is making great strides, the Planning Commission recommendation of additional bird-safety elements only within 100 feet of the creeks is insufficient. This means that buildings at the edge of the 100-ft riparian setback will be exempt. The combination of glass and lighting closer than 300 feet from the waterways is likely to attract birds to hazardous building elements, resulting in bird strikes, injury, and death.

Council Member Peralez's memo (Item 10.2) ask you to apply the Planning recommendation elements to all Riparian Projects (thereby expanding the protected zone from 100 to 300 feet) and to make the Downtown Design Guidelines related to bird safety mandatory standards for riparian projects. I urge you to approve this, as it would be a great step forward in protecting the birds along the Guadalupe River watershed.

Thank you.

Chris MacIntosh
Redwood City