

May 21, 2019

Item 4.3

From: E. L. Moreno <>

Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 5:15 PM

To: City Clerk

Subject: Comment regarding downtown design changes

I support bird safe design and, as a voting San José resident, strongly urge you to factor it into whatever plans you may consider.

Thank you,
Elizabeth L Moreno

From: Elizabeth <t>

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 12:16 AM

To: City Clerk

Subject: I support bird safe design

Yes, I support bird safe design.
Elizabeth Jordan

From: Kit O'Doherty < >

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 10:45 AM

To: City Clerk

Subject: I support safe bird design

Honorable San Jose City Council Members,

Please, resist the pressure to turn every square inch of this beautiful place on earth into a concrete jungle designed solely for short-sighted humans. I strongly support the relentless protection of our precious wildlife and open space.

Let's think beyond the dollar and protect what gives us a high quality of life now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Kit O'Doherty

From: Barbara J West <>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:32 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bird Safe

I support bird safe design.

San Jose is a wonderful city and home to the Peregrine Falcons that so many love. Please treat the Peregrine Falcons and all birds that call San Jose home with respect. Support bird safe design.

Barbara

From: Ron Goldman <>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 4:17 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

I support bird safe design.

-- Ron --

From: cynthial <>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 4:29 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

In support of the Sierra Club effort, I too support bird safe design.

Cynthia Leeder

Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 2:46 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

I support bird safe design to protect precious wildlife in San Jose.

Noah Armstrong

From: Freda Hofland < >
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 1:14 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

I support bird safe design to protect out local wildlife.

Sincerely,
Freda Hofland

From: Susan Kritzik < >
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 8:21 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird-safe design

Please ensure that birds migrating and living in the San Jose area, which is on the Pacific Flyway, are protected from being killed.

Thank you,

Susan Kritzik, M.D.

From: Gita Dev < >
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 8:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Please support Bird-Safe Design for San Jose

Dear Mayor and Council members

Please do make San Jose safer for what we all love, birds. A city with dead birds dying by breaking heir necks on glassy buildings is a sad city.

- **Please support bird-safe design**, like San Francisco, Chicago, Paris and other great cities.

Thank you so much for all that you do for San Jose.

Gita Dev

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Gita Dev
Dev Architects

From: Janet Walworth < >
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 8:26 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Safe Bird Design

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to let you know that I support sage bird design. In a time when we are hearing about extinction of so many species, it is time to pay more heed to safe bird design.

Thanks for supporting the birds!

Best regards,

Janet Walworth

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ruby Mitchell < >
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 9:53 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

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From: Zari Majlessi <z>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:04 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

From: Susan Steinbrecher <>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 11:39 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

Up to one one billion birds die *each year* in the United States when they hit glass windows, walls, and other structures, making this threat one of the most costly to bird populations.

But it's also a relatively easy problem to solve. We've made it even easier by evaluating and rounding up a list of products shown to reduce collisions on glass. Please have a look at the options below for homeowners and architects.

We present these products in two categories: (1) Those that have been tunnel tested by ABC and received a score of 70 or higher. These products are denoted with ABC's 'Saves Birds' logo. (2) "Also Recommended" products that were tested using other, peer-reviewed protocols that we deem sufficient, or which have been shown by experienced monitors to demonstrate a significant reduction in collisions. Learn more about ABC's ratings.

Looking for more do-it-yourself home solutions? Check out our Bird-friendly Windows Flyer. Have more questions? Check out our comprehensive FAQ post.

(Note: No window product, including ABC-tested products, can guarantee elimination of window collisions. Results will vary depending on local bird populations, landscape conditions, product used, and building design. In addition, ratings assume that patterns are applied to the outside surface of glass, or that surface reflections do not obscure the pattern.)

HOMEOWNER PRODUCTS



ABC BirdTape –

Estimated Cost: \$3 per 24" x 32" window

Easy to install, long-lasting and affordable, ABC BirdTape is highly effective when installed as recommended. This translucent tape allows light in, but partially obscures views. Lasts at least four years when installed on the exterior surface of a window.

Acopian BirdSavers –

Estimated DIY Cost: \$2 per 24" x 32" window

These "Zen Curtains" are easy to install, long lasting and highly effective. The BirdSavers website gives directions to build your own, or order from them from Acopian BirdSavers.

Bird Crash Preventer –

Estimated Cost: \$27.95 for 36" width / \$29.95 for 48" width

The Bird Crash Preventer is a ready-to-hang "curtain" of fine nylon monofilament lines. Brackets and screws included for self installation. Available in white and brown finish, 36" or 48" wide. Height adjusts 0" – 84". Reduces collisions with only minor impact on view.

Evonik Soundstop Birdguard –

Estimated Cost: \$10 per 24" x 32" window

Soundstop, generally used for noise barriers and handrails in outdoor settings, comes in two versions that are good choices for bird-friendly applications.

Feather Friendly® DIY –

Estimated Cost: \$10 per 24" x 32" window

These adhesive dots applied to the outside of your windows create an effective "frit" pattern. Do-it-yourself or have professionally installed.



Solyx® Bird-Safety Film –

Estimated Cost: \$31 per 24" x 32" window

Do-it-yourself or have professionally installed.



White Collidescape

Estimated Cost: \$36 per 24" x 32" window

This window film creates a solid appearance from the outside, but allows views from the inside and can reduce glare and cooling costs while protecting birds. Do it yourself or have professionally installed.

ARCHITECTURAL PRODUCTS

Bird-friendly design should not increase project costs if it is considered from the outset of the design process, as outlined in [Bird-friendly Building Design](#).

Legislation and guidelines in over a dozen jurisdictions, with more pending, mandate or encourage bird-friendly design, and the materials listed here satisfy their [requirements](#). They can also assist designs intended to earn the USGBC LEED™ Pilot Credit 55: Bird Collision Deterrence.

Thank you for your attention to this problem and these and more solutions!!

Susan Steinbrecher

From: kittywants2play3131 < >

Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 12:34 AM

To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

I support bird safe design. Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S®6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: Majda < >
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 6:05 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Protect our shrinking wildlife, please

We must take care of nature, or soon very little will be left. Really!

Thank you.
Majda Jones

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laura Robichek < >
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 6:17 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

Hello,

Just a note to tell you that we support bird safe design of buildings.

Thank you for caring about our feathered friends!

Laura and Mark Robichek

From: Pat Lang < >
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 7:19 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Birds

I support bird safe design.

Please protect our birds.
Thank you,
Pat Lang
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

From: Zeaphod <
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 7:28 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City of San Jose Safe Bird Design

When the San Jose City Council considers design standards for buildings they should adopt "Safe Bird Design" standards. Birds have a hard enough time surviving in our urban environment without having to deal with buildings designed just to be cheap and pretty.

From: David Scott < >

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:24 AM

To: City Clerk

Subject: I Support Bird Safe Design

I agree with the planning commission recommendations such as:

- Reducing large areas of transparent or reflective glass.

- Locating water features and other bird habitat away from building exteriors to reduce reflection.

- Reducing or eliminating the visibility of landscaped areas behind glass.

- Reducing or eliminating spotlights on buildings.

- Turning off non-emergency lighting at night during bird migration season.

Thanks,

Randy Scott

Taft Avenue, San Jose

From: Carol Ruth < >
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:14 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Support bird safe design

Please support bird safe design . Thanks!!
Carol and Ron Ruth

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patty Linder < >
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 8:53 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I support bird safe design

I support bird safe design - and urge San Jose to do so too.

Regards,

Patty Linder



COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

May 18, 2019

Re: Item 4.3 – San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards: **Environmental Groups Support for Staff Recommendations**

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, the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge and Mothers Out Front South Bay are non-profit organizations with thousands of members and supporters in San Jose. Our organizations care deeply about environmental health and 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.

At your April 23rd meeting, Council directed staff to continue working on the Bird-Safe Design section of the San José Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards (Section

4.4.2). We commend staff on their work to draft Guidelines and Standards that offer protection to birds along downtown creek corridors. Recognizing that this is a compromise, we thank staff – especially planners Tim Rood and Leila Hakimizadeh - for their sincere effort and diligence. We hope that you vote in support of staff recommendations.

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

Deb Kramer
Executive Director
Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Steve Holmes
Executive Director
South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition

Alice Kaufman
Legislative Advocacy Director,
Green Foothills

Anne Stauffer
Volunteer
Mothers Out Front South Bay

Brian Schmidt
Program Director
Greenbelt Alliance

Eileen McLaughlin
Board Member,
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge